

SOUTH CAROLINA OSHA HELD A STANDARDS ADOPTION HEARING

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SC DLLR) held a public hearing on July 7, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. The hearing was held to determine if the Director of the SCDLLR would promulgate, revoke, or modify Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 41-15-210, SC Code of Laws, 1976 to revise and amend existing health and safety standards for 29 CFR parts 1910, 1917 and 1926, as necessary to comply with federal laws.

SC OSHA issued a final rule to confirm the effective date of July 22, 2016 for record requirements in the Flammable liquids, Eye and face protection, Air contaminants, Respirable crystalline silica and Gases, vapors, fumes, dusts and mists standards. Revisions were made to general, public marine terminals and construction industry standards.

The final rules included amending the existing standards for occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica. The amended standard establishes a new permissible exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica. A final rule was issued to provide provisions to protect employees, such as requirements for exposure assessment, methods for controlling exposure, respiratory protection, medical surveillance, hazard communication, and recordkeeping, in both general industry and construction.

There were also updates to the references in OSHA's eye and face standards to reflect the most recent edition of the ANSI standards for eye and face protection by removing the oldest-referenced edition of the same ANSI standard and amending provisions of the construction eye and face protection standard to align with OSHA's general industry and maritime standards. Lastly, the introductory text for flashpoint in the flammable liquids standard was reinstated.

Information on these standards may be obtained by viewing the following links:

[29 CFR Part 1910 Flammable Liquids](#)

[29 CFR Parts 1910, 1917, and 1926 Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards; Eye and Face Protection](#)

[29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926 Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica; Final Rule](#)

[29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926 Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica; Corrections](#)

As with any new standard adopted by Federal OSHA, South Carolina, which administers its own state plan, has six months in which to adopt the federal standard or one as effective as the federal standard.

Additional information on these or any other standards may be found on our websites at <http://scosha.llronline.com/> or <https://www.osha.gov/> or by contacting our Standards Office during regular work hours (803) 896-7682 or (803) 896-7661.