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Overview of OSHA's Deregulatory Initiative

On July 1, 2025, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) **announced** a comprehensive deregulatory initiative, proposing to eliminate or revise numerous workplace safety and health regulations deemed outdated, duplicative, or unnecessarily inflexible. The proposals are likely in response to the April Request for Information soliciting ideas for



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FFRs and loose-fitting PAPRs is lacking, citing lack of epidemiological evidence that medical evaluations prevent adverse health outcomes for users of FFRs and PAPRs. All other provisions of the Respiratory Protection Standard, including hazard assessment, respirator selection, fit testing, training, and maintenance, would remain in effect. Additional changes to respirator

requirements are also proposed within multiple substance-specific standards including lead, asbestos, benzene, formaldehyde, and others.



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Outlook

OSHA's proposed deregulatory actions represent a significant shift in federal workplace safety



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