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CHAPTER IX
DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE
FOR AIR QUALITY AND NOISE STANDARDS

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration determines compliance for air quality (and noise) standards based upon one or more days full-shift time weighted average concentration measurements and professional judgement of the data and conditions that exist at the plant. The following conditions must be met before citations are issued against air quality standards 1910.1000 and 1910.1001 and noise standard 1910.95 as applicable.

1. An exposure to an employee must occur. This requires the use of personal sampling techniques.

2. For 8-hour exposures, the time weighted average concentration must be determined. Sampling devices that monitor full-shift exposures must operate for a minimum of 7 hours. This implies that the concentration is calculated, using the air volume sampled during the shift as long as the sampling time exceeds 7 hours. Spot samples must be taken throughout the work shift to represent at least 7 hours of exposure and to represent periods of exposure for time weighted average calculations. When the actual work shift exceeds 8 hours, an 8 hour time weighted average must be calculated using the results of a 7 or 8 hour sampling period. This value is compared to the standard for compliance determination.

3. Materials in Table Z-1 of standard 1910.1000 preceded by a "C" have maximum peak ceiling limits which are never to be exceeded to which an employee can be exposed. Generally a 15-minute sampling period should be applied to ceiling measurements (except for imminent danger situations where immediate escape from the atmosphere is necessary).

4. Materials in Table Z-2 of standard 1910.1000 have maximum peak ceiling limits plus ceiling limits with permissible exposure times. The maximum peak ceiling limits are, in effect, the ceiling limits with permissible exposure times. Generally a 15-minute period of samples are required to sample accurately. Exceptions are beryllium and formaldehyde which have 30 minute maximum duration limits for the acceptable ceiling concentrations. The other exceptions are imminent danger situations where immediate escape from the atmosphere is necessary.

5. The 8-hour time weighted average applies to any 8-hour shift of the work week.

6. The cumulative exposure computation formula must be and shall only be used for materials that have additive harmful effects on the human body. A complete list of contaminants having additive effects is shown in Figure 1.

7. A minimum one seven to eight-hour sample for full-shift assessment, several spot samples that represent on a time weighted average a full-shift assessment, or one 15-minute sample for a ceiling assessment are the basis of issuing a citation. The measurement(s) must exceed the allowable limits by the statistical factor for that method of measurement shown in Table 2. This concept is discussed in more detail below.

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8. All industrial hygiene samples must be collected and analyzed using OSHA standard methods.

9. The citation will not be issued on the results of the sampling alone. Professional judgement of the data and conditions must confirm the sampling results. The following are guidelines to be weighed.

(1) The CSHO (I.H.) past experience must indicate that the sampling results are consistent with observation of the worksite.

(2) The sampling results in the plant should correlate with each other. For example, does the occupation that is expected to be dusty have higher dust concentrations measured than those expected to be less dusty.

(3) The sampling results should reasonably correlate with previous measurements made by OSHA, the company, or labor, taking into account variations due to weather, production, breakdowns, etc.

10. Ventilation measurements should be consistent with sampling results and should indicate inadequate controls.

11. Swipe sampling results are used as a general indication of housekeeping, air quality and exposure. The results of swipe samples shall not be a quantitative measurement of compliance, but an indicator, such as an area air quality sample.

12. A representative number of employees with the highest exposure must be sampled. The area sampling should be sufficient to define the environment, the unit operation or unit process under investigation for identification of sources.

13. Although it is not essential that the CSHO and I.H. continuously observe each employee being monitored, the CSHO and I.H. must account for each employee's movements and duties in each area of the plant. The CSHO and I.H. shall remain at the workplaces while the samples are being collected. Areas in which personnel that are being monitored work must be surveyed during the walkaround and representative area samples collected.

14. Each personal exposure sampling device must be checked at least every two hours. Employee movements, job descriptions while working in each area (including the time the employee works out of sight) and checks on equipment shall be written in the inspection notes.

15. As a rough guide, one industrial hygienist should be able to collect at least 5 full-shift personnel samples and 5 full-shift area samples per day.

16. The factors to be applied to full-shift time weighted average concentrations have been developed because legal considerations require a degree of certainty that the standard is violated when a citation is issued. A citation shall not be issued unless the permissible levels are exceeded by the factor listed in Table 2 based upon a single day's sampling results.

The employee must also be protected. Therefore, the factor can be applied to the allowable limits to determine a lower limit. Measurements below the limit indicate with certainty that overexposure did not occur.

17. If measurements fall in the range between the lower limit and upper limit where no decision regarding compliance can be made, additional samples shall be collected until a decision can be reached.

When inconsistencies exist in the data as evaluated in 9 and 10, additional samples shall be collected until a decision can be reached.

No more than five replicate samples should be taken of any time weighted average measurement.

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Table 2 Factors to ensure the allowable measurement

Total Dust-Gravimetric
Metal Dust and Metal
Respirable Silica
Charcoal Tube (8-hr)
Noise (Dosimeter)
Impinger or Bubble
Detector Tube (8-hr)
Detector Tube (Ceiling)

Note: Detector Tube unless special allowance

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Table 2 Factors to be applied to full-shift time weighted average concentrations to ensure the allowable limits have been exceeded.

<i>Measurement</i>	<i>Factor</i>
Total Dust-Gravimetric	1.10
Metal Dust and Metal Fume	1.15
Respirable Silica Dust	1.25
Charcoal Tube (8-hour TWA)	1.15
Noise (Dosimeter)	1.30
Impinger or Bubbler (8-hour TWA)	1.15
Detector Tube (8-hour TWA)	1.30
Detector Tube (Ceiling)	1.30

Note: Detector tubes are not to be used for compliance with 8-hour exposure unless special allowances are made by the National Office.

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5-ABOVE 3PEL5-AT CURRENT
75% PEL OF
10 PPM3-UP TO 3PEL
5-ABOVE 3PEL

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15	0175 AMMONIUM CHLORIDE	S	NONE	NONE	A -	10	MILD IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT	0
15	0195 AMMONIUM SULFAMATE	S	-	15	A -	10	MILD IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT	0
14	0190 n-BUTYL ACETATE	L	100	525	100	525	MODERATE IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
14	0191 n-BUTYL ACETATE-SEC	L	125	650	125	650	MODERATE IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
12	0220 ANILINE - SKIN	L	5	19	5	19	HEMOLYMOBLIN FORMATION/ACUTE TOXIC (SYSTEMIC) EFFECTS	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
3	0225 ANISIDINE 10:P - ISOMERS)	L	-	0.5	-	0.5	HEMOLYMOBLIN FORMATION/CUMULATIVE TOXICITY	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
3	0230 ANTIMONY & COMPOUNDS (AS SB)	S	-	0.5	P MODEL, 5, PROO .05	CUMULATIVE LIVER AND HEART DAMAGE	5	
3	0235 ANTU (ALPHA NAPHTHYL THIOUREA)	S	-	0.3	-	0.3	CUMULATIVE ENDOCRINE (THYROID AND ADRENAL) DAMAGE	5
14	0240 ANSON	G	NONE	NONE	A F	-	SIMPLE ASPHYXIATION	0-IF OXYGEN IS GREATER THAN 10% BY VOL
2	0240 ARSENIC & COMPOUNDS (AS AS)	S	-	0.5	P MODEL, 25, PROO .05	CUMULATIVE SYSTEMIC POISON/SUSPECT CARCINOGEN	5	
4	0270 APTINE	G	0.05	0.2	0.05	0.2	ACUTE SYSTEMIC TOXICITY	5
1	0420 ASBESTOS (ALL FORMS)	S	STD 1910, 1901	2	FIBERS/CC	ASBESTOSIS/CANCER	5	
2	0290 ASPHALT (PETROLEUM) FUMES	FUM	NONE	NONE	A -	5	GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICE/SUSPECT CARCINOGEN	5
5	0300 AZIMPHOS METHYL-SKIN	S	-	0.2	-	0.2	CHOLINESTERASE INHIBITION	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
3	0310 BARIUM (SOLUBLE COMPOUNDS)	S	-	0.5	-	0.5	CUMULATIVE HEART, LUNG, & SPIN DAMAGE	5
5	0320 BAYCON (PROPYLENE)	S	NONE	NONE	A -	0.5	CHOLINESTERASE INHIBITION	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
2	0320 BENZENE - SKIN	L	10	30	100	30	CUMULATIVE BONE MARROW DAMAGE/SUSPECT LEUKEMOGEN	5
1	0330 BENZIDINE - SKIN	S	STD 1910, 1910	10	A	10	CANCER OF BLADDER	5
2	0335 BENZYL PEROXIDE	S	-	5	-	5	MODERATE IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT/SUSPECT CARCINOGEN	5
2	0340 BENZYL CHLORIDE	L	1	5	1	5	HARMED IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT/SUSPECT CARCINOGEN	5
2	0360 BERYLLIUM AND COMPOUNDS	S	-	0.002	-	0.002	CUMULATIVE LUNG DAMAGE (PNEUMOSIS)/SUSPECT CARCINOGEN	5
1	0180 BETA-NAPHTHYL AMINE	S	STD 1910, 1909	10	A10	-	CANCER-BLADDER	5
1	0210 BETA-PROPIOLACTONE	L	STD 1910, 1913	10	A 2	-	ACUTE SYSTEMIC TOXICITY (HIGH)/CANCER	5
14	1011 BIPHENYL (DIPHENYL)	S	0.2	1	0.2	1	MODERATE IRRITATION - EYE, NOSE, THROAT, LUNGS	0-UP TO 3PEL 5-ABOVE 3PEL
1	0260 BIS-CHLOROMETHYL ETHER	L	STD 1910, 1908	10	A1A	-	CANCER (LUNG)	5
17	0370 BISMUTH TELLURIDE	S	NONE	NONE	A -	10	HEAVY PARTICULATE (ACCUMULATION IN LUNGS)	0