



**VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-410**

**ISSUED: November 1, 2001**

**SUBJECT: Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust, § 1910.1043(n)(4)**

**A. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Directive is to add cotton that is washed in a batch kier system to the types of washed cotton that are already partially exempt from the Cotton Dust Standard.

This Directive transmits to field personnel the revised standard for Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust.

*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.*

**B. Scope.**

This Directive applies to all VOSH personnel.

**C. References.**

CHANGE I. 50 Fed. Reg. 51120 (Dec. 13, 1985).  
CHANGE II. 51 Fed. Reg. 24234 (July 3, 1986).

**D. Cancellation.**

VOSH Program Directive 12-403 (June 5, 1986).  
VOSH Program Directive 12-407 (Dec. 5, 1986).

**E. Action.**

The Assistant Commissioner, Directors and Supervisors shall assure that employers continue to comply with the requirements of the Amendment to the Cotton Dust Standard, §1910.1043.

**F. Effective Date.**

The effective date for Change I is June 25, 1986.  
The effective date for Change II is December 8, 1986.

**G. Expiration Date.**

Not Applicable.

**H. Background.**

**CHANGE I.** On December 13, 1985, Federal OSHA adopted the amendments to the Cotton Dust Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1043 (50 Fed. Reg. 51120).

The Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the amendments without significant change on April 30, 1986.

**CHANGE II.** On July 3, 1986, Federal OSHA adopted the amendments to the Cotton Dust Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1043 (51 Fed. Reg. 24234).

The Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the amendments without significant change on September 25, 1986.

**I. Summary.**

**CHANGE I.** See Background to Change I above.

**CHANGE II.** See Background to Change II above.

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Commissioner

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

As Adopted by the  
Safety and Health Codes Board

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VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

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When the regulations, as set forth in the amendment to the standard for Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust, § 1910.1043(n)(4), 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 C.F.R.

VOSH Standard

Assistant Secretary

Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Agency

Department

April 6, 2001

September 15, 2001