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SUBJECT: THE DEFINITION OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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SUBJECT: The Definition of Good Housekeeping

Q: A customer was audited by their corporate office and the only observation noted was that the facility was not maintaining good housekeeping practices. The customer did not have an accepted definition for what constitutes “good housekeeping” in terms of an operating facility, even after discussing the topic with their parents, their spouse, and a local house cleaning service. So what does constitute good housekeeping and is the term documented in any regulation?

A: Per [29 CFR 1910.141](#), “Sanitation”, and subparagraph (a)(3) it states for “Housekeeping”:

1. *“All places of employment shall be kept clean to the extent that the nature of the work allows.”*
2. *“The floor of every workroom shall be maintained, so far as practicable, in a dry condition. Where wet processes are used, drainage shall be maintained and false floors, platforms, mats, or other dry standing places shall be provided, where practicable, or appropriate waterproof footgear shall be provided.”*
3. *“To facilitate cleaning, every floor, working place, and passageway shall be kept free from protruding nails, splinters, loose boards, and unnecessary holes and openings.”*

Other sections of 29 CFR e.g., 1915 for shipyard employment, 1917 for marine terminals, 1926 for construction, also have definitions of housekeeping more specific to certain industries; however, the general concepts for good housekeeping are all similar to the above definition.

So if the customer keeps the facility work area relatively clean depending upon the type of work the facility conducts; dry if possible or take actions to mitigate wet areas; and keep the work area free of nails, splinters, loose boards and unnecessary openings - then good housekeeping will be achieved.

SUMMARY:

- *Housekeeping* is defined at 29 CFR 1910 (*Occupational Safety and Health Standards*), section 141 (*Sanitation*), subparagraph (a)(3).
- The basics of good housekeeping are keeping the work area clean, dry, and free of hazards.
- Who knew that when your parents said, “Clean up your room!” – they were preparing you for your future career.

Nothing is attached to the e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact me at Paul_W_Martin@rl.gov or at (509) 376-6620.

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