ASSE Low Country Chapter -
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Tuesday, May 17, 2015
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Latest News from OSHA

- April 18, 2016
  OSHA issues final rule establishing procedures for handling retaliation complaints under the Food Safety Modernization Act

- April 7, 2016
  Contractor continues to expose workers to serious fall hazards

- April 7, 2016
  Berlin Builders faces $387K in OSHA fines for continually ignoring life-threatening dangers at Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey sites

OSHA’s Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a final rule to curb lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease in America's workers by limiting their exposure to respirable crystalline silica. The rule is comprised of two standards, one for Construction and one for General Industry and Maritime. Key provisions include:

- Reduces the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for respirable crystalline silica to 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air, averaged over an 8-hour shift.
- Requires employers to: use engineering controls (such as water or ventilation) to limit worker exposure to the PEL; provide respirators when engineering controls cannot adequately limit exposure; limit worker access to high exposure areas; develop a written exposure control plan, offer medical exams to highly exposed workers, and train workers on silica risks and how to limit exposures.
- Provides medical exams to monitor highly exposed workers and gives them information about their lung health.
- Provides flexibility to help employers — especially small businesses — protect workers from silica exposure.

Both standards contained in the final rule take effect on June 23, 2016, after which industries have one to five years to comply with most requirements.

Learn more at:
https://www.osha.gov/silica/index.html

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