

OSH INFORMATION MEMORANDUM: 80-X-39

TO: All OSH Directors, Supervisors, and Field Personnel

FROM: William M. Lybrand, Director of OSH

SUBJECT: Citing of Article VI, Section 1910.151(c) in Vehicle Maintenance Shops and Garages and Service Stations

DATE: February 12, 1980

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the citing of Article VI, Section 1910.151(c) in vehicle maintenance shops and garages and service stations.

Background

There has been confusion as to when both eye washes and showers are required under Section 1910.151(c) in the above referred type facilities. The standard states: "Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use". This standard does not indicate under what conditions both an eyewash and shower or just an eyewash may be sufficient to comply with the standard.

Interpretation

- a. Where required personal protective equipment (see note below) is used and only electrolyte acid is being added to batteries, then only an eye wash is required at the battery filling station.

NOTE: Personal protective equipment such as elbow length gloves, face shields, and aprons, is required where injurious corrosive materials are used in the referred type facilities.

- b. Where other injurious corrosive materials, such as but not limited to, alkali solution in a steam jenny, both an eyewash and shower are required.
- c. When materials are encountered that are suspected of being a corrosive type, contact the Assistant Director/Standards for further assistance.

Effective Date

This memorandum is effective immediately and supersedes any other memorandum or directive on this particular subject.

