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Date: September 30, 2008

Dear: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: Proposed Amendments for Title 8, California Code of Regulations, General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3563, regarding Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) for Power Lawn/Turf Care Equipment.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff. The advisory committee will consider proposed amendments initiated by the Petitioner with additional amendments developed by Board staff in the matter of Petition File No. 494.

The attached petition requests that California standards be developed to address the use of ROPS and seat belts for ride-on, lawn and turf care equipment.

Among a number of topics for discussion, the committee will review applicable consensus standards for consumer and commercial turf care equipment and consider the Petitioner's recommendations.

The advisory committee will be held at the following time and location:

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
and if necessary, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)

Division of Occupational Safety and Health
Training Room
2211 Park Towne Circle
Sacramento, CA 95825

Please be prepared to discuss the necessity for the recommended amendments and any costs or economic impact to agencies, employers or affected industries that may result from the proposed standards. Additional items for consideration in preparing for the meeting are included in the meeting agenda and comment boxes displayed in the draft proposal.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate, if possible, or submit your written comments by October 22, 2008, so that the committee can consider them.

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) 274-5724, or at: ghauptman@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

George Hauptman, Senior Engineer-Standards

Attachments:

Agenda

Advisory Committee Roster

The petition letter dated May 1, 2007

The Board's Petition Decision dated September 20, 2007

Regulatory text (draft proposal)

Maps of the meeting location

cc: All Standards Board Members

Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB

Michael Manieri, Principal Engineer, OSHSB

Len Welsh, Chief, DOSH

Vicky Heza, Deputy Chief, DOSH

Larry McCune, Principal Engineer, DOSH Research & Standards Unit

Alan Traenkner, Director of Analysis and Evaluation, Region IX, Federal OSHA

Tina Kulinovich, Industrial Hygienist, Region IX, Federal OSHA

Christine Hirai, Region IX, Federal OSHA

Kevin Thompson, Cal/OSHA Reporter