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OSHA Regulatory Agenda

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DISCLAIMER

- **New Secretary of Labor – Hilda Solis**

- ***New Acting Assistant Secretary of OSHA – Jordan Barab***

Regulatory agenda Final Rules

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration	Title Regulation Identifier Number
Longshoring and Marine Terminals -- Reopening of the Record (Vertical Tandem Lifts (VTLs))	<u>1218-AA56</u>
Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards	<u>1218-AC08</u>
Procedures for Handling Discrimination Complaints Under Federal Employee Protection Statutes	<u>1218-AC25</u>
Abbreviated Bitrix Qualitative Fit-Testing Protocol	<u>1218-AC29</u>
Procedures for Handling Employee Retaliation Complaints Under the National Transit Systems Security Act of 2007; Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as Amended; and Federal Rail Safety Act	<u>1218-AC36</u>
Amendment of Standards To Clarify the Individualized Nature of Employer Duties To Provide PPE and Train Employees	<u>1218-AC42</u>

Regulatory agenda Proposed Rules

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration	Title Regulation Identifier Number
Confined Spaces in Construction Preventing Suffocation/Explosions in Confined Spaces	1218-AB47
General Working Conditions for Shipyard Employment	1218-AB50
Electric Power Transmission and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment	1218-AB67
Walking Working Surfaces and Personal Fall Protection Systems (Slips, Trips, and Fall Prevention)	1218-AB80
Cranes and Derricks	1218-AC01
Standards Improvement	1218-AC19
Hazard Communication	1218-AC20
Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories Fee Schedule--Revised Approach	1218-AC27
Cooperative Agreements	1218-AC32
Abbreviated Portacount Quantitative Fit-Testing Protocol	1218-AC39

Regulatory Agenda Prerule

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration	Title Regulation Identifier Number
Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica	1218-AB70
Occupational Exposure to Beryllium	1218-AB76
Explosives 1218-AC09 Emergency Response and Preparedness	1218-AC17
Revision and Update of Standards for Power Presses	1218-AC22
Methylene Chloride	1218-AC23
Occupational Exposure to Diacetyl and Food Flavorings Containing Diacetyl	1218-AC33
Bloodborne Pathogens (610 Review)	1218-AC34
Tree Care Operations	1218-AC40

Regulatory agenda

- Significant rulemaking activities already on the regulatory agenda
 - Silica
 - Beryllium
 - Modification to the Hazard Communication Standard

Health standards Rulemaking activities

- **Proposals**

- **Silica/Beryllium**

- Completed Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) Report
 - Silica 12/19/2003
 - Beryllium 1/15/2009
 - Next step -- Complete Peer Review of Health Effects and Risk Assessment

- **Revise the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS)**

- Align the HCS with GHS
 - New labeling system
 - Uniform MSDS format (ANSI 16 section format)

Other OSHA Activities

- **Ergonomics**

- OSHA has a four-pronged comprehensive approach to ergonomics
 - Enforcement
 - Outreach
 - National Advisory Committee
 - Guidelines (industry-specific and task-specific)
 - Most recent guidelines issued: Guidelines for Shipyards (2008)

Other OSHA Activities

Hexavalent Chromium

- On February 23, 2009 United States Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit
 - Granted HRG's petition with regard to the employee exposure notification requirements of the standard.
 - Denied All other petitions
- OSHA is in the process on reviewing the Court's Decision

The new regulatory agenda should be
issued in May 2009

Regulatory agenda can be found:

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QUESTIONS?

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