

**North Carolina Department of Labor
Division of Occupational Safety and Health**

Raleigh, NC

Chapter 7
Subchapter 7F

CFR Revision 185

Field Information System

Respirable Crystalline Silica

**29 CFR 1910.1053
29 CFR 1915.1053
29 CFR 1926.1153**

Final rule and amendments

A. Discussion.

On March 25, 2016, OSHA revised Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1910, 1915 and 1926 to add new substance-specific standards for occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica. These standards establish an action level of 25 micrograms per cubic meter (25 µg/m³) as an eight hour time-weighted average and a permissible exposure limit 50 µg/m³ as an eight hour time-weighted average.

Changes were also made to 29 CFR 1910.1000, Table Z-3, to 29 CFR 1915.1000, Mineral Dusts table, and to Appendix A of 29 CFR 1926.55 to reference the new standard for each part.

B. Action.

The N.C. Commissioner of Labor adopted this final rule with an effective date of September 2, 2016. Refer to the [3/25/2016 Federal Register](#) (Vol. 81, No. 58) for the details related to these requirements.

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