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KENTUCKY OSH PROGRAM INSTRUCTION 01-2023 May 31, 2023

STANDARD

29 CFR 1904.41 as adopted by 803 KAR 2:181

SUBJECT

Electronic submission of Employer Identification Number (EIN) and injury and illness records to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA")

PURPOSE

This INSTRUCTION contains policies and procedures for the implementation of a Local Emphasis Program (LEP) to inspect employers who failed to electronically submit their EINs and/or injury and illness data to OSHA.

SCOPE

This INSTRUCTION applies to all employers subject to KRS 338 jurisdiction and required to maintain injury and illness records and electronically submit the data.

INSTRUCTION

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Compliance utilizes this INSTRUCTION when assessing employers who failed to electronically submit their EINs and/or injury and illness data to OSHA.

POLICY

OSHA's Office of Statistical Analysis provides a database of suspected employers who failed to electronically submit EIN and/or injury and illness data. Inspections are selected using a random numbers table or some other objective method. Kentucky OSH schedules inspections as resources allow.

During the opening conference, the compliance officer verifies assignment information accuracy and asks to speak with the individual responsible for maintaining injury and illness records.

The compliance officer obtains the EIN, collects, and reviews the injury and illness records for the calendar year preceding the inspection. Failure to maintain required injury and illness records are cited accordingly.

For purposes of this LEP:



- Inspections regarding electronic submission are "records only."
- Kentucky OSH enforces submission of EIN and/or injury and illness records for the prior calendar year.

Kentucky OSH issues appropriate citations until September 2 for failure to electronically submit EIN and/or injury and illness data. Kentucky OSH also issues appropriate citations for failure to maintain and/or provide required injury and illness records independent of this LEP.

If an employer fails to electronically submit the records required by 29 CFR Part 1904 to www.osha.gov, even if there are no injuries or illnesses, Kentucky OSH issues an other than serious citation with a gravity-based penalty of \$3,500 up to \$7,000.

BACKGROUND

Kentucky OSH previously implemented INSTRUCTION 01-2021 and INSTRUCTION 01-2022, both related to electronically submission of EIN and/or injury and illness data. This INSTRUCTION updates the LEP and cancels the aforementioned instructions.

RECORDING

In the Inspection Form, under Inspection Type, select "ITA-EIN" from the LEP drop down menu. Inspections conducted pursuant to this LEP are recorded as programmed inspections.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Division of OSH Education and Training offers cost free injury and illness recordkeeping and reporting resources and training to employers and employees. Information is posted at www.kysafe.ky.gov.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This INSTRUCTION is effective immediately and remains in effect until cancelled or superseded.

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