

Date: September 9, 2025

Memorandum For: NJSISC
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Subject: NJSISC S & R Standing Subcommittee Report (2Q 2025)

Legislative

Federal – search as “bill ordered:” If the bill is to go forward, the full committee prepares and votes on its final recommendations to the House or Senate. Once a bill has successfully passed this stage, it is said to have been ordered reported or simply reported.

1. None at this time.

State

1. None at this time.

Regulatory

Federal

1. Proposed Rule: “Occupational Safety and Health Standards; Interpretation of the General Duty Clause: Limitation for Inherently Risky Professional Activities” on July 1, 2025. OSHA proposes to clarify its interpretation of the General Duty Clause, [29 U.S.C. 654\(a\)\(1\)](#), to exclude from enforcement known hazards that are inherent and inseparable from the core nature of a professional activity or performance.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-12236/occupational-safety-and-health-standards-interpretation-of-the-general-duty-clause-limitation-for>
2. Proposed Rule: “Amending the Medical Evaluation Requirements in the Respiratory Protection Standard for Certain Types of Respirators” on July 1, 2025. OSHA is proposing to remove some medical evaluation requirements in the Respiratory Protection Rule for certain types of respirators. This proposed change would only impact filtering facepiece respirators and loose-fitting powered air-purifying respirators.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-12235/amending-the-medical-evaluation-requirements-in-the-respiratory-protection-standard-for-certain>
3. Final Rule: “Construction Standards-Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health” on July 1, 2025. This final rule revokes [29 CFR 1911.10](#), which required the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health (Assistant Secretary), who heads OSHA, to consult with the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) in the formulation of rules to promulgate, modify, or revoke standards applicable to construction work, and [29 CFR 1912.3](#), the general OSHA regulations governing ACCSH. This final rule also makes corresponding changes to [29 CFR 1911.11](#), [29 CFR 1911.15](#), [29 CFR 1912.8](#), and [29 CFR 1912.9](#).

- a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-12011/construction-standards-advisory-committee-on-construction-safety-and-health>
4. Proposed Rule: “Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) in Underground Mines” on July 1, 2025. MSHA is proposing to allow the use of non-permissible Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) in specified underground areas of mines, if the equipment meets certain technical specifications and is operated under specific conditions. This proposed rule would codify technical specifications and working conditions to allow the use of non-permissible PAPRs in underground gassy mines. This proposed rule would reduce burden because mine operators would no longer need to submit a petition for modification to use non-permissible PAPRs.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-11743/powered-air-purifying-respirators-paprs-in-underground-mines>
5. Proposed Rule: “Construction Illumination” on July 1, 2025. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is proposing to rescind the construction illumination requirements, codified in [29 CFR 1926.26](#) and [1926.56](#).
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-11645/construction-illumination>
6. Proposed Rules: OSHA proposed rules on July 1, 2025 that affected the respiratory protection aspects of the following chemicals, indicating that they are duplicative of the respiratory protection standard: vinyl chloride, methylenedianiline, methylene chloride, lead, inorganic arsenic, formaldehyde, ethylene oxide, cotton dust, coke oven emissions, cadmium, benzene, asbestos, acrylonitrile, 13 carcinogens (4-mitrobiphenyl, etc.), 1,3-butadiene, 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane.
7. Proposed Rule: “Occupational Exposure to COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings,” on July 1, 2025. OSHA is proposing to remove OSHA's COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard and its associated recordkeeping and reporting provisions from the Code of Federal Regulations.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-11625/occupational-exposure-to-covid-19-in-healthcare-settings>
8. Proposed Rule: “Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards; Textiles; Sawmills; Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards for Shipyard Employment,” on July 1, 2025. This proposed rule removes from the Code of Federal Regulations: OSHA's Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards Standard, 29 CFR 1910.144; paragraph (c)(8) of OSHA's Textiles Standard, 29 CFR 1910.262; paragraph (c)(11) of OSHA's Sawmills Standard, 29 CFR 1910.265; and OSHA's Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards for Shipyard Employment Standard, 29 CFR 1915.90 because this issued is addressed elsewhere..
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-11626/safety-color-code-for-marking-physical-hazards-textiles-sawmills-safety-color-code-for-marking>
9. Proposed Rule: “Open Fires in Marine Terminals,” on July 1, 2025. This proposed rule removes OSHA's Open Fires in Marine Terminals Standard from the Code of Federal Regulations because they determined it is no longer necessary.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-11627/open-fires-in-marine-terminals>

10. Proposed Rule: “House Falls in Marine Terminals,” on July 1, 2025. The intent of this proposed rule is to remove the House Falls in Marine Terminals Standard, [29 CFR 1917.41](#) (“House Falls Standard”), from the Code of Federal Regulations because that standard is no longer necessary to protect employees working in marine terminals from occupational safety and health hazards.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-11628/house-falls-in-marine-terminals>
11. Proposed Rule: “Repealing Outdated Railroad Workplace Safety Requirements and Making Other Improvements,” by the Federal Railroad Administration on July 1, 2025. FRA proposes to repeal several roadway workplace safety requirements that have become obsolete. In addition, FRA proposes to establish a new special approval procedure to enable regulated entities, after public notice and FRA approval, to utilize an alternative approach to bridge worker safety that provides for an equivalent or better level of safety. Also, this rule proposes to clarify that the required training for operators of roadway maintenance machines equipped with a crane includes specific aspects such as maintaining vertical clearance.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-12104/repealing-outdated-railroad-workplace-safety-requirements-and-making-other-improvements>
12. Final Rule: “Extension of Postponement of Effectiveness for Certain Provisions of Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)” on August 20, 2025. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is extending the postponement of the effectiveness of certain regulatory provisions of the final rule entitled “Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)” for an additional 90 days. Specifically, this postponement applies to the conditions imposed on the uses with TSCA exemptions.
 - a. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/08/20/2025-15885/extension-of-postponement-of-effectiveness-for-certain-provisions-of-trichloroethylene-tce>

State

- a. None at this time.

Note: For the full committee’s convenience, [hyperlinks](#) to the relevant legislative and/or regulatory documents associated with each of the above entries are provided.