

# Vermont Lineworker Safety Program

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VOSHA + 29 CFR 1910.269 / 1926.950-960

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## VERMONT-SPECIFIC LINEWORKER REQUIREMENTS

**Vermont (VOSHA) operates a state plan. The following requirements apply to lineworker and electrical utility operations in Vermont.**

- written safety program required

*Title 21 V.S.A. Chapter 3*

- unique lineworker safety standard (electrical utility workers)

*VOSHA standards*

- safety committees required for high-hazard workplaces

*Title 21 V.S.A. Chapter 3*

- more stringent Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) than federal OSHA

*VOSHA standards*

- high-hazard workplaces

*Title 21 V.S.A. Chapter 3*

- fiberboard box (4G) or fiber drum (1G) with plastic inner packaging not exceeding 5 kg (11 lbs) and maximum net mass not more than 25 kg (55 lbs)
- a diagrammatic sketch of the mechanical installation along with a detailed explanation of the flow, procedures and frequency of well tests, calibration/proving of metering devices and allocation formula
- third physician to conduct examinations, consultations, laboratory tests and discussions with prior physicians as necessary to resolve disagreement
- a list of interested parties (those with interests in the leases and/or units from which production is to be commingled for which the applicant has no existing commingling authority)
- the overall status of implementation of the provisions of this Part relating to the identification, inventory, and removal of underwater obstructions
- lineworker safety compliance
- unique Lineworker Safety standard - specific to electric utility line workers; no federal equivalent

*OSHA Vermont State Plan page*

- Vermont VOSHA - Unique Lineworker Standard
- must be repeated at intervals of not greater than one year
- to warn persons that the conveyor will be started when the entire length of the conveyor is not visible from the starting switch
- with reasonable promptness after the inspection is completed
- by certified mail to the employer or delivered to him or her personally
- weekly by a person qualified under § 75.1915
- 3.184 under any valid loading configuration
- a first purchaser or by an operator filing a complaint
- respirable crystalline silica dust
- the temperature of the refrigerant used, as well as the temperatures and pressures of transport by aircraft if refrigeration were lost
- 11 kg (24 pounds)
- respirable crystalline silica exceeding 250 mppcf formula limit
- inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust

- medical and work history emphasizing past, present, and anticipated exposure to respirable crystalline silica, dust, and other agents affecting the respiratory system

*29 CFR 1910.1053(h)*

- accelerated silicosis with rapid severe course
- A general term including material, fittings, devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus, and the like, used as a part of, or in connection with, an electrical installation

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## FEDERAL BASELINE (1910.269 / 1926.950-960)

- electric power generation, transmission, and distribution including line-clearance tree trimming

29 CFR 1910.269(a)

- chlorine and hydrogen systems at an electric power generating station

29 CFR 1910.269(a)(1)(i)(B)(3)

- work on, or directly associated with, the installations covered in paragraphs (a)(1)(i)(A) through (a)(1)(i)(C)

29 CFR 1910.269(a)(1)(i)(D)

- flame-resistant clothing for employees exposed to electric arc hazards

29 CFR 1910.269(g)(5)

- construction work, as defined in Section 1910.12

29 CFR 1910.269(a)(1)(ii)(A)

- The processing, fabrication or refining of special nuclear material or the separation of special nuclear material, or the separation of special nuclear material from other substances by a prime contractor
- Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division
- assisting or participating in, or is about to assist or participate in, these activities
- upon considering and balancing specified environmental and public interest factors
- there is present any other material circumstance not considered when the regulation was adopted for which it would be in the public interest to grant an exemption

## VERMONT WINTER LINE WORK

- Vermont experiences severe winter conditions affecting line work: ice storms, heavy snow loads, extreme cold
- Ice storm response: de-energize lines before tree/branch removal when possible
- Cold stress protection: warm-up breaks, heated vehicles, appropriate layering
- Driving conditions: 4WD vehicles, chains, and winter emergency kits for remote line work
- Reduced daylight: adequate illumination for all line work during shortened winter days
- Pole integrity: ice and frost heaving can compromise pole foundations. Inspect before climbing.

## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (LINE CLEARANCE)

- Vermont Public Utility Commission regulates utility vegetation management
- Line clearance tree trimmers: trained per 1910.269 and ANSI Z133
- Minimum approach distances: per 1926.960 Table V-2
- Coordination with Vermont utilities: Green Mountain Power, Vermont Electric Coop, etc.
- Environmental considerations: state and municipal tree ordinances, Act 250 environmental review