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FOREWORD (This foreword is not part of the American National Standard/AIHA Z9.6–2008)

A standard for ventilation of grinding, polishing, and buffing equipment was originally developed by the Industrial Hygiene Codes Committee of the American Foundrymen's Association (now known as the American Foundrymen's Society, or AFS) and was approved by the Board of Directors of that organization on December 4, 1936. Realizing that grinding, polishing, and buffing equipment is used in many industries and wishing to make technical material used by the foundry industry more widely available, the American Foundrymen's Association submitted this standard to the American Standards Association (now ANSI) for approval as an American National Standard. ASA referred the standard to the Z9 Committee on Exhaust Systems, a canvas of interested parties was conducted by letter ballot, and the standard was issued as Z43.1–1941 on August 14, 1941.

The Dust Control Committee of the American Foundrymen's Society revised and updated the standard, submitted the revision to the American Standards Association, and it was reissued under the guidance of the Z9 committee as Z43.1–1966. ANSI withdrew the standard in 1988 when no further work was done on it. The Z9 Committee, however, believed it was important to maintain this consensus information and chartered a Z9.6 subcommittee in 1992 to rewrite Z43.1 as ANSI Z9.6. This new standard provides updated information on ventilation for grinding, polishing, and buffing operations that conforms to current accepted practices.

New technology and research continues to change this field and it is hoped that future versions of the standard will reflect this growth in knowledge. Suggestions for improvement are welcome. They should be sent to the American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2700 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031.

How to Use this Standard

The requirements of the standard beginning in Section 4 are presented in a two-column format. The left column presents the requirements of the standard; the right column provides clarification and explanation of the requirements.

Figures 1–15 are incorporated as part of the standard.

Standard requirements should be considered minimum criteria and can be adapted to the needs of the User establishment. Demonstrably equal or better approaches are acceptable. When deviating from the Standard, documentation should be provided.

The Standard is auditable by those trained in ventilation. An Audit Form is provided in the Appendix.

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This standard was developed and approved for submittal to ANSI by the Z9 Accredited Standards Committee on Safety Standards for Exhaust Systems. Consensus was reached through a process involving the entire Z9 Committee in a series of reviews and in the final vote of approval. Committee approval of the standard does not necessarily imply that all committee members voted for its approval. At the time it approved this standard, the Z9 Committee had the following members:

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1 Scope and Application

- **1.1 Scope.** The requirements and emission and exposure control principles described in this standard represent the minimum criteria intended 1) to protect the health of personnel engaged in and working in the vicinity of grinding, polishing, and buffing operations; and 2) to control contaminants generated by those operations.
- **1.2 Application.** The Standard applies to processes, equipment and operations that use power-driven machinery to grind, polish, or buff a product without the use of a liquid coolant. Where liquid coolants are used, the coou User to control exposures, pooling of liquids, draining of ducts, use of mist eliminators, and so forth, that are not covered in the Standard.
- **1.3** Where federal, state, or local regulations or codes are more stringent, those regulations and codes shall have control.

2 Referenced Standards and Publications

2.1 General. The regulations, codes, standards, and guidelines cited in Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 contain provisions that through reference constitute provisions of this American National Standard. The related documents cited in 2.5 contain additional information but are not essential for complying with the requirements of this standard.

> At the time of publication, the editions indicated were current. All standards and guidelines are subject to revision, and Users of this American National Standard are encouraged to consult the most recent editions of the standards and guidelines listed below.

2.2 American National Standards

ANSI/AIHA Z9.2–2006, Fundamentals Governing the Design and Operation of Local Exhaust Systems.

ANSI/AIHA Z9.7–2006, *Recirculation of Air from Industrial Process Exhaust Systems.*

ANSI/AIHA Z9.10–2007 Fundamentals Governing the Design and Operation of Dilution Ventilation Systems in Industrial Occupancies.

ANSI B7.1–2000, *The Use, Care, and Protection of Abrasive Wheels.*

ANSI/ASSE Z87.1–2003, Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protection Devices.

2.3 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Part 1910, Section 133, Eye and Face Protection.

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Part 1910, Section 134, Respiratory Protection.

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Part 1910, Subpart Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances.

2.4 Other Publications

Industrial Ventilation: A Manual of Recommended Practice, 26th Edition. Cincinnati, OH: ACGIH[®], 2007.