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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### 29 CFR Part 1910

[Docket No.OSH-2011-0183]

RIN No. 1218-AC64

#### Revising Standards Referenced in the Acetylene Standard

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** With this document, OSHA is withdrawing the proposed rule that accompanied its direct-final rule revising the Acetylene Standard for general industry.

**DATES:** Effective [INSERT THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], the proposed rule published December 5, 2011 (76 FR 75840), is withdrawn.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** *General information and press inquiries:* Contact Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 5, 2011, OSHA published a direct-final rule to update the incorporated references in its Acetylene Standard for general industry at 29 CFR 1910.102 (76 FR 75782). OSHA also published a companion proposed rule along with the direct-final rule (76 FR 75840). In the direct-final rule, OSHA stated that it would withdraw the companion proposed rule and confirm the effective date of the direct-final rule if it received no significant adverse comments on the direct-final rule by January 4, 2012. OSHA received one comment on the direct-final rule by that date, which it determined was not a significant adverse comment. OSHA is publishing a notice announcing this determination and confirming the effective date of the direct-final rule as March 5, 2012. Accordingly, OSHA is not proceeding with the proposed rule, and is withdrawing it from the rulemaking process.

**List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1910**

Acetylene, General industry, Occupational safety and health, Safety.

**Authority and Signature**

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Signed at Washington, DC on March 2, 2012.

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