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

OSH Program Directive Number 78-1926.250-1

Subject: Article VII, Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Material Storage-As Related to Interim Storage of Concrete Forms and Shoring Between Placements.

Standard: Article VII, Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1926.250 (b) (1).

Background: The purpose of this directive is to clarify the application of Article VII, Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Material Storage, as related to concrete forms and shoring.

It has been brought to the attention of the National OSHA Office that contractors have been cited under 19 CFR 1926.250 (b) (1) when lumber normally used as concrete forms and shoring is bundled and stockpiled within 10 feet of an exterior wall which does not extend above the top of the material stored.

Interpretation:

- a. The equipment used for shoring of newly placed concrete (forms, shoring jacks, clamps, steel rods or pipes, base plates and other items that are in use) is "equipment" subject to the standards contained in Subpart Q, Sections 1926.700, 701 and 702. "Material Storage" as defined in Section 1926.250 (b) (1) does not apply except in a static situation.
- b. When stripped forms and shoring are bundled and placed within close proximity to an open-sided floor (in order to preclude a "sidepick" by a crane), for movement to another tier for placement, it must be considered as in-process equipment. During routine operations, all normal safety precautions shall be taken. When the bundles are to be left overnight or for a longer period of time, they shall be anchored and braced in such a manner to prevent displacement in any direction. All periphery guards shall be in place except when the bundles are actually being removed through the opening.

- c. Equipment of this type, not actually in use as process equipment and positioned on the jobsite for an indefinite period of time, would be covered under Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Material Storage.
- d. The application of these standards depends on the specific conditions, as stated in the preceding paragraphs, found by the OSH Compliance Officer at the time of the inspection.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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