



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-243A

ISSUED: April 1, 1995

SUBJECT: Welding, Cutting and Brazing Standard, §§1910.252 - 1910.257

A. Purpose.

This directive transmits to field personnel the above-referenced standard.

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, and specifically to Occupational Health Enforcement personnel.

C. Action.

The Deputy Commissioner, directors and supervisors shall assure that field personnel and employers understand and comply with the provisions of this standard.

D. Effective Date.

April 1, 1995

E. Expiration Date.

Not Applicable.

F. Background.

On April 11, 1990, federal OSHA published in the Federal Register an amendment to the Welding, Cutting and Brazing Standard, 29 CFR 1910.252 through 1910.257 (55 Fed. Reg. 13694), reorganizing its existing 1910 standards. On July 10, 1990, the federal standard was amended by the Board to reference the Virginia unique Confined Space Standard, §1910.146, to assure consistency and uniformity in the safety and health measures to be taken by employees while working with welding, cutting and brazing which meet the definition of "confined space" contained in §1910.146.

In adopting the federal-identical Permit-Required Confined Spaces standard in 1993, the Board restricted the applicability of the Virginia Confined Space standard to the construction industry; and deleted the Virginia unique confined space standard's applicability to general industry. As such, the need to reference Virginia's unique Confined Space standard in the Welding, Cutting and Brazing standard for General Industry no longer exists.

G. Summary.

The current Virginia unique standard, Welding, Cutting and Brazing ("Welding"), §§1910.252 through 1910.257, was repealed because of the numerous references to the Virginia unique Confined Space standard which no longer exists for the general industry. The federal Welding standard [55 Fed. Reg. 13694] has been readopted, making the Virginia Welding regulation identical to the federal Welding standard.

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Attachment: None. Standard appears in the VOSH Standards for General Industry

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Welding, Cutting and Brazing Standard,

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When the regulations, as set forth in the standard for Welding, Cutting and Brazing, §§1910.252 through 1910.257, 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

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Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Agency

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