



# OPM Standards for GS-0690 Industrial Hygiene

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Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

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# Problem Statement

Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

- DoD Industrial Hygiene WG identified problems with OPM Qualification & Classification Standards for GS-0690
  - Inconsistent with private industry qualifications (as identified by ABIH requirements for CIH)
  - Removes qualified candidates from hiring process
  - Does not accurately reflect current responsibilities
- Military Services proposed change to GS-0690 Standards to OPM in 2003
  - No action taken



# Parallel Problem

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- Military Services identified problems with OPM Standards for GS-0018, Safety & Health Mgr
  - Inconsistent with private industry qualifications (as identified by BCSP requirements for CSP)
  - Does not support hiring candidates with needed skills



# Actions Taken

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- DoD presented problems to Federal Agency Council for Occupational Safety & Health (FACOSH)
  - Other Federal Agencies and Labor echoed DoD concerns
  - FACOSH chartered Training Subcommittee to address problems



# FACOSH Training Subcommittee

Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

- **GS-0018**
  - Consensus: OPM standards allow unqualified candidates to be hired
  - Subcommittee will recommend Secretary of Labor sign request to OPM to update standards
- **GS-0690**
  - No consensus: Other agencies NOT experiencing problems hiring qualified candidates
  - Subcommittee is not recommending Secretary of Labor sign request to OPM
  - DoD may proceed independently



# DoD's Way Ahead for GS-0690

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- DoD largest employer of Industrial Hygienists
  - DoD: 632
  - Dept of Labor: 463
  - All other: 394
- DoD will request OPM update the Qualification Standard
  - Meet current requirements “or” be a CIH
- DoD will request OPM perform study to update the Classification Standard



# Questions?