

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
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August 10, 2009

Dear: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: Scaffold Plank Design Requirements

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 proposal is based on a Form 9, "Request for New, or Change in Existing Safety Order," submitted by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division). The Division recommended amendments to the Construction Safety Orders (CSO) Section 1637(f) regarding scaffold plank requirements.

The draft proposal for advisory committee consideration would update definitions related to solid sawn scaffold planking and address general design requirements for engineered scaffold planking such as laminated veneer lumber and other types of engineered and/or fabricated scaffold planking. Existing standards are narrowly focused on scaffold grade Douglas fir planking.

The scope of the committee discussions will pertain to the provisions in the underline and strikeout draft proposal for the CSO Sections 1504 and 1637(f) as well as General Industry Safety Orders Section 3622(f)(5).

As noted in the committee agenda items, the committee will review federal OSHA and other relevant standards for scaffold planking as necessary and strive for consensus language for this rulemaking proposal.

The advisory committee will be held:

Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.;
and if necessary, Thursday, September 3, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)

**Division of Occupational Safety and Health
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2211 Park Towne Circle
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Enclosed are the advisory committee roster, agenda, draft proposal text and several attachments. Please be prepared to discuss the necessity for the recommended amendments and any costs or economic impact to employers or affected industries that may result from the proposed

standards. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate, if possible, or submit your written comments by August 26, 2009 so that the committee can consider them.

Your assistance is appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at the advisory committee meeting. Please contact me if you need any assistance locating websites for California or federal OSHA scaffold related standards.

Also, 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

Regulatory text (Draft Proposal)

Construction Safety Orders, Plate C-17 "Suggested Test For Scaffold Planks"

Division of Occupational Safety and Health Memorandum dated December 22, 2006, and its attached Cal/OSHA 9 form, "Request for New, or Change in Existing Safety Order."

Construction Safety Orders, Section 1637, "General Requirements" (for scaffolding)

Maps of the meeting location

cc: All Standards Board Members

Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB

Michael Manieri, Principal Engineer, OSHSB

Len Welsh, Chief, DOSH

Joel Foss, Acting 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

Kevin Thompson, Cal/OSHA Reporter