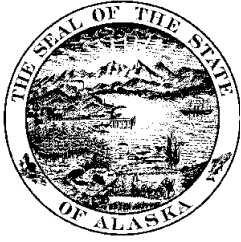


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AKOSH Program Directive 08-10

Date: July 7, 2008
To: Distribution List
From: Grey R. Mitchell, Director
Subject: **CPL 03-00-007 National Emphasis Program – Crystalline Silica**

This Program Directive, PD 08-10, is formal notice that the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety recognizes and will implement National Emphasis Program – Crystalline Silica.

This instruction describes policies and procedures for implementing a National Emphasis Program (NEP) to identify and reduce or eliminate the health hazards associated with occupational exposure to crystalline silica.

This instruction expands the 1996 SEP to include the following changes:

- New program evaluation procedures designed to ensure that the goals of this NEP are measured as accurately as possible. The procedures require Area Offices to conduct follow-up inspections where overexposures to crystalline silica are found and to provide to the National Office-Directorate of Enforcement Programs portions of case files containing citations for crystalline silica overexposure;
- Detailed procedures for conducting silica-related inspections;
- Updated information for selecting sites for inspection, including an updated list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) and Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes for industries with documented employee exposures to respirable crystalline silica (as described in Appendix B);
- Development of outreach programs by each Region and Area Office, emphasizing the formation of voluntary partnerships to share information on effective methods for reducing or eliminating employee exposure to crystalline silica; and
- Guidance on calculating the permissible exposure limits (PELs) for dust containing respirable crystalline silica in Construction and Maritime, using the OSHA-adopted conversion factor of 0.1 milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m^3) per 1 million particles per cubic foot (mppcf), described in Appendix E.

Please ensure that all members of your staff receive a copy of this program directive.

Effective Date: July 24, 2008

Attachment: [CPL 03-00-007](#)

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