



**State of Alaska
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Labor Standards and Safety**

AKOSH Program Directive No. 16-04

Date: March 2, 2016
To: AKOSH Staff *du*
From: Grey R. Mitchell, Director
Subject: **Confined Space in Construction**

Program Directive 16-04, is formal notice that the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety recognizes and will implement the OSHA final rule regarding Confined Space in Construction.

This directive becomes effective March 2, 2016. This standard includes, but is not limited to, new subpart replacing OSHA's one training requirement for confined space work with a comprehensive standard to include a permit program, addresses construction-specific hazards, accounts for advancements in technology, and updates enforceability of the requirements.

The state will adopt the identical OSHA standard. Please ensure that all members of your staff receive a copy of this program directive. Full text of the final rule may be viewed at:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/05/04/2015-08843/confined-spaces-in-construction>

Clarifications: For the purpose of all OSHA Program Directive(s) adopted by AKOSH, the following terms are defined:

Where U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) refers to the following positions or locations; in Alaska their equivalent will be:

Area Director = Chief of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Enforcement Section

Area Office = Labor Standards and Safety Division, AKOSH office located at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite 109, Anchorage, Alaska

Assistant Area Director = Chief of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Enforcement Section

Assistant Secretary = Commissioner, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Deputy Assistant Secretary = Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

National Office = Commissioner's Office, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

OSHA = Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Enforcement/Compliance and Consultation & Training Sections, located at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite 109, Anchorage, Alaska

Regional Administrator = Director, Labor Standards and Safety, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Regional Office = Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, Director's Office, 1111 W. 8th Street, Suite 304, Juneau, Alaska

RSOL = Alaska Department of Law

SST (Site Specific Targeting) = Industry Specific Targeting System (ISTS)

Secretary = Commissioner, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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