

Trump Victory Puts OSHA Rules on Unsure Footing

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The article, "Trump Victory Puts OSHA Rules on Unsure Footing," featured in *Business Insurance*, discussed how the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) signature regulatory initiatives of 2016 are likely in jeopardy following Donald Trump's presidential victory.

Travis Vance weighed in on the future of OSHA's electronic recordkeeping rule, scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

"I think he'll work through the agency to revoke that rule," said Travis. "Trump is not going to view that as something that's crucial to workplace safety. I think he's going to see that as an additional burden on employers."

"I just don't see it ever taking effect under Trump," he added.

"That one might be another one on the chopping block just because it's very broad and there's been a lot of critical analysis," Travis said. "I think there's going to be a long look at the silica rule, too, to see if it needs to be changed or revoked or repealed under the agency's rulemaking process."

While Mr. Trump might not repeal the increase to the maximum fines under the penalty structure, given that those penalties had not been increased in more than 20 years, he might eliminate the provision that allows these penalties to rise with inflation, he said.

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