

Today, October 23, 2017, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) begins [full enforcement](#) of its respirable crystalline standard for construction.\* I understand the difficulties this regulation places upon your construction business. And, I know that AGC and its members—like you—have a deep commitment to the safety, health and general well-being of the construction work force.

However, this silica regulation remains technologically infeasible for our industry to effectively implement on the jobsite, undermining its intended purpose. That is why AGC undertook years of extensive advocacy efforts to fight it and, ultimately, filed a federal lawsuit. A decision in that lawsuit is not expected until 2018 at the earliest. As such, AGC continues to engage the Trump administration.

In the meantime, AGC recognizes that construction companies must abide by the silica regulation, because it is the law. That is why we developed the [“Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction”](#) webpage with a host of resources—sample forms, webinars, flowcharts, FAQs, and more—to help AGC members understand their compliance responsibilities. I hope you will take advantage of those resources.

Rest assured that AGC continues to fight for your construction business and will provide educational resources you need to help navigate the path ahead.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Sandherr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Stephen E. Sandherr  
Chief Executive Officer  
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\* If your construction company operates under OSHA state-plans in one of [26 states or two territories](#), it is important that you check to see if your OSHA state-plan agency is following the federal OSHA's lead with this enforcement policy.