

VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 09-425

ISSUED: 01 September 2012

Subject OSHA Occupational Chemical Database (formerly Chemical Information Manual)

Purpose **CHANGE I:** This Directive transmits the above-referenced Manual to VOSH field personnel. **CHANGE II:** This Change is renumbered to the 09 series [Program Operations, Analysis and Evaluation] from the 02 series [Compliance Instructions] to more accurately conform to the VOSH Program Directives' classification and numbering system as specified in VOSH Program Directive 01-001A. It also updates reference from the former Chemical Information Manual to the current OSHA Occupation Chemical (OCIS) Database.

This program directive is an internal guideline not a statutory or regulatory rule and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

Scope This Directive applies to all VOSH personnel.

Reference Refer to the OSHA Occupational Chemical (OCIS) Database
OSHA Instruction CPL 02-02-043 (July 1, 1991)

Cancellation VOSH Program Directive 02-425 (September 1, 1991).

Action Directors and Managers shall assure that compliance officers are familiar with the contents of this Database.

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Expiration Date Not Applicable.

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E-Attachment: <http://www.osha.gov/chemicaldata/>

I. **Background.**

The Chemical Information Manual was the printed version of the Chemical Sampling Information File. This File is an on-line database of chemical substances found in the workplace with current information included on identification, exposure limits, compliance sampling methods, and analytical methods. This database is maintained as part of the OSHA Computerized Information System (OCIS).

II. **Summary.**

CHANGE I: This Directive belatedly adopts the Chemical Information Manual (previously distributed) and recognizes the technical procedures set forth in it as those to be followed by VOSH field personnel when conducting inspections and voluntary compliance visits. **CHANGE II:** The Chemical Information Manual has been superseded by the Chemical Sampling Information Files, which present, in concise form, data on a large number of chemical substances that may be encountered in industrial hygiene investigations. This Occupational Chemical Database, maintained by federal OSHA, compiles information from several government agencies and organizations for the occupational safety and health community. Examples of database reports available include: "Physical Properties," "Exposure Guidelines," "NIOSH Pocket Guide," and "Emergency Response Information," including the Department of Transportation (DOT) Emergency Response Guide. An all-in-one report, "Full Report," is also available.