



Governmental Affairs Committee Updates

What to Expect from OSHA in 2016

In November, the Office of Management and Budget released the Agenda and Regulatory Plan. Included on the agenda, OSHA will publish in April 2016 the Walking-Working Surfaces final rule.

OSHA will also be publishing the final rule to lower permissible exposure to silica – possibly as early as February 2016.

In March 2016, we can expect to see an “Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. Employers with 250 or more employees will be required to submit quarterly reports. Employees with 20 or more employees in high-hazard industries will be required to submit on an annual basis.

OSHA Tier II Reporting

Facilities covered by OSHA’s HazCom Standard that have hazardous chemicals on site must submit a Tier II report. The deadline for filing this report is March 1, 2016.

The hazardous substances include diesel, propane, battery acid, and ammonia. A facility with as few as 2 forklifts could meet the requirement for filing the report.

Why is this Tier II reporting important? It will provide emergency response teams with information about the chemicals that are at your facility.

OSHA “Flammable” – New Definition

In alignment with the GHS, all liquids with a flash point of not more than 199.4 degrees F are flammable liquids. There are 4 categories –

Category 1 – liquids have a flash point below 73.4 degrees F and boiling point at or lower than 95 degrees F.

Category 2 – liquids have a flash point below 73.4 degrees F and boiling point above 95 degrees F.

Category 3 – liquids have a flash point at or above 73.4 degrees F and at or below 140 degrees F. There are additional handling requirements if liquids have a flash point at or above 100 degrees F if they are heated for use to within 30 degrees F.

Category 4 – liquids have a flash point above 140 degrees F and at or below 199.4 degrees F. The same additional handling requirement as in Category 3 applies if heated within 30 degrees F for use.

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