

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

**AKOSH Program Directive 99-01**

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From: Alan W. Dwyer, Director

Subject: **Notification of Standard Action, Powered Industrial Truck (PITs)  
Operator Training, Final Rule**

This program directive, PD 99-01 will implement and adopt by reference the Powered Industrial Truck (PITs) Operator Training; Final Rule, 63 FR 66237-66274, dated December 1, 1998. The federal register is attached and becomes part of this program directive.

OSHA has issued a final standard, effective March 1, 1999, revising its existing requirements for powered industrial truck operator training (codified at 29 CFR 1910.178(l)), and issuing new requirements to improve the training of these operators. The new requirements are intended to reduce the number of injuries and deaths that occur as a result of inadequate operator training. The final standard applies to all industries (general industry, construction, shipyards, marine terminals, and longshoring operations) in which the trucks are being used, except agricultural operations.

The final rule adopted by reference in this program directive will become effective March 1, 1999. Please ensure that all members of your staff receive this directive and understand how to implement it.

Attachment: Federal Register 63:66237 - 66274 Powered Industrial Truck (PITs)  
Operator Training: Final Rule

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