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DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NO. 09-49
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

FROM: EDNA PRIMROSE
National Director
Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Hexavalent Chromium Notification Requirements

1. Purpose. To inform Job Corps centers about the new exposure notification requirements described in the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) standard, 29 CFR 1910.1026.

2. Background. On October 4, 2004, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a proposed Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) standard that would establish lower permissible exposure limits and require employers to notify employees of all exposures. The final rule, issued on February 28, 2006, retained the exposure limits but required employers to only notify employees of exposures that exceeded the established limits. This revised notification requirement differed from the notification requirements established in previously released substance-specific health standards, such as methylene chloride.

3. Action. Effective June 15, 2010, employers (i.e., Job Corps centers) engaged in the following trades and/or related tasks, shall inform students, staff, and instructors of all exposures to hexavalent chromium:

- a. Construction—glazing, painting, and plumbing
- b. Mechanics and Repairers—collision repair and refinishing
- c. Precision Production—lithographic printing, machining, and welding¹

Centers shall use material safety data sheets (MSDSs) to provide affected individuals with a complete record of their exposure to Cr(VI). Exposure notification should also include products that are no longer in use. MSDSs are considered exposure records. Therefore, copies of all MSDSs, including products no longer in use, must be maintained on center for 30 years, in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1020, Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records.

¹ Welding or cutting of stainless steel involves the greatest exposure to Cr(VI).

Refer to the attached March 17, 2010 Federal Register for a detailed explanation of the revised employee exposure notification requirements for Cr(VI), or visit the OSHA website, http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_oshapdf/FED20100317.pdf.

Addressees are to ensure this Program Instruction is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.
5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Marsha Fitzhugh at (202) 693-3099 or fitzhugh.marsha@dol.gov, Kelley Clark at (202) 693-3089 or clark.kelley@dol.gov, or Heather Edmonds at (202) 693-3774 or edmonds.heather@dol.gov.

Attachment

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