

**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

Program Directive A-50
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SUBJECT: Metal Waste Cans

AFFECTED STANDARDS/

DIRECTIVES: 1910.106(h)(8)(iii) and 437-002-0107(4)(d)(A)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this directive is to give guidance on citing for the use of approved nonmetallic waste cans, where the Oregon OSHA rule requires a metal waste can.

BACKGROUND:

- A. 437-002-0107(4)(d)(A) requires an approved metal waste can. Presently, there are approved non-metallic waste cans on the market. 1910.106(h)(8)(iii) requires only a metal waste can.
- B. It is not the intent of Oregon OSHA to discriminate or restrict employers from using new materials or products providing the products are approved or listed by nationally recognized testing laboratories for the particular use or exposure at the worksite.

ACTION: If the employer is found using an approved nonmetallic waste can that:

- A. Is approved for its particular use or exposure at the worksite by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and,
- B. The non-metallic waste can is in violation of an Oregon OSHA rule requiring a metal waste can; then the violation is considered minimal.

Note: A non-metallic container may be approved for the temporary indoor storage of Class A combustible waste that is free of grease, oil, solvents, or other flammable liquids, and not be approved for the temporary storage of oil or solvent-soaked waste.

EFFECTIVE

DATE: This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

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