

Revised! – OSHA’s Beryllium Standard (29 CFR 1910.1024) for General Industry

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The [final rule](#) for 29 CFR 1910.1024 seeks to clarify certain provisions and simplify or improve compliance. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) notes the revisions do not impose any new employer obligations or increase the cost of compliance. The majority of the revisions came as a result of public comment to OSHA’s December 11, 2018, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The table summarizes the key changes:

Paragraph of Standard	Summary of Change
1910.1024(b), Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition for <i>beryllium sensitization</i> Modifies definition for: <i>beryllium work area</i>, <i>CBD diagnostic center</i>, <i>chronic beryllium disease (CBD)</i>, <i>confirmed positive</i>, <i>dermal contact with beryllium</i>
1910.1024(f), Methods of Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes “preventing” from text in (f)(1)(i)(D) Replaced “airborne exposure to or dermal contact with beryllium,” in (f)(1)(ii)(B) to “exposure to beryllium”
1910.1024(h), Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes requirement to remove beryllium-contaminated personal protective equipment (PPE) at the end of the work shift, to: “at the completion of all tasks involving beryllium” in (h)(2)(i) Changes wording “airborne exposure to and dermal contact with beryllium” to “exposure to beryllium” in (h)(3)(iii)
1910.1024(i), Hygiene Areas and Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies in paragraph (i)(1) that employees who have dermal contact with beryllium, “wash any exposed skin at specific designated times” Adds language in paragraph (i)(2) to clarify when an employer needs to provide a designated change room; Modifies paragraph (i)(4) to require PPE is cleaned to be “as free as practicable” of beryllium before entering an eating or drinking area
1910.1024(j)(3), Disposal, recycling, and reuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds clarification for the transfer, disposal, and recycling of materials containing at least 0.1 percent beryllium by weight or contaminated with beryllium

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1910.1024(k), Medical Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes 13 changes to medical surveillance requirements to ensure employees receive examinations in a timely manner, at an authorized location, and are provided a copy of the written medical opinion
1910.1024(m), Communication of Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes warning label requirement from “each bag and container” to “each immediate” container in paragraph (m)(3) Clarifies exposure to include “airborne exposure to and dermal contact” with beryllium in paragraphs (m)(4)(ii)(A) and (m)(4)(ii)(E)
1910.1024(n), Recordkeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the requirement for recording employee social number for exposure monitoring and training
1910.1024, Appendix A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renamed the Appendix to “Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas,” replacing “Control Strategies to Minimize Beryllium Exposure”

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