

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD

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October 14, 2024

To: Advisory Committee Invitees

Subject: Proposed Amendments for Title 8, Article 121. Snow Avalanche Blasting and Remote Avalanche Control Systems (RACS)

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) invites you to participate in an advisory committee meeting regarding snow avalanche blasting. The Board GRANTED Petition 575, which requested an advisory committee to consider allowing remote control deployment of avalanche charges. The purpose of this advisory committee meeting will be to consider remote control deployment of avalanche charges and build upon revisions to sections 5349 (Scope), 5350 (Training), 5357 (Snow Avalanche Control Blasting) discussed at the 2018 Snow Avalanche Control Blasting Advisory Committee. The 2024 advisory committee meeting will be held:

Date: November 14, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Topic: Snow Avalanche Blasting sections 5349 (Scope), 5350 (Training), 5357 (Snow Avalanche Control Blasting).

Venue: [Zoom Meeting](#)

Attached are the agenda, roster, and proposed regulatory text for your review. These documents are also posted on the Board's 2024 Advisory Committee Page <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/Snow-Avalanche-Blasting-AC.html>.

For more background information on this proposal:

- [Petition File Number 575](#)
- [2018 Snow Avalanche Control Blasting \(ca.gov\)](#).

Each organization can have up to two representatives – a spokesperson and an alternate, on the advisory committee, Please RSVP to Kevin J. Goddard, Committee Chair, via email at kgoddard@dir.ca.gov by Friday, November 1, 2024, and provide the names and titles for each representative.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to provide written comments, please provide them to the Committee Chair by November 1, 2024. Your comments will be read at the meeting for consideration by the committee.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Committee Chair may choose to limit discussion to only committee members.

The Board values and appreciates your participation in this advisory committee as part of the rulemaking process. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kevin J. Goddard, Committee Chair, (916) 621-1418 or by email at kgoddard@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Goddard
Senior Safety Engineer

Attachments

cc: All Standards Board Members

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