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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Inspections and Permits for Temporary Amusement Rides (TAR 20-2)

California Labor Code section 7906 states that no person shall operate a temporary amusement ride without a permit issued by the Division or a public entity.

New Rides: All rides new to California must be inspected and receive a permit to operate before being placed into operation for the first time. A complete stress analysis, all engineering calculations and all other pertinent information related to the safe operation of the new ride must be submitted, reviewed and approved by the Division. An owner is encouraged to contact the Division and start this process well before the scheduled opening of the new ride. The review of any documents will be charged at the current hourly inspection rate per Title 8 CCR 344.18.

Existing Rides: All existing rides are required to undergo an annual permit inspection. In addition, the Division will conduct re-inspections of amusement rides throughout the year in accordance with California Labor Code section 7906.

Inspections: If during an inspection, a Division inspector identifies compliance issues that are deemed non-critical to the immediate safe operation of the ride, a temporary permit may be issued with a specified compliance date. **If a ride receives a temporary permit, it is the responsibility of the Owner/Operator to provide timely written notification when and where the ride will be ready to inspect and state the actions taken to achieve compliance.**

If maintenance, testing or air tank permits are due at the time of an inspection, the Division will not issue an operating permit for the ride until verification of compliance.

Pressure Vessel Unit: 510-622-3052 or www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/pressure.html

Trained Staff: At the time of your inspection, you will need to have trained staff available to demonstrate proficiency of all maintenance and operational duties and procedures required to safely operate each ride.

Serious Violations: Serious violations such as worn, damaged/missing components or an inoperable safety system found during an inspection will delay the permitting of a ride. If the violation has exposed a member of the public or an employee to an unsafe condition or hazard, citations that carry a monetary penalty will be issued.

Inspection Fees: All inspections will be billed at the current hourly rate. Payment is due at the time of the inspection, so please have a check on hand to cover inspection fees.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Prather".

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