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Federal OSHA Moves Forward with Proposed Standards but Abandons Others

The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has been impacted by the current White House Administration's mandate to slow down the regulatory process as evidenced in the latest [Regulatory Agenda](#). This list of proposed standards contains "Prerule", "Proposed Rule" and "Final Rule" actions including several standards that would affect the sheet metal and HVAC industry. Standards that are currently planned to move forward are Powered Industrial Trucks (forklifts), Crane Operator Qualification (clarification), and [Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses](#) (the requirement to report electronically – postponed enforcement to December 1, 2017).

Standards on the "[Long Term Action](#)" list are those items under development but for which the agency does not expect to have a regulatory action within the next 12 months. This list now includes standards for adding a column to the OSHA 300 log for musculoskeletal illnesses, infectious diseases, and emergency response and preparedness.

Included in these recent actions are several high profile proposed standards that have been withdrawn from consideration or review and now show up on the "[Completed Actions](#)" regulatory list. That list includes combustible dust, noise in construction, revocation of obsolete permissible exposure limits (PELs), and the controversial standard to require written injury and illness prevention programs for all employers.

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