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**Oregon OSHA - Adopted Changes**

**Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium**

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Oregon OSHA adopted these changes into general industry, construction, agriculture, and maritime.

The proposed amendments to the permissible limit for airborne concentrations of respirable silica **were not adopted** in this rulemaking.

This is OR-OSHA Administrative Order 6-2006, **adopted and effective August 30, 2006**.

Please visit OR-OSHA’s web site: [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org) for proposed, adopted, and final rules, as well as current publications, training opportunities, and much more.

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RULE CAPTION

Adoption of Federal OSHA’s standard on Hexavalent Chromium in General Industry, Construction, Agriculture, and Maritime.
Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency’s intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

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