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Oregon OSHA – Adopted federal OSHA amendments:
Occupational Exposure to Beryllium
in General Industry,
Construction, and Maritime.

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Oregon OSHA also updated the air contaminants rules for general industry and construction, OAR 437-002-0382 and 437-003-1000, to reflect the new beryllium rules.

Two public hearings were held during June of 2017. Oregon OSHA did not receive any comments at these hearings. We received one written comment in support of this rulemaking.

This is Oregon OSHA Administrative Order 3-2017, adopted July 7, 2017 and effective March 12, 2018.

Note: OAR 437-002-2025, Definitions, was re-filed on July 31, 2017 in order to correct an error in our definition of Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) within this specific rule. Originally, this rule was filed with an incorrect definition of PEL as being 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. This was corrected to the accurate PEL of 0.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. This re-filing did not effect any other rules and did not change the effective dates of these rules.

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RULE CAPTION

Adopt federal OSHA Amendments: Occupational Exposure to Beryllium in General Industry, Construction, and Maritime.

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RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:
437-002-2024, 437-002-2025, 437-002-2026, 437-002-2027, 437-002-2028, 437-002-2029, 437-002-2030, 437-002-2031, 437-002-2032, 437-002-2033, 437-002-2034, 437-002-2035, 437-002-2036, 437-002-2037, 437-002-2038

AMEND:
437-002-0382, 437-003-1000, 437-005-0001

REPEAL:

RENUMBER:

AMEND AND RENUMBER:

Statutory Authority:
ORS 654.025(2), 656.726(4)

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:
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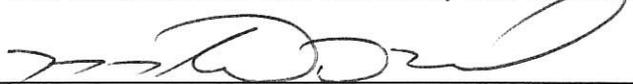
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