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Division of Labor
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OSH Program Directive Number 80-1910.27-1 (Revised)

Subject: Fixed Ladders-Requirements for Cages, Wells, or Ladder Safety Devices Under Article VI, Section 1910.27 (d).

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.27 (d), Rules and Regulations, Commission of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.27 (d).

Background: There has been confusion as to what the State's interpretation of this particular subsection of the standard is, especially to the requirements for landing platforms. This directive replaces Program Directive number 74-1910.27-1 (formerly 74-7-3 (AMENDED)).

Interpretation: Landing platforms are required for each 30 feet of height or fraction thereof, except on chimneys. If landing platforms, which are constructed in accordance with standards, are provided for each 20 feet of height or fractions thereof, then no cages, wells, or ladder safety devices are required. For heights of between 20 feet and 30 feet without landing platforms; cages, wells, or ladder safety devices are required on all fixed ladders. Ladder safety devices may be used in lieu of cages, wells or landing platforms where these devices are required regardless of the length of the ladders.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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