



Diesel Exhaust/Diesel Particulate Matter



Diesel powered equipment is used throughout the construction industry. Some examples include forklifts, vehicles, portable generators, backhoes or similar equipment, and compressors. Unfortunately, the exhaust from this equipment produces soot particles and gases including carbon monoxide that are harmful to employees. It is particularly dangerous when used in areas where there is little ventilation. Some health effects include headaches, dizziness, and eye irritation. Prolonged exposure can cause respiratory problems. Administrative and engineering controls should be implemented to control employee exposures. For additional information OSHA has generated a “Hazard Alert” for diesel exhaust which can be found at either of the following links:

⇒ https://www.osha.gov/dts/hazardalerts/diesel_exhaust_hazard_alert.html

⇒ <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA-3590.pdf>

If you require further assistance or have any questions please contact your Safety Specialist at Old Republic Contractors Insurance Group.

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