

## SOUTH CAROLINA OSHA HELD A STANDARDS ADOPTION HEARING

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SC DLLR) held a public hearing on May 24, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. It was held at South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SC DLLR), 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108. The hearing was held to determine if the Director of the SCDLLR would promulgate, revoke, or modify Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 41-15-210, SC Code of Laws, 1976 to revise and amend existing health and safety standards for 29 CFR parts 1910 and 1926, as necessary to comply with federal laws.

SC OSHA issued a final rule to confirm the effective date of June 23, 2017 for Air contaminants, Beryllium and Gases, vapors, fumes, dusts and mists standards. Revisions were made to both general and construction industry standards.

The final rules included amending the existing standards for occupational exposure to beryllium. The amended standard establishes a new permissible exposure limit for beryllium. A final rule was issued to offer provisions to protect employees, such as requirements for exposure assessment, methods for controlling exposure, respiratory protection, medical surveillance, hazard communication, and recordkeeping, in both general and construction industries.

Information on these standards may be obtained by viewing the following link:  
[https://www.osha.gov/FedReg\\_osepdf/FED20170109.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osepdf/FED20170109.pdf)

As with any new standard adopted by Federal OSHA, South Carolina, which administers its own state plan, has six months in which to adopt the federal standard or one as effective as the federal standard.

Additional information on these or any other standards may be found on our websites at <http://scosha.llronline.com/> or <https://www.osha.gov/> or by contacting our Standards Office during regular work hours (803) 896-7682 or (803) 896-7661.