

News and Events

Regulatory Update May 1999

EPA Form R due July 1: If you have 10 or more employees (defined as 20,000 hours on payroll), and have processed at least 25,000 lbs. Of Styrene (pure or in resin and gel coat, etc.) in 1998, start preparing your report now! Recently, a fabricator who did NOT report Styrene releases between 1994 and 1997 was fined a \$10,367 settlement and agreed to install pollution control equipment worth \$162,000.

Unified Emission Factors: Best available data should be used in preparing your Form R. In March of 1998, the EPA rescinded the AP-42 emission factors for filament winding, hand, spray-up and gel coat. The Composites Fabricators Association has posted better factors on their web-site, www.cfa-hq.org, or contact us at 800/621-8003 for the UEF Table.

Form R Revisions: If you need to make a revision to your Form R Report, it must be submitted by July 31 in order to be reflected in the annual release of TRI data for that year. However, the EPA will continue to accept data after that date.

OSHA Powered Industrial Truck Training Standard: Reminder to get that training done! If an employee was hired before 12/01/99, the initial training and evaluation of that employee must be completed by 12/01/99. If the employee is hired after 12/01/99, he then must be trained and evaluated BEFORE being assigned to operate a forklift.

Employer Payment For Personal Protective Equipment: OSHA issued a proposal on 3/31/99 clearly stating that employers **MUST PAY** for any PPE that they are required to provide. The only exceptions are safety-toe protective footwear and prescription safety eyewear. Comments must be in to OSHA by 6/14/99.

Hearing Protector NRR (Noise Reduction Rating): The new OSHA Technical Manual states that the NRR on protectors can be used at face value without making a 7 dB A-to-C weighting correction as stated in the Hearing Conservation standard previously.

Watch for the development of the following rules this year (and we'll keep you posted as well):

OSHA

Simplified injury/illness record keeping requirements: Final Rule expected 6/99

Exit Routes: Final Rule expected 12/99

Prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorders: Proposed Rule expected 9/99

Safety and Health Programs: Proposed Rule expected 7/99

Flammable and Combustible Liquids: Proposed Rule expected 12/99

Spray Finishing: Proposed Rule expected 12/99

EPA

NESHAP for Reinforced Plastic Composites Production: Proposed Rule expected 11/99

NESHAP for Boat Manufacturing: Proposed Rule expected 12/99

The Department of Health, Safety & Environment encourages all customers of Composites One to give us a call at **(800)621-8003**. If you would like more information on any of the topics listed above, or just have a compliance question related to your facility, please use us as a regulatory resource. We look forward to talking with you soon.

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