

- The means to administer the plan must be specified.
- Responsible persons must be designated for procurement and handling of Material Safety Data Sheets, organizing training sessions, monitoring employee work practices, and annual revision of the CHP.

¹**Note:** The scope of the Formaldehyde standard (29 CFR 1910.1048) is not affected in most cases by the Laboratory standard. The Laboratory standard specifically does not apply to formaldehyde use in histology, pathology, and human or animal anatomy laboratories; however, if formaldehyde is used in other types of laboratories which are covered by the Laboratory standard, the employer must comply with 29 CFR 1910.1450.

Additional Information

The following OSHA Interpretations of the Laboratory standard provide additional information:

- Labeling Requirements under the HAZCOM and Laboratory standards; use of safe needle devices. (2001, January 11). Available at: www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=23781. Also, for labeling information, refer to the Laboratory Safety QuickCard.
- Coverage of various types of laboratories by the Laboratory standard. (1991, February 8). Available at: www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=20190.
- The Laboratory standard does not apply to a pharmacy operation mixing cytotoxic drugs. (1990, June 22). Available at: www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=20025.

OSHA's Safety and Health Topics Page entitled Laboratories, provides more detailed information about the Laboratory standard and is available at: www.osha.gov/SLTC/laboratories/index.html.

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