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OSH Program Directive Number 86-1910.243/1926.302-3/1

Subject: Loading of Explosive Powered Tools; Magazine – or Clip-Fed Explosive Power Load.

Standard: Subarticle 6, Section 1910.243 (d) (4) (iv) and Subarticle 7, Section 1926.302 (e) (5) and (6), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 6, 1910.243 (d) (4) (iv) and 29 CFR 1926.302 (e) (5) and (6).

Background: This directive provides specific interpretation as to when magazine-fed, explosive power-operated hand tools are loaded.

Interpretation: In developing and promulgating the referred standards, magazine-fed or clip-fed explosive power load was not considered. The magazine contains several explosive power loads and single loads are fed into the ram (firing chamber) as needed. Until such time as single loads are fed into the ram, explosive power loads are not a part of the firing cycle. A separate operation on the part of the operator has to be made to place the load into the firing position.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Regulation or Program Directive.

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