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To Plant Managers, Safety Directors

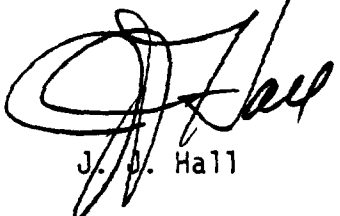
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Subject OSHA Generic Cancer Policy

The long-awaited OSHA Generic Cancer Policy is expected to be published in the Federal Register today. The policy provides model health standards so that OSHA can speed the process of regulating carcinogenic chemicals. Some of the changes recommended by industry have been incorporated into this final standard but it still will likely be challenged in court by both labor and industry.

A critical element is that OSHA still contends that there is no safe level of exposure to a carcinogen and therefore exposures must be controlled to the lowest feasible level. The final resolution will be important because it will not only be the basis for future OSHA standards but also will establish policy precedent for other regulatory agencies.



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