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In the 1960's, the blasting community started to recognize that the inhalation of free silica was the could be the cause of a variety of problems associated silicosis, including lung cancer. OSHA created a rule meant to encourage employers to keep workers from this hazard, however, exposure to crystalline silica was found to be even more dangerous than previously thought.

OSHA has created a Final Rule that further limits worker's exposure to this dangerous material based on these new findings, Now besides protective equipment and wearing a respirator, the law also demands that "engineering controls" be used to reduce the amount of silica dust going into the air.

With the Graco, Greener Blast, Clemco or dustless blasting equipment, nuisance dust is water suppressed . Since the dustless blasting is compatible with GlassBlast you are using an environmentally friendly blast media. For situations where wet blasting is not an option, the Dustless Blaster is a more than capable dry blaster as well.

But simpler OSHA compliance isn't the only advantage the Dustless Blaster has over traditional sandblasting equipment. The Dustless Blaster is **extremely reliable** and durable, has very few wear parts, uses less abrasive than dry blasting systems, and **removes tough coatings faster** than other methods.

Note: This is only a simple overview of the rule, be sure to learn the details to make sure you comply.

For more information on OSHA's Final Rule to Protect Worker from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica got to <https://www.osha.gov/silica/>