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Division of Occupational Safety and Health**

**Raleigh, NC**

Chapter 7  
Subchapter 7F

CFR Revision 172B

Field Information System  
**Standards Improvement Project – Phase IV**

**29 CFR Part 1904**

**29 CFR Part 1910**

**29 CFR Part 1915**

**29 CFR Part 1926**

Final Rule

**A. Discussion.**

In June of 1998, OSHA published the first phase of the Standards Improvement Project (SIP) to revise or remove provisions of its standards that were outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, or inconsistent, or could be clarified or simplified by being written in plain language.

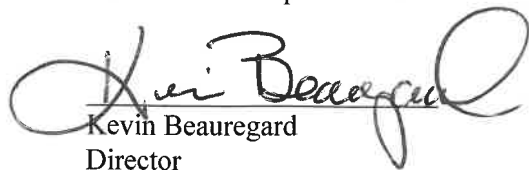
On January 5, 2005, OSHA published the second phase of this project to again revise or remove a number of health provisions in its standards. In some cases, OSHA has made substantive revisions but feels the changes streamline and make more consistent the regulatory requirements in OSHA safety and health standards.

On June 8, 2011, OSHA published the third phase of this project to continue streamlining and updating standards. OSHA identified several requirements for SIP–III (e.g., rigging, NIOSH records, and training certifications) for improvement based on the agency’s review of its standards, suggestions and comments from the public, or recommendations from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

On May 14, 2019, OSHA published the fourth phase of this project to remove or revise outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, and inconsistent requirements in its safety and health standards. This action reduces regulatory burden while maintaining or enhancing worker safety and health and improving privacy protections.

**B. Action.**

The N.C. Commissioner of Labor adopted this final rule verbatim with an effective date of October 7, 2019. Refer to the 05/14/2019 *Federal Register* (Vol. 84, No. 93) for the details related to these requirements.

  
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