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Air Force Manual AFMAN 91-203: Operational Safety, Fire and Health Standards

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INTRODUCTION

This manual, Air Force Manual AFMAN 91-203 Air Force Operational Safety, Fire and Health Standards September 2019, serves as a comprehensive guide for implementing Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 91-2, Safety Programs. It incorporates relevant sections of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and introduces additional requirements not explicitly covered by the OSHA standard. This document is essential for all personnel involved in ensuring operational safety, fire prevention, and health standards within the Air Force.

The purpose of this manual is to provide clear, actionable guidelines to maintain a safe working environment, prevent accidents, and protect the health of all Air Force personnel. Adherence to these standards is mandatory for compliance and the overall well-being of the force.

UNDERSTANDING THE MANUAL

This section provides guidance on how to effectively use and interpret the AFMAN 91-203 manual.

Purpose and Scope

The manual outlines the minimum safety, fire, and health standards applicable across all Air Force operations and facilities. Its scope includes, but is not limited to, workplace safety, hazardous material handling, emergency procedures, and health monitoring.

It is designed to be a primary reference for safety officers, commanders, supervisors, and all Air Force personnel to ensure a consistent and high level of safety compliance.

Key Definitions

Familiarize yourself with the definitions provided in Chapter 1 of the manual. Understanding key terms such as "hazard," "risk assessment," "personal protective equipment (PPE)," and "incident reporting" is crucial for proper application of the standards.

For example, "**Operational Safety**" refers to the application of safety principles, criteria, and techniques to ensure the safe conduct of operations and activities.

NAVIGATING THE CONTENT

The manual is structured to facilitate easy access to specific information.

Chapter Structure

The manual is organized into chapters, each addressing a specific area of operational safety, fire, or health. Chapters typically begin with an overview, followed by detailed requirements, responsibilities, and procedures.

- **Chapter 1:** General Provisions and Definitions
- **Chapter 2:** Hazard Abatement and Risk Management
- **Chapter 3:** Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- *...and so on, for subsequent chapters.*

Referencing Standards

When referencing specific standards or regulations, always cite the chapter, paragraph, and subparagraph numbers for accuracy. For example, "*Refer to AFMAN 91-203, Chapter 5, Paragraph 5.2.1 for electrical safety requirements.*"

APPLYING THE STANDARDS

Effective application of the standards is critical for maintaining a safe environment.

Implementation Guidelines

Commanders and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all personnel under their command are aware of and comply with the standards outlined in this manual. This includes regular training, safety briefings, and inspections.

Personnel are encouraged to report any unsafe conditions or practices immediately to their supervisor or designated safety officer.

Compliance and Reporting

Compliance with AFMAN 91-203 is subject to periodic audits and inspections. Non-compliance may result in corrective actions or disciplinary measures. All incidents, near misses, and occupational illnesses must be reported in accordance with established Air Force procedures.

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