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OSH Program Directive Number 80-1910.213-1 (REVISED)

Subject: Caution Labeling of Radial Saws Under Article VI, Section 1910.213 (h).

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.213 (h) (5), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.213 (h) (5).

Background: The intent of this regulation is to insure that ripping and ploughing performed on radial saws is done against the direction of the saw blade rotation. The regulation further states that “a permanent label...shall be affixed to the rear of the guard..., reading as follows:

‘DANGER: DO NOT RIP OR PLOUGH FROM THIS END’.”

It has been pointed out by employers and manufacturers that, in many cases, to meet the intent of the regulation, the caution label should be located on the front of the guard, and that strict adherence to the regulation could result in a danger to employees.

This directive replaces OSH Program Directive number 73-1910.213-1 (formerly OSH P.D. #73-9-7).

Interpretation: The intent of the above cited regulation (Article VI, Section 1910.213 (h) (5)) must prevail at all times. The caution label must be located at the end of the guard at which the blade teeth exit the upper guard during the operation of the saw. Thus, the requirements concerning the location of the label shall be deemed violated when:

- a. the label is omitted; or
- b. it is placed anywhere but the end of the guard at which the blade teeth exit the upper guard during the operation of the saw.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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