

BSEE Permits, Approvals, and Process Alternatives

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

1. Overview of U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration Programs

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) develops and enforces regulatory standards for occupational health and safety applicable to a variety of industries and workplaces including certain offshore operations. OSHA occupational safety and health regulations are under 29 CFR 1910. According to 29 CFR 1910.5(b) OSHA does not have jurisdiction over occupational safety and health in areas in which another federal agency has jurisdiction and has established and enforces their own standards applicable to occupational safety and health. OSHA has established memoranda of agreement with the Coast Guard and other federal agencies describing the jurisdictional boundaries between OSHA and the various federal agencies that also regulate occupational safety and health.

OSHA does not receive license applications from applicants and does not issue licenses to applicants for specific occupational activities regulated under 29 CFR 1910. According to 29 CFR 1910.5(c)(1) OSHA develops and enforces occupational health and safety standards that are “specifically applicable to a condition, practice, means, method, operation, or process” as well as establishing and enforcing “general standards” that apply to a broader scope of activities. Such conditions, practices, etc. are subject to the applicable OSHA standards regardless of whether they are identified to the agency. OSHA conducts inspections of workplaces to assess compliance with OSHA standards, and OSHA regulations establish various reporting requirements for employers, e.g., requirements for employers to report data on workplace injuries and illnesses to the agency.

Statutes and regulations relevant to occupational safety and health include:

- *Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1593)*
- *29 CFR 1910 Occupational Safety and Health Regulations*

1.1. Alternatives to BSEE Permits, Approvals, and Processes

No relevant alternatives potentially applicable to BSEE permitting programs were identified with respect to OSHA occupational safety and health regulations under 29 CFR 1910. OSHA’s work practices with respect to 29 CFR 1910 regulations including developing and implementing standards through agency rulemaking processes, collecting certain types of workplace data, and enforcing standards through facility inspections and other means. As OSHA does not administer licensing programs under 29 CFR 1910, OSHA’s work practices do not have a direct correlation to the BSEE permitting program work practices that are within the scope of this assessment.