

Regulatory Updates

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

-AIChE and CCPS 2025 Spring Meeting and Global Congress on Process Safety, Dallas TX April 6-10, 2025

-PCA Spring Meeting, Point Clear AL, April 23-25, 2025

-ASSP Conference and Expo, Orlando FL, July 22-24, 2025

-National Safety Council Safety Congress and Expo, Denver CO, September 12-18, 2025

-PCA International Conference, September 21-23, 2025

SAFETY

Nevada OSHA Adopts New Heat-Illness Prevention Regulation: What Employers

Need to Know – I’ve included this article since it may provide some best practice ideas for your facility. “Nevada adopted heat illness prevention regulation [R131-24AP](#), aiming to protect workers from heat-related hazards in both indoor and outdoor environments. Nevada OSHA has since released [guidance](#) on implementing the regulation, with enforcement set to begin on April 29, 2025—90 days after the guidance release on January 29, 2025. . . Generally, under the new regulation, covered employers are required to:

- Conduct a one-time, written job hazard analysis (JHA)
- Designate a person to implement the heat illness provisions of the written safety program and perform certain required functions
- Establish protective measures in the written safety program
- Provide employee training
- Ensure protection measures reasonably mitigate the risk of heat illness

Even if exempt, employers must still comply with the General Duty Clause, which mandates protection against recognized hazards like heat illness.” Read the full article [here](#). (OSHA Defense Report, Beeta B. Lashkari et al., 3/24/2025.)

[Webinar Video] How to Avoid the Five Most Expensive & Frequently Cited

General Industry Citations - “Year in and year out, the same 5 standards tend to be cited the most frequently in general industry inspections. While their placement in the Top 5 may vary from time to time, Lockout/Tagout, Hazard Communication, Respiratory Protection, Powered Industry Trucks, and Machine Guarding are consistently cited more often than any other standards during inspections of general industry employers. . . Our goal is to decipher the more confusing aspects of these standards and clear a path through the regulatory maze.

During this webinar we will discuss the most common mistakes employers make attempting to comply with these standards, share our experiences in the field defending inspections involving these standards, and provide practical tips and suggestions for how general industry employers can improve health and safety outcomes in these areas, while also reducing regulatory risk.”

[Click here to watch on YouTube](#). (OSHA Defense Report, 3/14/2025.)

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ENVIRONMENT

EPA Announces 31 Sweeping Regulatory Reform Targets - “U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin [announced on March 12](#), 2025, that the agency will take 31 deregulatory actions aimed at advancing President Donald Trump’s executive orders and economic agenda. These actions are intended to reduce regulatory burdens, promote domestic energy production and shift decision-making authority back to state governments. . . . EPA’s announcement in and of itself will not make these regulations disappear. The environmental rules and regulations targeted in the announcement remain the law of the land unless and until they are repealed or revised, and they remain in effect unless stayed by a court. . . . States and NGOs likely will challenge this deregulatory effort in court, and it will be imperative for EPA to make sure it follows the applicable legal requirements and that the rulemaking records for these actions support the decisions EPA makes for these actions to survive judicial review. For that to occur, the regulated community will need to participate in the rulemaking process, provide evidence to support EPA’s deregulatory actions and bolster the record for the litigation to come.” Read the full article [here](#), which details the specific deregulatory actions planned. (Lexology, McGuireWoods LLP - Makram B. Jaber, et al., 3/13/2025.)

TSCA Update: EPA Postpones Effective Date for TCE Workplace Protections - “EPA is postponing, for 90 days, the effective date for workplace conditions imposed on uses of trichloroethylene (TCE) that are exempt from the [December 2024 Final Rule](#) to prohibit all uses of the chemical. The new effective date is June 20, 2025.” Read the full article [here](#). (Lion Technology, Inc., 3/24/2025.)

2025 Clean Water Act Guidance on WOTUS Released – “EPA officially announced plans to revise the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS) in the *Federal Register* on March 24. In light of the Supreme Court's [decision in Sackett v. EPA](#), EPA is also seeking input from the regulated community about the meaning and scope of key regulatory terms such as *relatively permanent waters*, *continuous surface connection*, and *jurisdictional ditches*. Stakeholders and the public are invited to submit comments in writing or [participate in upcoming WOTUS listening sessions](#) to be hosted by EPA in April-May 2025.” Read the full article [here](#). (Lion Technology, Inc., 3/25/2025.)

2024 GHG Reporting Deadline Extended – “EPA has extended the reporting deadline under the Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Reporting Rule for reporting year 2024 data from March 31, 2025, to May 30, 2025. Under the rule, owners and operators of facilities that are direct emitters or suppliers of GHGs or that sequester carbon dioxide gas underground are required to report certain activities. The reason provided for the extension in the March 20, 2025, [Federal Register Notice](#) is because, as of March 2025, the electronic reporting software has not yet been launched. However, it should be noted that on March 12, 2025, EPA [announced](#) its plan to reconsider the reporting rule in its entirety. As a result, the future of the rule is uncertain.” (Lexology, Jones Day - Daniella A. Einik, 3/20/2025.)

Hazardous Waste Codes Help Sheet – “Check out this brand new [cheat sheet](#) for simplified descriptions of RCRA waste codes, details on US EPA's ‘Mixture Rule,’ and why making an accurate hazardous waste determination is so important.” (Lion Technology, Inc., 3/21/2025.)

TRANSPORTATION

All Nine Classes of Hazardous Materials Explained – “No one may ship hazmat unless they comply with all applicable regulations, and compliance starts with accurate classification. Get to know the 9 classes of hazardous materials—and why each class is regulated in transportation—with this quick [video](#).” (Lion Technology, Inc., 3/28/2025.)

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