



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE:02-426A

ISSUED: May 1, 1992

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).
OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 CH-1 (Oct. 7, 1991).

D. Cancellation.

VOSH Program Directive 02-426 (Sept. 15, 1991).

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:

Existing Pages to 02-426	Replacement Pages
11-12	11-12
17-18	17-18
19-20	19-20
None	G-1

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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Commissioner

e-Attachment: OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Nov. 20, 1990) with new pages from OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 CH-1, (Oct. 7, 1991) incorporated.

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