

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY  
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Date: May 10, 2011

Dear: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: California Code of Regulations, Title 8, General Industry Safety Orders, Article 12, Tree Work, Maintenance and Removal, Sections 3420 – 3428.

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff. The proposed amendments are based on a memorandum submitted to the Board by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division). The recommended revisions would update the standards contained in the General Industry Safety Orders, Article 12, Tree Work, Maintenance or Removal.

The committee discussions will pertain to the provisions in the underline and strikeout draft proposal for Article 12. Please note that the draft proposal has a number of comments and questions for preparation prior to the meeting.

The advisory committee will be held:

**Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and,  
Thursday, May 26, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)**

**Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Training Room  
2211 Park Towne Circle  
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Enclosed are the advisory committee roster, agenda, draft proposal text and a copy of the existing provisions in Article 12. A limited number of copies of the ANSI Z133.1-2006 consensus standard will be available for review at the meeting.

Please be prepared to discuss 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 May 20, 2011, so that the committee can consider them.

Your assistance is appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at the advisory committee meeting. Also, 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](mailto:ghauptman@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

George Hauptman, Senior Engineer-Standards

Attachments:

Agenda

Advisory Committee Roster

Regulatory text (Draft Proposal)

GISO, Article 12, Tree Work, Maintenance, or Removal (as it currently reads)

cc: All Standards Board Members

Marley Hart, Executive Officer, OSHSB

Michael Manieri, Principal Engineer, OSHSB

Ellen Widess, Chief, DOSH

Christopher Lee, Deputy Chief, DOSH

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