

*F. Economic Impacts to Small Entities*

OSHA also estimated the economic impacts of the proposed rule on affected entities with fewer than 20 employees, and for affected small entities as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA). Table VI-6 shows the estimated economic impacts for small entities with fewer than 20 employees: Average compliance costs by industry are less than 0.005 percent of average revenues,

and less than 0.19 percent of profits, in all industries. Table VI-7 presents the economic impacts for small entities as a whole, as defined by SBA. For these firms, average compliance costs are less than 0.005 percent of average revenues and less than 0.03 percent of average profits. Thus, the Agency projects no significant impacts from the proposed rule on small entities.

When costs exceed one percent of revenues or five percent of profits,

OSHA considers the impact on small entities significant for the purposes of complying with the RFA. For all classes of affected small entities, the Agency found that the costs were less than one percent of revenues and five percent of profits. Therefore, OSHA certifies that this proposed regulation would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.