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OSH Program Directive Number 77-1910.268-2

Subject: Clarification of “Operations Which Involve Construction Work” as Related to Telecommunication Work.

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.268 (a) (2) (i) and (a) (3), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.268 (a) (2) (i) and (a) (3).

Background: Paragraph 1910.268 (a) (2) (i) states, “These standards do not apply to construction work as defined in Section 1910.12” (federal standard). Paragraph 1910.268 (a) (3) states: “Operations or conditions not specifically covered by this section are applicable to all the applicable standards contained in this Part 1910. See Section 1910.5 (c). Operations which involve construction work, as defined in Section 1910.12 are subject to all the applicable standards contained in Part 1926 of this chapter.” Requests for clarification have been received by Federal OSHA as to the intent of these statements on construction work as they relate to telecommunication work.

Interpretation: The intent of these two paragraphs is to indicate that all construction activity performed by the telecommunication industry (and for that matter, any industry) would be governed by the Rules and Regulations of Article VII, Section 1926.

This means that operations presently subject to Article VII, Section 1926 will continue to be subject to those standards and that Section 1910.268 (Telecommunications) standards do not alter this present system.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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July 25, 1977