

Memorandum

To : All Standards Board Members

Date : July 1, 2013

From : **Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board**
Michael J. Manieri, Jr., Principal Safety Engineer

Subject : Staff Recommendation to Terminate Proposed Amendments to GISO Section 3385, Foot Protection, Use of Hang-on, Strap-on Toe Caps and Foot Guards

Over the past few weeks, the Board staff has been in contact with a representative from the American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) foot protection committee. This representative stated that the Canadian National Standards Association (CSA) is in the development phase of a standard that would address the use, care, maintenance and performance testing of overshoe toe protectors, a type of shoe covering with toe protectors built in. Staff also learned that the ASTM is considering development of a similar standard.

Recent conversations with a representative from the CSA sub-committee on Overshoe Toe Protectors (CSA Z334) indicate that strap-on/hang-on overshoe protectors may be excluded from the overshoe toe protection standard due to concerns about tripping hazards presented by the strap-on/hang-on device.

Given these developments and the number of adverse comments the original and modified proposals have garnered, the Board staff recommends that the current rulemaking proposal be terminated.