

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

**AKOSH Program Directive 98-15**

**Date:** October 14, 1998  
**To:** All AKOSH Staff  
**From:** Alan W. Dwyer, Director  
**Subject:** Amendments to the Methylene Chloride Standards found in Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 183 Page 50712-50732

This program directive, PD 98-15 will implement amendments to the Methylene Chloride Standards found under 29 CFR 1910.1052 and originally adopted by reference by AKOSH on October 4, 1997. These amendments can be found in Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 183, pages 50712-50732. A copy of the federal register is attached and becomes part of this program.

OSHA has amended its standard regulating occupational exposure to methylene chloride by adding a provision for temporary medical removal protection benefits for employees who are removed or transferred to another job because of a medical determination that exposure to methylene chloride may aggravate or contribute to the employee's existing skin, heart, liver, or neurological disease. OSHA is also amending startup dates by which employers in certain identified application groups, i.e., who use MC in certain work operations, must achieve the 8-hour time-weighted-average permissible exposure limit and the dates by which they must achieve the short-term exposure limit by means of engineering controls.

The amendments to the OSHA Methylene Chloride Standards are adopted by reference and effective as of the date of this program directive.

**Attachment:** OSHA Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 183 Page 50712-50732 dated September 22, 1998.  
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