

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING RECORDING

Good morning. I am Suzanne Marria, Special Counsel for the Division of Occupational Safety and Health and with me today is Don Cook, the Principal Engineer of the Division's Pressure Vessel and Boiler Unit. We are here in Room 10 of the Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California. Today is November 7th, 2013, and it's currently 12 minutes after 10 AM, Pacific Standard Time.

We are here to open the Public Hearing to allow interested members of the public to comment on the proposed changes to sections 344 and 344.1 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. These proposed changes would make permanent amendments to the regulations in order to increase the fees to be charged for Division inspectors to conduct inspections and to increase the mileage associated with scheduled inspections for air tanks, liquid petroleum gas tanks and boilers.

The proposed changes were initially adopted through an emergency rulemaking procedure effective March 18, 2013, which is allowed under Labor Code section 7721(e). The emergency rulemaking was renewed in September 2013 in order to provide sufficient time for the public to comment on the Division's proposal to make these changes permanent.

The purpose of the hearing today is to allow for that public input. However there are no persons who have attended so far this morning to make any comments. For that reason I am going to go off the record until 10:30 AM or until such time before 10:30 AM that a member of the public appears in order to comment on these proposed changes. As the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking states, written comments for this rulemaking action may be filed with the Division until 5 PM today as well.

So at this time we will go off the record.

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Test, 1, 2, 3, Test. This is Suzanne Marria, Special Counsel, and Don Cook, Principal Engineer, of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health on November 7th in Room 10 at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California, in the State Building. We're back on the record for the public rulemaking to make permanent changes to sections 344 and 344.1 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. We've been in room 10 since 10 o'clock to make it possible for any interested persons in the public to make public comment on this rulemaking. During this hour no one has appeared. Therefore at this time I am closing the hearing record. As the notice of rulemaking states written comments will be accepted and included in the rulemaking record if received by 5 PM today either at our office at the location specified in the record or by email as specified in the Notice. I misstated that...it is at our office address as stated in the Notice of Rulemaking or at the email address stated in the rulemaking. So at this time I am closing the public hearing record on this rulemaking.

[Record closed].