

**Silica Update:**

- Enforcement of the respirable crystalline silica standard for construction in effect September 23, 2017.
- OSHA announced in a September 20, 2017 memorandum a 30 day enforcement phase-in to help employers comply with the new standard.
- During this time, OSHA will pay particular attention to assisting employers in fully and properly implementing the controls in the table. OSHA will assist employers who are making good faith efforts to meet the new requirements to assure understanding and compliance.
- To ensure effective implementation of the new standard, OSHA is developing interim inspection and citation guidance that will be issued before the September 20 guidance memo expires. This enforcement guidance will remain in place until the compliance directive becomes final.
- OSHA is developing a compliance directive that is based on the new standards (29 CFR 1910.1053 and 1926.1153). No estimated date for when the directive will be finalized.
- Fact sheets for each of the tasks/equipment in Table 1 of the construction standard will be posted soon.
- The Directorate of Standards and Guidance (DSG) is developing videos for six of the tasks/equipment in Table 1.
- All new compliance assistance resources will be posted on OSHA's Silica Rulemaking page <https://www.osha.gov/silica/>