



*OSHA now accepting electronic submissions of injury & illness reports, however employers may want to delay submitting reports until we know more!*

Whatever our political leanings, we must all admit that the Trump administration is making good on the President's promise of less burdensome regulations. In July, the administration released its semiannual regulatory update, which included the [Department of Labor Agency Rule List - Update 2017](#). Not surprisingly, there were no notices of new OSHA rulemaking and many initiatives on the previous list were removed or have been classified as long-term actions. Despite this fact, OSHA launched its [Injury Tracking Application](#) today.

As noted in a previous Corkill Safety Newsletter, OSHA's Electronic Reporting Requirements took effect on January 1st of this year. However, just days before the July 1st compliance deadline, OSHA pushed back the deadline for the electronic submission to the currently proposed date of December 1, 2017. The agency claimed the proposed deadline extension allows the new administration time to review the new electronic reporting requirements, and also allows employers to familiarize themselves with OSHA's new electronic reporting system.

In a [Workplace Safety and Environmental Law Alert Blog](#) dated June 27, 2017, attorneys at Seyfarth Shaw LLP suggested that "OSHA is reconsidering the entire rule and may even modify or revoke the rule prior to the December 1, 2017 filing date." The attorneys also suggest that OSHA plans to issue a separate proposed rule to reconsider, revise, or remove other provisions of the Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses final rule.

Employers may, therefore, want to delay submitting electronic records until we get closer to the December 1, 2017 deadline to see whether or not this rule gets rescinded.

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**If you have any questions or comments about OSHA reporting and recordkeeping, contact a member of the Corkill Safety Department.**

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