# MOSH INSTRUCTION:

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| **INSTRUCTION NUMBER:** 24-6 | **EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 26, 2024 |
| **SUBJECT:** Voluntary Protection Programs Policies and Procedures Manual  | **ISSUANCE DATE:**  January 26, 2024 |
| **CANCELLATION:** MOSH Instruction 10-4 | **EXPIRATION:** Effective until canceled or superseded |

 **Purpose:**

# This instruction adopts the updated policy framework of OSHA Instruction, Directive Number CSP 03-01-005, Voluntary Protection Programs Policies and Procedures Manual, which revises and clarifies processes and procedures for the administration and monitoring for the MOSH Voluntary Protection Program.

 **Scope:**  MOSH-wide

#  Reference:

1. OSHA Directive CSP 03-01-005, Voluntary Protection Programs Policies and Procedures Manual.
2. Maryland Labor and Employment, Title 5. Subtitle 10, Voluntary Protection Program.
3. Current MOSH Field Operations Manual (FOM).
4. Federal Register Notice 74 FR 927, *Revisions to Voluntary Protection Programs to Provide Safe and Healthful Working Conditions, January 9, 2009.*
5. OSHA Instruction CSP 03-01-004, *Special Government Employee (SGE) Program Policies and Procedures Manual for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Programs, July 30, 2015.*
6. OSHA Publication 3885, *Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs,* October 2016 https://www.osha.gov/shpguidlines/index.html

#  Contact: Chief of MOSH Compliance Services

#  See MOSH Website for Current Information http://www.labor.md.gov/labor/mosh

 **Background:**

OSHA has issued an updated Voluntary Protection Program Policies and Procedures Manual to include updates and clarification for actions following a fatality/catastrophe/enforcement action and failure to report a significant incident at a VPP site.

**Action:**

1. MOSH is adopting OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program Policies and Procedures Manual with the following restrictions:
	1. MOSH’s participation is limited to fixed general industry sites.
	2. MOSH’s participation is limited to Star quality sites only. There are no Merit designations.
	3. MOSH will not forward all the various reports required of Federal offices, except the usual end-of-month information on newly approved VPP sites. MOSH is adopting all other provisions in OSHA’s VPP.
2. In any circumstance where OSHA Directive CPL 03-01-005 may conflict with the current MOSH FOM outside of these direct modifications, the MOSH Act, or this MOSH Instruction, the guidance in the MOSH FOM, Act, or Instruction shall prevail.
3. Supervisors shall ensure that this notice is reviewed with all compliance officers and consultation staff.

By and Under the Authority of:



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