

Memorandum

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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF, Structure Construction
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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Subject: PROTECTION FROM EXPOSURE TO RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA TRAINING

This directive announces new training for construction field staff to avoid overexposure (exposure above the action level or permissible level) to respirable crystalline silica on projects within the state right-of-way. This training provides information about health issues related to silica, the construction operations that expose employees to silica, and the methods to prevent overexposure.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration lowered the permissible exposure level and introduced a new action level. Enforcement of the standard is to begin September 23, 2017. To comply with the U.S. standard, the California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety & Health adopted the changes, effective the same date.

Sign up for this training by submitting a training request in Staff Central for this course by following the instructions at:

<https://construction.onramp.dot.ca.gov/protection-respirable-crystalline-silica>

Construction field staff need to complete this job-related training before September 23, 2017. In addition, it is recommended that construction field staff take the Respirable Crystalline Silica training every 2 years as a refresher.

The Respirable Crystalline Silica training takes approximately 1 hour to complete and training time should be charged to:

Unit: Your unit
Project: Your Overhead ID
Phase: N
Reporting Code: G101900
Activity: 059

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Samir Ead, Division of Construction, at samir.ead@dot.ca.gov or 916-654-4580.