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### **AKOSH Adopts Updated Notification Requirements in Hexavalent Chromium Standards**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Beginning June 15, an amendment to the federal Occupational Safety and Health regulations requires that Alaska employers must inform their employees of exposure to any level of hexavalent chromium.

Also known as chromium VI, hexavalent chromium is a hazard primarily associated with some welding, soldering and plating activities.

Under prior regulations that have been adopted by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health section, employers were required to inform employees of exposure only when levels exceeded the permissible exposure limits. OSHA sets enforceable PELs to protect workers against the health effects of airborne or topical exposure to hazardous substances.

The federal regulatory change amends the citation authorities under 29 CFR 1910 and 29 CFR 1926 for chromium VI and the following notice requirements:

29 CFR 1910.1026(d)(4)(i) Within 15 work days after making an exposure determination in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) of this section, the employer shall individually notify each affected employee in writing of the results of that determination or post the results in an appropriate location accessible to all affected employees.

29 CFR 1926.1126(d)(4)(i) Within 5 work days after making an exposure determination in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) of this section, the employer shall individually notify each affected employee in writing of the results of that determination or post the results in an appropriate location accessible to all affected employees.

Complete descriptions of the changes are online at [osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=FEDERAL\\_REGISTER&p\\_id=21407](http://osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=21407) or by contacting Krystyna Markiewicz at 907-269-4955.

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