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STANDARDS BACK ON OSHA'S RADAR

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is moving ahead on standards previously relegated to "long-term action." The **Emergency Response, Preparedness, Prevention of Workplace Violence in Health Care and Social Assistance** and the **Tree Care** standards have moved to the pre-rule stage. Work to align the **Hazard Communications** standard with the seventh edition of the Globally Harmonized System has entered the proposed rule stage. OSHA also moved the **Beryllium** standard, formerly in the final rule stage back to proposed rule stage due to court action. The **Communications Tower Safety** standard is also undergoing review that typically is a step leading to advancing action.

OSHA OFFERS NEW CHEMICAL DATABASE

Pooling data from various government agencies and organizations, the OSHA Occupational Chemical Database (<https://www.osha.gov/chemicaldata>) lists chemical identification, physical properties, exposure limits, sampling information, and additional resources for each substance. Users can search and group chemicals in various ways.

NEW CBRN RESPIRATORY PROTECTION HANDBOOK ISSUED BY NIOSH

NIOSH has released a new handbook on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear respiratory protection. Check out the new publication at <https://bit.ly/2MyNEvZ>

OSHA AGREES TO CREATE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



OSHA agreed to create a system for notifying local officials and fire departments when it cites companies for serious violations involving flammable materials. This system will also share the facilities' list of chemicals that are kept on site. The goal of this system is to ensure that emergency responders are made aware of what they could be walking into in the event of an incident at the site. OSHA is working with the EPA and DHS to create the notification system. For more information visit

<https://bit.ly/2wwNnGi>

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