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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Proposed Amendments for Title 8, California Code of Regulations,
Telecommunications Safety Orders (TSO)
Section 8608(a) and (b)
(Fixed Ladder Rungs and Steps for Telecommunication Towers and Poles)

Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)
Division of Occupational Safety and Health
Training Room
2211 Park Towne Circle
Sacramento, CA 95825

AGENDA**9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Introductions, use of the facility, purpose and goals of the advisory committee meeting.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Chair's opening comments and brief background for the amendments being considered as a result of the Standard's Board Petition File No. 510. The petition was submitted by Mike Coghlan, Vice President – Sales and Marketing for Sabre Towers and Poles (Petitioner).

The Petitioner and/or its representatives will be given the opportunity to discuss the background and necessity for the proposed amendments.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The committee will briefly review the existing California standards in TSO Section 8608(a) and (b) regarding steps and rungs for poles and telecommunication towers that relate to federal OSHA counterpart standards contained primarily in 29 CFR 1910.268(h)(2). The committee will also review applicable fixed ladder rung design and spacing requirements contained in the General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3277(d)(1) – (d)(3).

The committee will discuss the types of telecommunication towers and poles in California and the extent to which there may be existing installations that do not meet or conflict with federal OSHA

requirements. Part of this discussion may include employer safety policies and procedures when climbing poles and fixed ladders on towers and any related accident/injury trends.

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Review any written comment letters that have been received.

Discuss the necessity for the proposal and begin review of proposed amendments for TSO Section 8608 “Poles, Towers and Ladders.”

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch Break.

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Summary of the morning discussions.

Continue review of recommended amendments.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Complete discussion related to written comments and review any other concerns related to the proposed regulatory text.

Discussion of any cost impact that may result from any proposed amendments.

Discussion of the rulemaking process if necessary and post committee action by Board staff or the committee.

Chair’s closing comments.

Approximately 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn meeting.