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OSH Program Directive Number 75-1926.550-3

Subject: Accessible Areas As Applied To Subpart N.

Standard: Article VII, Section 1926.550 (a) (9), Rules and Regulations,
Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to
Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1926.550 (a) (9).

Background: This directive clarifies the above referred standard which shall be
used as a basis for enforcement.

Interpretation: Accessible areas within the swing radius of the rear of the rotating
superstructure of the crane are meant to be those areas within the
360 degrees of travel. "A barricade is required in accessible areas
when the swing radius of the rear of the rotating structure of the
crane, either permanently or temporarily mounted, may cause an
employee to be crushed between other objects and the rear of the
crane or any portion of the crane carriage" regardless whether it be
front, rear, or side.

Historically, most fatalities have been caused by employees getting
between the rotating superstructure and the turntable or other
portions of the crane itself.

This interpretation is applicable for all equipment covered under
Subpart "N" of Article VII when used in such a manner that the
hazard as described in Section 1926.550 (a) (9) is created and an
exposure is observed.

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until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the regulation or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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