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Dear Advisory Committee (AC) Members:

I want to thank you for participating in the advisory committee meeting regarding Fixed Ladders. Your participation in vetting the proposal facilitates the rulemaking process by assisting OSHSB in proposing reasonable and enforceable standards to protect the health and safety of employees.

Please review the attached post meeting proposed text and summary of proposed changes to the proposal. The transcript of the advisory committee meeting is available upon request. The transcript of the audio recording of the meeting was used by Board staff to draft the summary for the meeting.

As you know, Elisa Koski has retired and I (Maryrose Chan) will be taking over the Walking-Working Surfaces (WWS) rulemaking project. The WWS rulemaking will affect multiple sections in title 8 (see attached list of affected sections). After the draft proposal for Fixed Ladders is finalized, it will be incorporated into the larger WWS rulemaking package.

The entire package will be sent to representatives from management and labor, as well as experts in the field of health and safety. Reviewers of the proposal need not comment on the entire proposal if it is not their area of knowledge or expertise. I estimate that the draft WWS proposal will be available for review by the fourth quarter of 2021.

Notwithstanding the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, my goal is to revise the proposal with the input of stakeholders while minimizing the number of advisory committee meetings via video conference or in person meetings. Sections of the WWS proposal that receive very little comment will not be discussed via the advisory committee meeting process. The comments and feedback I receive from the reviewers (stakeholders) will determine the title 8 sections or subject matter of future advisory committee meetings.

Please send your comments and recommended corrections of the Fixed Ladder post meeting proposed text by August 1, 2021. If you would also like to participate in the review of the rest of the WWS proposal, please include that in your reply.

Thank you.

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