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334. Confined Spaces in Construction

Legal Authority: 29 U.S.C. 655(b); 40 U.S.C. 333

Abstract: In 1993, OSHA issued a rule to protect employees who enter confined spaces while engaged in general industry work (29 CFR 1910.146). This standard has not been extended to cover employees entering confined spaces while engaged in construction work because of unique characteristics of construction worksites. Pursuant to discussions with the United Steel Workers of America that led to a settlement agreement regarding the general industry standard, OSHA agreed to issue a proposed rule to protect construction workers in confined spaces.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
SBREFA Panel Report.....	11/24/03
NPRM.....	11/28/07	72 FR 67351
NPRM Comment Period End.....	01/28/08
NPRM Comment Period Extended....	02/28/08	73 FR 3893
Public Hearing.....	07/22/08
Close Record.....	10/23/08
Final Rule.....	07/00/13

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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