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OSH Program Directive Number 75-1910.213/1926.304-2/1

Subject: Repetitive Operations of Radial Saws.

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.213 (h) (3) and Article VII, Section 1926.304 (f), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.213 (h) (3) and 29 CFR 1926.304 (f).

Background: This program directive clarifies the meaning of the words “Repetitive Operations”.

Interpretation: The words “Repetitive Operations” as used in the regulation means “act of repeating the operation; repeated action of operation, etc.” It makes no difference the number of times the cut is made, or the number of employees using that specific saw to make the cut.

The intent is to preclude the blade from extending beyond the edge of the table top. In lieu of the adjustable stop mentioned in the regulation a limit chain may be provided to prevent the saw blade from sliding beyond the edge of table, or extend the table to eliminate over-run.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the regulation or program directive.

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