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Field Information System Part I
Lead Exposure in Construction: Interim Final Rule

DISCUSSION:

On May 4, 1993, Federal OSHA promulgated an interim standard which contains employee protection requirements for workers exposed to lead during construction activities. This new standard (29 CFR 1926.62) reduces the permissible exposure limit for lead from an 8-hour time weighted average (8-hour TWA) permissible exposure limit of 200 microgram of lead per cubic meter of air ug/m³) to 50 ug/m³. The standard contains additional requirements including employee exposure monitoring, methods of compliance, respiratory protection, protection clothing and equipment, hygiene facilities and practices, medical surveillance, medical removal protection, employee information and training, signs, recordkeeping, and employee observation of monitoring. An action level of 30 ug/m³ as an 8-hour TWA. is also established by the standard. This employee exposure level triggers employer compliance with certain compliance activities.

This standard was issued as the result of a Congressional mandate to the Secretary of Labor to issue an interim final lead standard covering the construction industry. In so doing, Congress required that this standard be as protective as the existing Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) worker protection guidelines for the identification and abatement of lead-based paint in public and Indian housing. This mandate was issued under the authority of title X, subtitle C, sections 1031 and 1032, Worker Protection, of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.

ACTION:

This new federal interim final rule at 29 CFR 1926 Subpart D was verbatim in North Carolina by the Commissioner of Labor on September 6 with an effective date of October 4, 1993. A copy of the regulatory the [Federal Register](#) announcement (Vol. 58, No. 84) is attached. Plea this NC CFR Revision in Part I of your Field Information System.

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