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Division of Labor Standards and Safety

AKOSH Program Directive 01-12

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From: Richard A. Mastriano, Director

Subject: **29 CFR Part 1910 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens; Needlesticks and Other Sharps Injuries; Final Rule**

This Program Directive, PD 01-12, adopts by reference and will implement changes in the bloodborne pathogens standard regarding *29 CFR Part 1910 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens; Needlesticks and Other Sharps Injuries; Final Rule*. This action clarifies the need for employers to select safer needle devices, involves employees in identifying and choosing the devices and also requires employers to maintain a log of injuries from contaminated sharps.

This program directive became effective April 18, 2001. OSHA is planning a 90-day outreach and education effort before enforcing the new rules. Please ensure that all members of your staff receive 29 CFR Part 1910 and this program directive, and understand how to implement it.

Attachment: 29 CFR Part 1910 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens; Needlestick and Other Sharps Injuries; Final Rule.

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