

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
Division of Labor  
Office of Occupational Safety and Health  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**OSH Program Directive Number 78-1910.178-4**

**Subject:** Article VI, Section 1910.178 (g) (2); Battery Charging Stations for Fork Lifts and Other Industrial Trucks.

**Standard:** Article VI, Section 1910.178 (g) (2), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1910.178 (g) (2).

**Background:** The purpose of this directive is to clarify the subject standard as it applies to “battery charging” areas where power industrial truck batteries are charged only.

**Interpretation:** “Battery Charging” areas where power industrial truck batteries are charged only-no maintenance is performed, batteries are not removed from the trucks and no electrolyte is present in the area-are not subject to the requirement of Article VI, Section 1910.178 (g) (2). The charging areas shall be in compliance with Article VI, Section 1910.178 (g) (1), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12). Personal protective equipment shall be used when and where required.

**Effective Date:** This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

William M. Lybrand, Director  
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