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Date: April 27, 2015

Recipients: Advisory Committee Members

Subject: June 2, 2015 Advisory Committee meeting to discuss proposals governing working alone in the construction industry

You are invited to participate as a member of an advisory committee meeting being convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff to consider rulemaking within the construction safety orders as Section 1511.1 Working Alone. In addition the committee will consider definitions to "working alone" and "working in isolation" in Section 1504. Enclosed is the proposed regulatory text for consideration.

The date, time, and location for the Advisory Committee meeting are as follows:

Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Operating Engineers Local 3
Large Training Room
3920 Lennane Drive
Sacramento, CA 95834

The proposed regulations §1504 and §1511.1 would affect all construction work covered by the CSO, regardless of industry, that is performed in isolation. The proposed regulation would:

1. Define Working Alone.
2. Define Working in Isolation.
3. Require the employer to pre-determine regular intervals based on hazards identified under 1511(b)'s survey requirements to account for employees working alone.
4. Establish requirements to account for employees who are assigned to work alone and direct care to employees working alone who are determined to be nonresponsive.
5. Require those working in isolation to have an effective means of obtaining assistance in the event of an emergency.

Please review the rulemaking proposal and be prepared to discuss it at the meeting. Also, please bring these documents with you to the advisory committee.

Committee members should be prepared to discuss the potential economic and fiscal impact (costs and/or savings) which might result from changes to the standards as a result of committee deliberations.

If you are unable to attend, please contact me and designate an alternate, or submit your written comments to be received in my office not later than Tuesday, May 26, 2015 so that they may be distributed and considered at the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Chair may limit discussion to Committee members at his discretion.

Your assistance in the rulemaking process is most valued and appreciated by the Board and staff. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5724 or by e-mail at mnelmida@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

1. Advisory Committee Agenda
2. Draft proposal for Sections 1504 and 1511.1
3. Advisory Committee Roster