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Date: _____

Dear: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: Proposed Amendments for Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Construction Safety Orders (CSO), Section 1646 (Riding On Rolling Scaffolds)

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 advisory committee will consider proposed amendments recommended by the Technical Services Information Bureau and the Acoustical Industry Advancement Fund (Petitioner) in the Board's petition file No. 465.

As outlined in the attached petition, these amendments seek to provide an exception to the provisions contained in CSO Section 1646(f) that address the practice of riding on rolling scaffolds. The exception proposed by the Petitioner would permit riding on rolling scaffolds under certain limited conditions without meeting all of the current provisions of Section 1646(c) and 1646(f). These provisions in part, require that when employees ride on a mobile scaffold, the wheels/casters are kept locked while climbing or working on a rolling scaffold [Section 1646(c)] and that the scaffold to be "moved by others below" [Section 1646(f)].

As noted in the committee agenda items, the committee will review federal OSHA and other standards related to riding on rolling scaffolds and consider the Petitioner's recommendations and rationale in order to determine if a rulemaking action should be initiated.

The advisory committee will be held at the following time and location:

Thursday, April 24, 2008, 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

Enclosed are the advisory committee roster, agenda, the draft text proposal and the Petitioner's letter. The committee will focus only on those items related to the proposed amendments.

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 April 17, 2008, so that the committee can consider them.

Your assistance is appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at the advisory committee meeting. 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

The petition letter dated December 6, 2004, with attachments

The Board's Petition Decision dated June 16, 2005

Regulatory text (draft proposal)

Federal OSHA interpretation letters (4 letters)

Maps of the meeting location

cc: All Standards Board Members

Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB

Michael Manieri, Principal Engineer, OSHSB

Len Welsh, Chief, DOSH

Vicky Heza, Deputy Chief, DOSH

Larry McCune, 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

Christine Hirai, Region IX, Federal OSHA

Kevin Thompson, Cal/OSHA Reporter