

**VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-410A****ISSUED: January 15, 2019**

**Subject** Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust, § 1910.1043

**Purpose** **CHANGE II:** This amendment removes the specific criteria of the training program that appeared in subparagraphs (i)(1)(i)(A) through (F), but continues the employer's general responsibility to train each employee exposed to cotton dust in accordance with the requirements of §1910.1043.

**CHANGE I:** This Directive transmits to field personnel the revised standard for Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust and amends paragraph (n)(4) of §1910.1043.

**Scope** This Directive applies VOSH-wide.

**Reference** CHANGE II: 83 FR 30539 (June 29, 2018)  
CHANGE I: 65 FR 76563 (December 7, 2000)

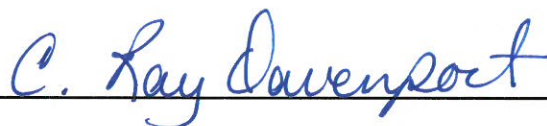
**Cancellation** VOSH PD 12-410 (November 1, 2001)

**Effective Date** February, 22 2019

**Expiration Date** Not Applicable – remains in effect until cancelled or superseded.

**Action** Directors and Managers shall ensure that field personnel understand and comply with the policies and procedures established in this Directive and that they are uniformly administered.

**C. Ray Davenport**  
Commissioner

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The following federal terms if, and where they are used, shall be considered to read as below:

<u>Federal Terms</u>	<u>VOSH Equivalent</u>
OSHA	VOSH
Federal Agency	State Agency
Agency	Department
Regional Administrator	Assistant Commissioner
Area Director	Regional Director VOSH Program Director
Regional Solicitor	Attorney General or VOSH Division of Legal Support (DLS)
Office of Statistics	VOSH Research and Analysis
29 CFR	VOSH Standard
Compliance Safety and Health Officer (CSHO)	CSHO

## I. Background

**CHANGE II:** This amendment removes subparagraph (i)(1)(A) through (F) from the Cotton Dust Standard for General Industry, §1910.1043, that was inadvertently included in the July 1, 2017 revision of the Federal Register volume, covering OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1910.1000 to end of Part 1910.

**CHANGE I:** In 1978, OSHA issued its Occupational Health Standard for Cotton Dust which was subsequently amended in 1985. The Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board adopted this standard on August 1, 1980. The standard took effect on the same date. This revision to the 1998 final rule amends the standard to include an additional method of washing cotton which is partially exempt from the cotton dust rule.

**More details on this amendment can be found at:**

<http://townhall.virginia.gov/l/viewstage.cfm?stageid=8469>

## II. Summary

**CHANGE II:** The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is the codification of the general and permanent rules and regulations published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government of the United States. CFR Title 29 contains the principal set of rules and regulations issued by federal agencies regarding labor. Virginia Occupational Safety and Health standard, §1910.1043 is equivalent to 29 CFR 1910.1043.

Paragraph (i)(1) of §1910.1043 requires the employer to train each employee exposed to cotton dust, in accordance with the requirements of the section, and to institute a training program and ensure employee participation in the program. This amendment removes subparagraph (i)(1)(i)(A) through (F) of §1910.1043, which detailed the components for the employer's education and training program for employees exposed to cotton dust.

**CHANGE I:** This Directive added to paragraph (n)(4) of §1910.1043, cotton washed in a batch kier system to the types of washed cotton that are partially exempt from the cotton dust standard. This revision will protect textile workers from developing byssinosis from cotton washed in a batch kier system. The new method proscribes that the cotton be washed repeatedly in a giant kettle before weaving or spinning.

**Amendment to the Cotton Dust Standard for General Industry, §1910.1043 – CFR Correction**

As Adopted by the  
Safety and Health Codes Board

Date: November 8, 2018



VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Effective Date: February 22, 2019

16VAC25-90-1910.1043, Cotton Dust Standard for General Industry, §1910.1043

When the regulations, as set forth in the Amendment to the Cotton Dust standard for General Industry, §1910.1043, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms

VOSH Equivalent

29 CFR

VOSH Standard

Assistant Secretary

Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Agency

Department

June 27, 2018

February 22, 2019



**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration**

**29 CFR Part 1910**

**Occupational Safety and Health  
Standards**

*CFR Correction*

**§ 1910.1043 [Amended]**

■ In Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1910 (§ 1910.1000 to end of part 1910), revised as of July 1, 2017, on page 297, paragraphs § 1910.1043(i)(1)(i)(A) through (F) are removed.

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**Amendment to the Cotton Dust Standard for General Industry, §1910.1043**

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Safety and Health Codes Board

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Effective Date: September 15, 2001

16VAC25-90-1910.1043, Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust, §1910.1043

When the regulations, as set forth in the Amendment to the Standard for the Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust, §1910.1043, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms	VOSH Equivalent
29 CFR	VOSH Standard
Assistant Secretary	Commissioner of Labor and Industry
Agency	Department
April 6, 2001	September 15, 2001