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To: Advisory Committee Members

From: Michael Nelmidia, Senior Safety Engineer

Subject: Working Alone in the Construction Industry/ Field Surveying Operations

Dear Committee Member,

Thank you for having participated in the June 2, 2015, meeting of the Advisory Committee on Working Alone in the Construction Industry. The subcommittee, created at the conclusion of that June 2nd meeting, has arrived at a consensus that the working alone issue be brought back before the full committee, though with a narrow focus on field survey operations. Accordingly, Standards Board staff is ceasing development of any broad-based construction industry working alone standard, in favor of potential rulemaking concerning employees engaged in field surveying activities (while isolated from other workers).

Given the subcommittee recommended narrowing of scope, previously involved full committee members may choose not to participate in future full committee discussions. Anyone choosing to end participation in the full advisory committee is asked to notify the Chair promptly, so that his or her name can be removed from the committee roster.

A separate written notification will be sent to all participants, indicating the date, time and location for the advisory committee meeting to consider possible rulemaking focused upon the health and safety of field surveying personnel potentially working alone.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact my office at (916) 274-5724 or email mnelmida@dir.ca.gov.

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