

## Regulatory Bits & Pieces

### OSHA

**Targeted Inspections:** Due to the fact that OSHA is temporarily halted from implementing its Cooperative Compliance Program, it will resume its on-site inspections. Many targeted SIC codes affect the composites industry. If your 1996 Lost Workday Incident Rate was equal to or more than the following, you could be in for a comprehensive inspection if OSHA comes through the door:

SIC	INDUSTRY	LWDI
3088	Plastics Plumbing Fixtures	6.9
3089	Plastics, NEC	6.6
3711	Motor Vehicle & Car Bodies	10.5
3713	Truck & Bus Bodies	8.0
3714	Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc.	7.5
3732	Boat Building & Repair	7.2
3799	Transportation Equipment NEC 7.0	

**Hazard Communication Revisited:** OSHA issued a new directive making it easier for employers to comply with the Standard. For example, employers may provide MSDSs to employees through computers, the Internet, or fax machines. There are appendices with sample written hazard communications and training programs as well. For a summary of the directive, please contact us.

**Agenda:** Following is a list of rules OSHA plans to issue within the next eight months:

**Final Rules:**

Confined Spaces - 6/98 clarifying Rescue and Emergency Services, etc.

Powered Industrial Truck Operator Training - 9/98

Respirators - Final Assigned Protection Factors - 12/98

Means of Egress - 12/98 rewritten in Plain English

**Notice of Proposed Rule Makings:**

Requirements to Pay for Personal Protective Equipment  
- 6/98

Flammable and Combustible Liquids in Plain Language  
- 8/98

Spray Finishing using Flammable & Combustible  
Liquids in Plain Language- 9/98

Safety and Health Programs - 9/98

Process Safety Management for Highly Hazardous  
Chemicals - 9/98

## **EPA**

**Form R:** Reporting packages are to be sent out during the first week of May. Reports are due July 1.

**Emissions Model:** An emissions model to help calculate emissions in open molding processes is available on the Internet at: [www.cfa-hq.org](http://www.cfa-hq.org). This should help for Form R preparation and air permitting. There are downloadable, interactive spreadsheets available.

**Agenda:** Following is a list of rules the EPA plans to issue within the next eight months.

**Final Rule:**

Clean Air Act Field Citations - 4/98. Clarification for issuance of up to \$5,000 per day.

**Notice of Proposed Rule Making:**

Section 312 (Tier II) - 5/98. Modification of reporting form and rules in Plain English.

Solvent Wipes - 10/98. Modifications to RCRA rules associated with solvent-contaminated rags.

Form R - 12/98. Addition of more data elements such as quantity of chemical brought on-site; consumed on-site and contained in product!!

As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (800) 621-8003

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**News Release--April 7, 1998: [New OSHA Directive Makes It Easier For Employers To Comply With Hazard Communication Standard](#)**

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