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## OSHA PUBLISHES COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSED RULE ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OSHA currently has a patchwork of disjointed standards published decades ago. OSHA is looking to replace its fire brigade standard with a comprehensive performance-based one that addresses the needs of firefighters, EMS providers, and other emergency responders. Further details about the proposed rule can be found at [bit.ly/fr020524](http://bit.ly/fr020524) and on the agency's website [bit.ly/oshaerrule](http://bit.ly/oshaerrule).



## OSHA Issues Major Chemical Safety Enforcement Guide Changes

A new 103-page enforcement document updates process safety management (PSM) guidance for OSHA inspectors. The document has not been updated since 1994. While the document is written for the OSHA team, it also alerts employers what policies and procedures the agency will expect from them. The directive largely uses a question-and-answer format based on OSHA interpretation letters going back to 1992. The document is available on the [OSHA website here](http://www.osha-slc.gov).

## EPA SETS NEW RULES TO LIMIT DAMAGE FROM CHEMICAL FACILITY DISASTERS

New rules designed to prevent disasters at sites that handle hazardous materials were recently issued. These regulations tell facilities to explicitly address disasters, such as storms or floods that could trigger an accidental release. Many chemical facilities are part of critical infrastructure and are often located near residential communities.

**A new heat-related illness EMS activation surveillance dashboard, known as **EMS HeatTracker**, will track field responses to heat illnesses across the U.S. The portal is intended to help public health officials and other decision-makers prioritize interventions for communities most effected by extreme heat. The dashboard can be viewed at [bit.ly/heattracker](http://bit.ly/heattracker)**

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