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Date: January 10, 2020
Recipients: Advisory Committee Invitees
Subject: Advisory Committee meeting to discuss California's adoption of the Federal Walking-Working Surfaces Standard

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee meeting convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff to discuss a draft proposal to amend Title 8 to address the Federal Walking-Working Surfaces standard. The focus of this first advisory committee meeting is fixed ladders (§3277).

The Federal Walking-Working Surfaces standard was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2016. Most of the standard became effective on January 17, 2017 with a few subsections being phased in over two years and one subsection having a final phase-in date of 2036 (ladder safety systems). In accordance with California Labor Code Section 142.3(a)(2), California's standards are required to be at least as effective as the Federal standards. The Federal standard affects many Title 8 sections. It is likely that it will be necessary to convene additional meetings to consider the remaining Title 8 sections to fully address the entire Federal Walking-Working Surfaces standard.

Although the Federal standard, which applies to general industry workplaces (i.e. 29 CFR §1910.21 et sec.), did not include coverage for the agriculture or maritime industries, California intends to include them through regular rulemaking because Title 8 General Industry Safety Orders are inclusive of agriculture and maritime industries.

Please review the attached agenda and the proposed regulatory text. Also, please consider whether any rulemaking action would result in costs or economic/fiscal impact to employers or affected industries inclusive of the agriculture and maritime industries.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send an alternate, if possible, or you may submit your written comments by January 31, 2020.

The meeting date, time and address are:

Date: February 12-13, 2020
Time: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Address: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 3
3920 Lennane Drive
Sacramento, CA 95834

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) 274-5731 or at ekoski@dir.ca.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Agenda

Advisory Committee Roster

Proposed Regulatory Text

Cc: All Standards Board Members
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