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The criteria in this standard are the Air Force's minimum safety, fire prevention, and occupational health requirements. Major commands (MAJCOM), direct reporting units (DRU), or field operating agencies (FOA) may supplement this standard when additional or more stringent safety, fire prevention, and health criteria are required. Refer to Air Force Instruction (AFI) 91-301, *Air Force Occupational and Environmental Safety, Fire Protection, and Health (AFOSH) Program*, for instructions on processing supplements or variances. Report conflicts in guidance between this standard, federal standards, or other Air Force directives through MAJCOM, DRU, or FOA ground safety offices to Headquarters Air Force Safety Center, Ground Safety Division, Safety Engineering and Standards Branch (HQ AFSC/SEGS), 9700 G Avenue, SE, Suite 222, Kirtland AFB NM 87117-5670.

This standard applies to all Air Force military and civilian personnel working in medical facilities, including all United States (US) Air Force Reserve personnel and when Air National Guard personnel are on federal service. Its purpose is to assist the managers of US Air Force medical organizations to maintain a safe environment and to administer a safety program compatible with Air Force Directives, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards, Standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), pertinent federal regulations, and national consensus standards. Information provided in this standard highlights hazards peculiar to health care and health care-related institutions and activities. See the JCAHO *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH)* and *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Ambulatory Care (CAMAC)* for additional safety requirements.

No Technical Order (TO), AFOSH Standard, or Operating Instruction can possibly address every hazard or potential hazard that may arise from a specific task or combination of tasks. Where situations exist that do not appear to be adequately covered by existing directives, use an Operational Risk Management (ORM) process to assess risk associated with those situations and determine adequate safeguards or procedures to manage the risk. **NOTE:** The ORM process may not be used to violate directives or other regulatory guidance. Normal waiver or variance procedures must be followed in all cases (refer to the first paragraph on page 1).

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Administrative changes have been made to update this standard to electronic format. Paragraphs have been renumbered and references updated. Requirement to use ORM process is addressed in the third paragraph, page 1. Instructions how to obtain NFPA and Compressed Gas Association (CGA) codes, standards, and pamphlets is updated (paragraph 7.2.). Information in paragraph 16.2.2. is changed to match the required frequency for safety surveys specified in the JCAHO Accreditation Manual. A glossary of references and supporting information is provided at Attachment 1. Minor changes will be annotated by a bar (|). **Note:** AFOSH 127-series standards are being converted to 91-series standards and 161-series to 48-series standards. However, not all standards have been converted as of the effective date of this standard. To help you locate these documents, references to AFOSH standards are stated in the updated series and standard number in the references section of Attachment 1.