



**An AKOSH Cooperative Program
Promoting Safe and Healthful Jobs For Alaskans**

Federal OSHA Updates to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) adopted by reference in the State of Alaska in the Alaska Administrative Code

Under the authority established in [AS18.60.030](#), the legislature has instructed the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development to establish occupational safety and health standards in Alaska.

In order to do so, in 1976, Alaska developed and implemented an 18(b) State Plan under the OSHA Act of 1970. For States to participate in this plan and administer their own safety and health programs it is incumbent on the state to maintain safety and health regulations which are equal to or more stringent than the federal regulations.

In practice, this means that when federal OSHA amends or updates those regulations that Alaska has adopted by reference, the state must also either adopt the amendment as it is, or write a state-specific standard which will provide equal or greater protection to the workers affected.

Certain sections of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) have been adopted and are found in the Alaska Administrative Code under [8 AAC 61.1010](#), as amended, to be the safety and health codes in Alaska. The regulatory language “as amended” provides that once a federal amendment to a CFR adopted by reference in Alaska receives public notice in the Federal Register, the effective date in Alaska is the same as that published in the Federal Register.

Program Directives:

- Alaska has adopted a system of internal working documents for staff titled “Program Directives” which document amendments to the CFRs, and incorporate the changes.
- Program Directives are also issued to acknowledge the guidance that OSHA provides in implementing or interpreting these changes through policy and procedure manuals having to do with specific CFRs.
 - Program Directives having to do with amendments to CFRs are noticed in the State’s [on-line Public Notice Web site](#)
- State-Specific Program Directives that do not reference amended regulations but note internal management are also issued.

A link to the master log of AKOSH Program Directives is provided. The 2007 & 2006 Program Directives are available from this log and more will be added in the future. This on-line log will be updated every six months, approximately July 1 and January 1. If you have any questions regarding a Program Directive, please contact: Lani Mikelski, Regulations Specialist at 907-465-4855.

[Master Log of Program Directives](#)