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Notice of Personal Protective Equipment Standards Revisions Based on National Consensus Standards Updates

JUNEAU, Alaska—The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is updating the OSHA Personal Protective Equipment Standards Based on National Consensus Standards.

The Alaska Occupational Safety and Health program is required by Alaska Statute 18.60.030(6) to maintain standards that are at least as effective as federal OSHA standards. Under 8 AAC 61.1010(b), AKOSH adopted the federal regulations, as amended, for personal protective equipment in general industry worksites.

This notice is designed to make employers and employees aware of the new requirements, which will become effective October 9, 2009.

OSHA is amending paragraph (a)(5)(v)(a) in 29 CFR 1910.94 that requires safety shoes to comply with a specific American National Standards Institute standard, and paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(I) in 29 CFR 1910.252 that requires filter lenses and plates in eye-protective equipment to meet a test for transmission of radiant energy specified by another ANSI standard.

The direct final rule is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/OSHA-Personal-Protective>.

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