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OSHA Standards Adopted for Maine Public Sector

- Maine has adopted the 1998 OSHA standards for public sector general industry (29 CFR 1910) and construction (29 CFR 1926).
- The State has also adopted the 1998 Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134) with these four amendments:

1. (e)(7)(v)
Periodic medical evaluations will be conducted as follows: The medical evaluation will include questions 1-15, Part A section II..Any "yes" answers to these questions require a medical follow-up. Part B of the medical questionnaire is optional at the discretion of the PLHCP.

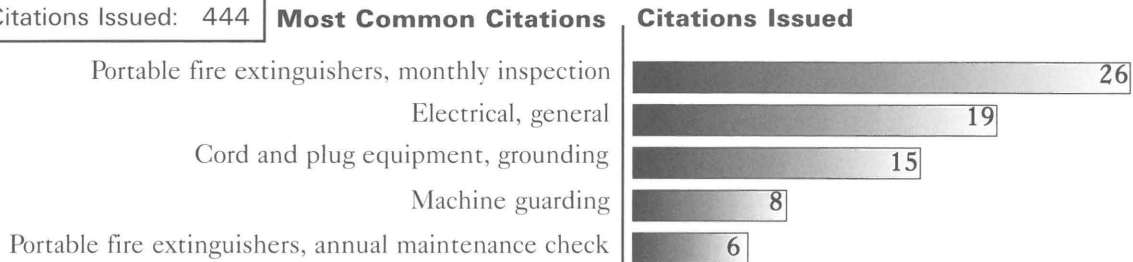
(PLHCP=Physician or Other Licensed Health Care Professional)
2. (e)(7)(vi)
Periodic medical evaluation shall be administered according the following schedule:
Employees: up through 35 years of age - at least every 5 years
36 to 40 years of age - at least every 2 years
Over 40 years old - at least annually
3. (e)(7)(vii)
The employer, at the written request of the employee, shall forward a copy of the written recommendation of the PLHCP to another employer. Employers are NOT required to accept the transfer medical evaluation.
4. (h)(2)(ii)(B)
Stored in compartments or in covers that are clearly marked as containing emergency respirators; if the respiratory protection program indicates the location of the respirators in or on emergency vehicles, the compartments do not need to be identified, and

OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (without the Maine public sector amendments) can be found on the OSHA web page at www.osha.gov.

A guidance document for the Respiratory Protection Standard for Maine public sector (including amendments) will be available soon. For a copy, call the Bureau of Labor Standards at 624-6400 after September 15, 1999.

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