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Division of Labor
Office of Occupational Safety and Health
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

OSH Program Directive Number 76-1910.268-1

Subject: Interpretation of Article VI, Section 1910.268 (h) (8) on Requirements Applying to Metal Manhole Ladders.

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.268 (h) (8) (i) through (vi), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.268 (h) (8) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi).

Background:

- a. The intent of the proposed and final standard of 29 CFR 1910.268 (h) (8), Metal Manhole Ladders, published by federal OSHA officials in the Federal Register on August 28, 1973, and March 26, 1975, respectively, was to limit its scope to “portable” metal manhole ladders.
- b. The intent is evident when Article VI, Section 1910.268 (h) (8) is compared to Article VI, Section 1910.26 – The General Industry standard which applies to portable metal ladders. The language of Section 1910.26 is virtually identical to that contained in Section 1910.268 (h) (8). Moreover, the language of Section 1910.268 (h) (8) is inconsistent with Article VI, Section 1910.27 – The General Industry standard which applies to fixed ladders.

Interpretation: The enforcement of Article VI, Section 1910.268 (h) (8) (i) through (vi) as written shall be limited to “portable” metal manhole ladders used in the telecommunication industry. Fixed manhole ladders are not covered by Section 1910.268 (h) (8).

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Regulation or Program Directive.

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