

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY  
AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD**

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Date: August 30, 2010

Dear: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: Advisory Committee – Proposed Amendments for the Petroleum Safety Orders (PSO) Sections 6755 and New Section 6799.1 [regarding Chain and Wire Rope Access Equipment (Jacob's Ladders)].

You are invited to participate as a member of an advisory committee meeting being convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) to consider proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Petroleum Safety Orders (PSO), Section 6755 and proposed new Section 6799.1.

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

**Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Division of Occupational Safety & Health**  
**Training Room**  
**2211 Park Towne Circle**  
**Sacramento, CA 95825**

The advisory committee will consider proposed amendments recommended by Ms. Colleen Kraus, Valero Energy Corporation (Petitioner). The Petitioner requested that the Board undertake rulemaking concerning chain and cable ladders (known as Jacob's ladders) used by the petrochemical industry to perform maintenance inspection and repair work. There are currently no California regulations, ANSI Standards or American Ladder Institute policies that address such ladders. The Petitioner proposes standards that would apply only to petrochemical facilities as part of the PSO and would state that Jacob's ladders would be used only when other alternatives are not feasible.

Attached for your information are the following:

- 1) Meeting agenda
- 2) Petitioner's proposed chain and cable ladder text to add to the PSO
- 3) Board staff rulemaking proposal
- 4) Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division) alternate regulatory language
- 5) Standards Board Decision - OSHSB Petition No. 512
- 6) Advisory committee roster
- 7) Directions and area map showing the location for the meeting

Please review the Board staff 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, September 24, 2010, 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, if necessary, by persons who are not Committee members.

Your assistance in the rulemaking process is most appreciated by the Board and staff. Should you have any questions or like to discuss any items prior to the meeting, please contact me at (916) 274-5729 or by e-mail at: [mtamayo@dir.ca.gov](mailto:mtamayo@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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#### Attachments

cc: All Standards Board Members  
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Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB  
Michael Manieri, Principal Engineer, OSHSB  
Kevin Thompson, Cal/OSHA Reporter