

Department of Consumer and Business Services  
Oregon OSHA

Rules in Development  
February 2012

***The items listed below are projects Oregon OSHA is currently engaged in. These rules are in the pre-proposed stage. If you have questions about these projects, or are interested in participating in the process, please use the Oregon OSHA staff contact information for the item of interest.***

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**Title:** Oxygen-fuel gas. Divisions 2/H, 2/Q, 3/F, and 3/J.

**Summary:** Ongoing work to update and improve Oregon's oxygen-fuel gas rules for welding in general industry and construction, and the use of oxygen-fuel gas for applications other than welding is still underway. Major topics of possible change being discussed are:

- Installation of reverse flow check valves
- Installation of flashback arrestors
- Drop and/or leak testing prior to use of equipment
- Transportations of oxy-fuel gas cylinders in unventilated enclosed vehicle compartments
- Limiting the practice of cracking to oxygen cylinders only
- Training and documentation of training requirements

A rough draft is posted on [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org) under Working With You/Advisory Committees/Compressed Gas Advisory Committee ([www.orosha.org/standards/comp\\_gas\\_advise.html](http://www.orosha.org/standards/comp_gas_advise.html)).

**Timetable:** Proposed rules will be filed later this year.

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**Title:** Division 4, Agriculture

**Summary:** The subdivisions we are currently working on:

- Subdivision A, General Subjects – Scope; Exclusive Coverage; and Access to Medical Records.
- Subdivision B, Definitions.
- Subdivision I, Personal Protective Equipment – all sections.
- Subdivision Z, Chemicals/Toxins – all sections.

**Timetable:** The Small Agricultural Advisory committee membership has been established for this round of rulemaking activity and stakeholders are reviewing the changes as they are defined. An advisory committee meeting was held February 1, 2012. Proposed rules will be filed Spring 2012 with public hearings planned.

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**Title:** Confined Spaces in Construction and General Industry.

**Summary:** Oregon OSHA received testimony and comments from two public hearings in Fall 2011. Oregon OSHA will re-propose a revised confined spaces standard in Spring 2012, with one public hearing planned.

**Timetable:** Proposed rules will be filed Spring 2012 with one public hearing planned.

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