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OSHA Electronic Reporting

On October 5, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) submitted a draft final rule for OSHA's "Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). OIRA, part of the president's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), is required to review all draft and final standards as well as all regulatory actions before implementation. While OIRA has 90 days to conduct its review, in most cases the review takes less time. In other circumstances, however, the agency may seek to extend the review period.

The original rule OSHA proposed in November 2013 would require large employers (more than 250 employees) to electronically report injury and illness recordkeeping data to OSHA on a quarterly basis — including employer, location and incident-specific information. Furthermore, the proposed rule outlined plans to create a searchable website where OSHA would make employers' data publicly available. OSHA states in the preamble to the original rule that making the information public will provide employees, potential employees, consumers, labor organizations, businesses and other members of the public with important information about companies' workplace safety records.

The fact that OSHA has sent a draft final rule to OIRA is a strong indicator that OSHA anticipates issuing the final rule in the near future — OIRA review is the last hurdle in the federal rulemaking process and once it is completed, OSHA will be able to publish the final rule in the Federal Register. According to the recently published 2015 Fall Regulatory Agenda the final rule is scheduled for publication in March 2016. However, as those who are familiar with the regulatory process know, this date is not set in stone and publication of the rule could occur either earlier or later in 2016.



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