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Date: September 13, 2023

Recipients: Advisory Committee Invitees

Subject: Walking Working Surfaces
General Industry Safety Orders, Article 2
Fall Protection

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff. This is the third meeting to review and discuss the proposed changes to the General Industry Safety Orders, Article 2 in order to be at least as effective as the [Federal Walking-Working Surfaces](#) standard, which was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2016.

Date and Time: October 11, 2023
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

October 12, 2023
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Topic: [Article 2. Standard Specifications](#)
Fall Protection

In Person Venue: State Compensation Insurance Fund
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95833

Please review the attached agenda, post-AC draft proposal, discussion draft, and related consensus standards, such as the set of ANSI/ASSP Z359 Fall Protection and Fall Restraint Standards and ANSI/ASSE A1264-2017 Safety Requirements for Workplace Walking/Working Surfaces and Their Access; Workplace, Floor, Wall and Roof Openings; Stairs and Guardrail/Handrail Systems. It may be helpful to have the consensus standards readily accessible during the meeting.

The post-AC draft proposal reflects the discussion and changes to the draft proposal as a result of our previous discussions in bold underline, and bold strike out format.

The discussion draft includes:

- Post-AC draft proposal
- Highlighted terms are defined in section 3207
- Unsettled text is noted in red text
- Follow-up items from the February 2023 meeting are noted in blue text
- Green text shows the difference between California regulations and Federal regulations

If you belong to an organization with more than two representatives, please designate only two spokespersons. Please reconfirm your RSVP by September 20, 2023.

If you are unable to attend, please provide the name and contact information of an alternate representative. Written comments submitted by September 20, 2023 will be read at the meeting for consideration by the committee.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Committee Chair may choose to limit discussion to committee members at their discretion. If you would like attend, please contact the Maryrose Chan to ensure that there is enough seating.

Your assistance in this rulemaking process is valuable and appreciated by the Board and the Committee Chair. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Maryrose Chan, Committee Chair, at (916) 274-5723 or by email at mchan@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Maryrose Chan
Senior Safety Engineer

Attachments:

Agenda
Advisory Committee roster
Post-AC draft proposal
Discussion draft

cc: All Standards Board Members
Christina Shupe, Executive Officer, OSHSB
Amalia Neidhardt, Principal Safety Engineer, OSHSB
Steve Smith, Special Consultant
Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager I, OSHSB

Jeff Killip, Chief, Cal/OSHA

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