



OSHA’s National Emphasis Program on Amputations Targets Manufacturers

OSHA recently released an updated National Emphasis Program (NEP) to **focus enforcement efforts on amputation hazards in manufacturing industries**. It replaces the previous NEP, released in August 2015, which had expired on September 30, 2019. The new NEP will expire on December 10, 2024.

Manufacturing companies are already responsible for ensuring that production equipment is properly safeguarded to prevent worker amputations and other injuries.

The directive instructs OSHA compliance officers to evaluate employee exposure during setup, regular operation of the machine, clearing jams or upset conditions, making adjustments while the machine is operating, cleaning of the machine, oiling or greasing of the machine or machine pans, scheduled/unscheduled maintenance, and locking out and/or tagging out. Inspections will pay “particular attention to employee exposure to nip points, pinch points, shear points, cutting actions, and other points of operation.”

One other change of note is that Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) status will no longer exempt an employer’s worksite from a NEP inspection.

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Key Data:

The NEP lists 75 NAICS code industries (including many manufacturing) and can be found in Appendix B of the compliance directive (CPL 03-00-022). Like before, OSHA will continue to select for inspection those industries that have received OSHA citations under the lockout/tagout standard (1910.147) and machine guarding standards (1910.212, 1910.213, 1910.217 and 1910.219).

OSHA will also pull from industries with high Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) incidence rates for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work, and NAICS codes with 50 or more amputations per year. The revised NEP notes that OSHA will now also select industries based on employer-reported amputations.

What’s important it to ensure that all of your machinery is guarded appropriately, you are conducting and documenting annual audits of your Lockout/Tagout Program and procedures, your OSHA 300 logs are current and accurate, your written programs are up-to-date, your training is properly documented, and you know what to do if OSHA shows up at your door.