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Date: August 10, 2018

To: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: Proposed Amendments for Title 8, California Code of Regulations, General Industry Safety Orders, Article 152, Diving Operations.

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff as a follow-up to previously adopted federal amendments regarding commercial diving operations. The advisory committee will consider proposed amendments to Sections 6051, 6056, and 6057 regarding requirements for technical diving operations.

On November 28, 2017, amendments to California's diving regulations became effective. The amendments were made using the expedited HORCHER process in response to an email from federal OSHA, which detailed several instances where California diving regulations were less protective than the corresponding federal regulation.

As a result of public comment, some of the originally proposed changes were removed from the HORCHER proposal to await further discussion in an advisory committee setting. Additionally, some of the changes requested by OSHA were deemed by Board staff as inappropriate for amendment using the HORCHER process.

The purpose of the advisory committee will be to discuss the remainder of the changes requested by OSHA concerning California's diving regulations. The advisory committee will be held at the following time and location (please park in the back lot):

Thursday, September 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
2424 Arden Way, Suite 450 (Multipurpose Room)  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Enclosed are the agenda, advisory committee roster, and draft proposal. For an explanation of some of the originally proposed changes that were removed from the HORCHER proposal for discussion, see: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/OSHSB/documents/Commercial-Diving-Operations-HORCHER-brdmemo.pdf>.

Please be prepared to discuss any cost or economic impact to employers or affected industries that may result from the proposed standard. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate, if possible, or submit your written comments by Wednesday, September 5, 2018, for advisory committee consideration.

Your assistance is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you at the advisory committee meeting. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any items prior to the meeting, please contact me at (916) 274-5730 or at [dkernazitskas@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dkernazitskas@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Agenda  
Advisory Committee Roster  
Regulatory text (draft proposal)

cc: All Standards Board Members  
Michael Manieri, Principal Safety Engineer, OSHSB  
Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager I, OSHSB  
Juliann Sum, Chief, DOSH  
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