NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH Chapter 7 CFR Revision 134C Subchapter 7F CFR II Field Information System Part I Occupational Exposure to Asbestos, Tremolite, Anthophyllite, and Actino

Occupational Exposure to Asbestos, Tremolite, Anthophyllite, and Actinolite 29 CFR 1910, 1915, 1926 Final Rule: Corrections

DISCUSSION:

On August 10, 1994 (59 FR 40964), OSHA promulgated asbestos standards for general industry, construction and shipyard work. On June 29, 1995 (60 FR 33974) and September 29, 1995 (60 FR 50411), OSHA issued corrections and clarifications to various provisions of those standards. On August 23, 1996 (61 FR 43454) OSHA issued further corrections and several clarifications to certain provisions of the standard. The primary topics of the August 23,1996, issuance are:

- an employee's right to request a powered air-purifying respirator and the employer's obligation to provide this type of respirator upon request,
- the employer's obligation to ensure employee comprehension of signs and labels,
- reinstatement of the training requirements for workers engaged in Class II removals as part of general asbestos abatement work and other training clarifications,
- a clarification of the wording associated with medical surveillance,
- guidance regarding the one waste-bag Emit for Class III work, and
- Class IV "clean-up" work.

ACTION:

The standards and corrections issued prior to August 1996 were adopted verbatim in North Carolina and subsequently distributed for inclusion in CFR II of the Field Information System (FIS) as CFR 134, CFR 134A and CFR 134B. The August 23, 1996 corrections and clarifications at 29 CFR 1910, 29 CFR 1915 and 29 CFR 1926 were adopted verbatim in North Carolina by the Commissioner of Labor with an effective date of February 11, 1997. The applicable portion of the August 23, 1996, *Federal Register* (61 FR 43454), which includes the regulatory text of the amended standards, is attached. Copies of the associated amendments to the NC Administrative Code are available upon request.

Please file this NC CFR Revision 134C in CFR II of your Field Information System.

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