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Date: June 22, 2018  
To: Advisory Committee Members  
From: Michael Nelmidia, Senior Safety Engineer  
Subject: Proposed Amendments to Snow Avalanche Control Blasting,  
CCR Title 8, Section 5357

You are invited to participate as a member of an advisory committee being convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) to consider rulemaking to amend the General Industry Safety Orders, Section 5357 to include provisions requiring written Avalanche Control Blasting Procedures and requirements for safe distances when deploying handcharges.

The date, time, and location for the advisory committee meeting are as follows:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018  
9:30AM to 4:00PM (or until adjournment)

Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
2424 Arden Way, Suite 450 (Multipurpose Room)  
Sacramento, CA 95825

The proposed regulation under Section 5357 would affect all snow avalanche control blasting operations conducted within California.

The advisory committee will:

1. Consider whether necessity exists for written procedures pertaining to snow avalanche control blasting.
2. Consider whether necessity exists to clarify safe distance when deploying handcharges.
3. Review accident history
4. Should necessity be established, discuss a draft proposal regarding the written procedures pertaining to snow avalanche control blasting and alternatives.
5. Should necessity be established; discuss a draft proposal regarding the safe distance when deploying handcharges and alternatives.
6. Discuss and consider any fiscal impact (cost and benefit) to the state budget for such a proposal.
7. Discuss and consider any economic impact (cost and benefit) to the private sector for such a proposal.

Please review the draft rulemaking proposal and be prepared to discuss it at the meeting. Also, please bring the enclosed documents with you to the advisory committee meeting.

If you are unable to attend, please contact me to designate an alternate, or submit your written comments to be received in my office not later than July 30, 2018, so that they may be distributed and considered at the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Chair may limit discussion to committee members at his discretion.

Your assistance in the rulemaking process is most valued and appreciated by the Board and staff. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5724 or by e-mail at [mnelmida@dir.ca.gov](mailto:mnelmida@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Senior Safety Engineer

Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. Regulatory Text (Draft Proposal)
3. DOSH Memo to Board 12/28/2015
4. Accident data
5. Roster

cc:

All Standards Board Members  
Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB  
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