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HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM STANDARD CHANGES

Federal OSHA amended the federal OSHA standards related to hexavalent chromium in 2010 and Arizona OSHA has adopted the federal standards. The new requirements are effective as of June 13, 2011. The new standards require employers to notify workers of the results of hexavalent chromium exposure-level monitoring results. Prior to the rule change, employers were only required to notify employees of testing results that exceeded certain levels, while employers were required to notify workers of any exposures, regardless of the level, to certain other substances such as lead and arsenic. The rule change is intended to make the notification requirements for hexavalent chromium consistent with the notification requirements for those other substances. The amended notification provision, when compared to the prior standard, will simply require employers to post more names or send more individual notices after exposure determinations are made.

NEW CRANE AND DERRICK STANDARD

Federal OSHA has amended the federal OSHA standards related to cranes and derricks and Arizona OSHA has adopted those amendments. The new safety standards are effective as of June 13, 2011. The new safety standards update and specify industry work practices necessary to protect workers during the use of cranes and derricks in construction. The new rule also addresses advances in the designs of cranes and derricks, related hazards, the qualifications of crane operators, and non-preemption of certain local building code requirements.

STEEL ERECTION STANDARDS CHANGES

Federal OSHA has amended the federal OSHA Standards relating to steel erection and Arizona OSHA has adopted those amendments. The new safety standards are effective as of June 13, 2011. This technical amendment adds a nonmandatory note to the OSHA standards governing steel erection. The note provides information regarding existing Federal Highway Administration regulations that may apply to employers engaged in activities covered by OSHA's steel erection standard.