

determines that failure to label vinyl chloride containers or failure to post signs at entrances to regulated area exposes employees to the risk of serious injury or death, he shall cite the employer for a serious violation of the Act.

4. Action (29 CFR 1910.93q)

a. Inspections.

- (1) Any establishment, operation or material within the scope of the 1910.93q(a)(1)(2)(3) may be inspected. The guidelines of the OSHA Program Directive #200-18 are to be followed regarding inspection priorities.
- (2) Inspections will be conducted by only an OSHA or State Agreement Industrial Hygienist (CSHO).

b. Protective Equipment for the CSHO.

When a CSHO inspects a vinyl chloride or polyvinyl chloride facility he shall wear appropriate respiratory equipment if he suspects that he might be exposed to levels of vinyl chloride which are above the permissible exposure levels. In order to determine whether he might be exposed to such concentrations the CSHO should check the installation's monitoring records prior to the inspection. If, for any reason, the CSHO thinks he might be exposed to concentrations of vinyl chloride above the permissible exposure levels, despite the fact that the monitoring records do not reflect such exposure levels, the CSHO should wear the appropriate respirator (29 CFR 1910.93q(g)(1)).

c. Decontamination.

When appropriate, the instructions from the manufacturer may be used as guidelines for decontamination or deactivation of VC.

d. Monitoring for VC by the CSHO.

Personal breathing zone samples should be collected from employees where exposure to VC is likely. A low flow personal sampling pump shall be used to collect the samples on NIOSH approved charcoal tubes. Samples shall be collected in accordance with OSHA Sampling Data Sheet #7a for Vinyl Chloride (attached).

5. Effective Date

This directive is effective immediately and shall be retained until further notice.



John H. Stender
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Attachments

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