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

AKOSH Program Directive 04-04

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From: Grey R. Mitchell, Director

Subject: **29 CFR 1910 .139 – Occupational Exposure to Tuberculosis; Proposed Rule; Termination of Rulemaking Respiratory Protection for M. Tuberculosis; Final Rule; Revocation**

29 CFR 1910.134 - General Industry Respiratory Protection - Applied

This Program Directive, PD 04-04, is formal notice that Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards & Safety is implementing the OSHA revisions to 29 CFR 1910.139. This revision withdraws the 1997 proposed standard on Occupational Exposure to Tuberculosis (TB). Because of dramatic reductions in the incidence of TB (due to substantial compliance with federal guidelines) it was determined that an OSHA standard would be unlikely to result in a meaningful reduction of disease incidence. Instead, the more protective rule, 29 CFR 1910.134, General Industry Respiratory Protection, remains in effect.

This program directive became effective December 31, 2003. Please ensure that all members of your staff receive a copy of the Federal Register showing the changes and this program directive, and understand how to implement it.

Attachment: FR Vol. 68, No. 250, December 31, 2003; pp [75768-75775](#) and [75776-75780](#)

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