



## ***OSHA Issues Silica Compliance Memorandum to Regional Administrators***

Dear Valued Client,

The effective date of the new Respirable Crystalline Silica Construction Standard, 29 CFR §1926.1153, will become effective on September 23, 2017. It is our hope that you have already taken all of the steps necessary to ensure that your business is ready for this standard. On September 20, 2017 the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of OSHA issued an important memorandum to all regional administrators regarding the launch of the aforementioned standard.

Some highlights of the memorandum include:

- During the first 30 days of enforcement, OSHA be evaluating employer good faith efforts to meet the new construction silica standard and will provide compliance assistance and outreach to covered employers. Seemingly, citations may not be issued if OSHA finds satisfactory evidence of good faith.
- If OSHA believes that an employer is making no effort to comply with the standard, OSHA will move forward with enforcement and any proposed citations will be reviewed by the OSHA National Office.
- Prior to the termination of the memorandum, OSHA expects to release the interim inspection and citation guidance documents they have developed. Additionally, a compliance directive will be finalized in the near future.

References:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p\\_id=31292](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=31292)

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