SUBJECT: Enforcement Procedures for Occupational Exposure to Formaldehyde

A. Purpose.

This Directive provides inspection procedures and guidelines as well as page changes and Appendix G to be followed when conducting inspections and issuing citations for workers potentially exposed to formaldehyde.

B. Scope.

This Directive applies VOSH-wide.

C. References.

OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Nov. 20, 1990).

D. Cancellation.


E. Action.

The Assistant Commissioner, Directors and Supervisors shall assure that employers comply with the requirements of the provisions of this OSHA Instruction. Some of the existing pages in OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Nov. 20, 1990) have been replaced with pages from CH-1 of OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Oct. 7, 1991), as follows:

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F. **Effective Date.**

May 1, 1992.

G. **Expiration Date.**

Not Applicable.

H. **Background.**

Refer to Section "F" of the attached OSHA Notice.

On July 15, 1991, OSHA issued a proposed revision to the formaldehyde standard, 29 CFR 1910.1048, in a response primarily to a remand by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in UAW v. Pendergrass, 878 F.2d 389 (D.C. Cir. 1989). The page changes address the interim enforcement policy as a result of the proposed amendments.

I. **Summary.**

The attached directive provides inspection procedures and guidelines for conducting inspections and issuing citations for workers potentially exposed to formaldehyde. The attached directive also provides page changes and Appendix G to the Enforcement Procedures for Occupational Exposure to Formaldehyde.

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