

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
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Subject: Advisory Committee – General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3277
Fixed Ladders

You are invited to participate as a member in an ad hoc advisory committee meeting being convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) to consider proposed amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 8, General Industry Safety Orders (GISO), Section 3277, regarding fixed ladders.

The date, time, and location for the Advisory Committee meeting are as follows:

Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Division of Occupational Safety & Health Conference Room
2211 Park Towne Circle, Suite 5
Sacramento, CA 95825

Purpose of the Advisory Committee:

The Board has used advisory committees for years as an effective method to reach consensus among affected parties (stakeholders). The advisory committee functions as a working group to provide input on the necessity for, and structure of, proposed modifications to existing Title 8 standards to ensure worker safety that is reasonable, effective and consistent with Federal standards and current technology.

Attached for your information and consideration are the following:

- 1) Background and overview of the proposed rulemaking.
- 2) Staff's rulemaking proposal.
- 3) Side-by-side comparison of 29 CFR 1910 with proposed amendments and modifications to existing state standards.
- 4) Meeting agenda.
- 5) Advisory committee roster.
- 6) Area maps showing the location for the meeting.

Please review the rulemaking proposal and be prepared to discuss it at the meeting.

Committee members should also be prepared to discuss the potential fiscal impact (costs and/or savings) which might result from changes to the standards as a result of committee deliberations.

If you are unable to attend, please contact me and designate an alternate, or submit your written comments to be received in my office not later than Friday, July 18, 2008, so that they may be distributed and considered at the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Chair may limit discussion to Committee members (Attachment #5) if necessary.

Your assistance in the rulemaking process is most valued and appreciated by the Board and staff. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5722, or by e-mail at: ctolson@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Conrad E. Tolson, P.E.
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Attachments

cc: All Standards Board Members
Len Welsh, Chief, Division of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH)
Larry McCune, Principal Engineer, DOSH Research & Standards Unit
Alan Traenkner, Director of Analysis and Evaluation, Region IX, Federal OSHA
Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB
Michael Manieri, Principal Engineer, OSHSB

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