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Date: July 8, 2019

Re: Petition 549, Passive Safety Devices for Brush and Wood Chippers

Dear Advisory Committee Member:

On January 29, 2019, the advisory committee (committee) for Petition 549, Passive Safety Devices for Brush and Wood Chippers met to consider the merits of Passive Safety Devices (Presence Sensing Systems) and provide the Board with a recommendation regarding the inclusion of presence sensing systems within the regulatory framework of Title 8, Sections 3424 and/or 4299.

Building upon the committee's work to date, I plan to hold an expanded advisory committee meeting in October 2019 to discuss amendments to Title 8, Section 3424 and 4299 and include requirements for Presence Sensing Systems for wood and brush chippers. Such requirements may include functional safety validation of passive safety systems in accordance with ANSI B11.26-2018 / ISO 13849-2.

Additionally, the discussion will include the provisions from ANSI Z133-2017 related to the safe guarding of brush and wood chippers. The committee is urged to review and become familiar with the relevant consensus standards prior to the next committee meeting.

I am planning to introduce a draft rulemaking proposal for the committee's consideration. You will be notified of the time, date and location for the second advisory committee via a separate invitation, which will include a copy of the proposal for your review.

Your participation on the advisory committee helps the Board understand safety issues related to brush and wood chippers.

Please review the enclosed meeting minutes then submit any requested corrections or comments by email (mnelmida@dir.ca.gov) no later than August 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Nelmida".

Michael Nelmida
Senior Engineer - Standards

Enclosures:

1. Minutes
2. Post Advisory Committee Roster

cc: (With Enclosures)

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