

Section 01 01 00A
OSHA Requirements and Safety and Health Regulations

PART 1 - OSHA REQUIREMENTS

1.1 GENERAL

- A. This specification shall serve as a supplement to 01010 'General Requirements'.
- B. Contractors are required to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. This will include the safety and health standard found in CFR 1910 and 1926. Copies of those standards can be acquired from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20420
- C. In addition, Contractor will be required to comply with other applicable Medical Center policies and safety regulations. These policies and regulations will be presented to the Contractor at the pre-construction meeting. Each of the Contractor's employees will be required to read the statement of policies and regulations and sign an acknowledgment that such policies and regulations are understood. Signed acknowledgment will be returned to the COR.
- D. Contractors involved with the removal, alteration, or disturbance of asbestos type insulation or materials will be required to comply strictly with the regulations found in CFR 1910.1001 and the appropriate EPA regulations regarding disposal of asbestos. Assistance in identifying asbestos can be requested from the Medical Center's Industrial Hygienist and the COR.
- E. Contractors entering locations of asbestos contamination (i.e. pipe basements) shall be responsible for providing respiratory protection to their employees and ensuring respirators are worn in accordance with OSHA (CFR 1910.1001 (g)). Asbestos contaminated areas may be defined on project drawings, although some unknown asbestos containing materials may exist. All contract workers on-site must be trained in asbestos building material recognition. The minimum equipment requirements will be a half-mask air-purifying respirator equipped with high efficiency filters and disposable coveralls.
- F. Contractor, along with other submittals, and at least two weeks prior to bringing any materials on-site, must submit a complete list of chemicals the Contractor will use and MSDS for all hazardous materials as defined in OSHA 1910.1200 (d) Hazard Determination. Contracting Officer shall have final approval of all materials brought on site.
- G. The contractor will be held solely responsible for the safety and health of their employees. The contractor will also be held responsible to

protect the health and safety of the VA Community (patients, staff, and visitors) from the unwanted effects of construction. VA staff will monitor the contractor's performance in complying with all safety and health aspects of the project. Additionally, sensitive computer and phone equipment, and other government property must be protected from dust and other construction hazards at all times. Severe or constant violations may result in an immediate work stoppage or request for a Compliance Officer from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. {NOTE: Contractor is responsible for conducting daily site safety inspections and maintaining documentation of such inspections and actions taken to abate deficiencies and unsafe conditions as required by the contractor or at the request of the CO/COR. The Contractor shall be provided the appropriate inspection form by the CO or COR

During all phases of demolition, construction and alterations, Contractors are required to understand and strictly follow NFPA 241 "Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration and Demolition Operations". The Medical Center's Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, Industrial Hygienist and Fire Department will closely monitor the work area for compliance. Appropriate action will be taken for non-compliance

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