

## PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

Program Directive A-50  
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**SUBJECT:** Metal Waste Cans

**AFFECTED CODES/**

**DIRECTIVES:** OAR 437-02-1910.106(h)(8)(iii), 1910.107(g)(3) and 1910.108(f)(2)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this directive is to give guidance on citing for the use of approved nonmetallic waste cans, where the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA) rule requires a metal waste can.

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. 1910.107(g)(3) and 1910.108(f)(2) require approved metal waste cans. Presently, there are approved non-metallic waste cans on the market. 1910.106(h)(8)(iii) requires only a metal waste can.
- B. It is not the intent of OR-OSHA to discriminate or restrict employers from using new materials or products providing the products are approved or listed by nationally recognized testing laboratories for the particular use or exposure at the worksite.

**ACTION:** If the employer is found using an approved nonmetallic waste can that:

- A. is approved for its particular use or exposure at the worksite by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and,
- B. the non-metallic waste can is in violation of an OR-OSHA Rule requiring a metal waste can; then the violation shall be considered minimal.

Note: A non-metallic container may be approved for the temporary storage indoors of Class A combustible waste, free of grease, oil, solvents, or other flammable liquids, and not be approved for the temporary storage of oil or solvent soaked waste.

**EFFECTIVE**

**DATE:** This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded.