

On February 5, 2024, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced an update of an existing standard in the federal register. This new standard retitles and significantly updates 29 CFR 1910.156 from Fire Brigades to Emergency Response. The original deadline for public comment was extended until **July 22, 2024(EST)**.

Background

At the federal level, OSHA determined that emergency response workers in America face considerable occupational health and safety hazards in dynamic and unpredictable work environments. Additionally, current standards do not address the full range of hazards faced by emergency responders, lag behind changes in protective equipment performance and industry practices, conflict with national and industry consensus standards, and are not aligned with many current emergency response guidelines provided by other federal agencies (e.g., DHS/FEMA).

About the Rule

To address these considerations the proposal retitles OSHA's existing Fire Brigades standard, 29 CFR 1910.156, and significantly expands the scope to encompass nearly every facet of emergency response. The following link connects you to the current proposal-

[2024-02-05.pdf \(osha.gov\)](#)

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