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OSH Program Directive Number 82-1926.500-2

Subject: Safety Monitoring System As It Applies to Subarticle 7, Section 1926.500 (g) (1).

Standard: Subarticle 7, Section 1926.500 (g) (1), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1926.500 (g) (1).

Background: The standard for perimeter guarding of low-pitched roofs allows the use of a “safety monitoring system” under certain conditions. A question has arisen as to what extent a safety monitor might be engaged in the performance of other duties. The preamble to the new federal standard specifically allows monitors to have other duties by provides that these duties may not be so extensive that they encumber the monitor’s duties as a monitor.

Interpretation:

- a. Complying with Subarticle 7, Section 1926.500 (g) (1) requires the employer to designate a competent person as a monitor as defined in Subarticle 7, Section 1916.502 (p) (7), capable of identifying and correcting roofing hazards.
- b. The individual designated to be a monitor may be a supervisor or a worker engaged in the performance of built-up roofing work. The monitor must be trained and capable of identifying existing and predictable roofing conditions which are hazardous, or dangerous to roofing employees.
- c. The monitor must have authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate the hazardous conditions. The monitor must be on the same roof as and be able to visibly observe all other employees for whom he/she is responsible and must also be close enough to verbally communicate with the employees.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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