

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM: 85-X-68

TO: All OSH Directors, Supervisors and Field Personnel

FROM: William M. Lybrand, Director of OSH

SUBJECT: Clarification of Section 1910.28(c)(13) and (d)(9) and Sections 1926.451(c)(12) and (d)(7) of the Scaffolds Standards

DATE: February 1, 1985

Purpose:

This memorandum clarifies South Carolina Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health's position on the meaning of the above Sections.

Background:

There has been confusion by compliance personnel as to the meaning of these standards. The interpretation set forth below has been upheld by the South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board in recent hearings involving these particular standards.

Interpretation:

These Sections, in part, state that scaffolds must be secured at intervals not to exceed 30 feet horizontally and 26 feet vertically. This is interpreted to mean that scaffolds of the types specified must be secured if they exceed 30 feet horizontally regardless of vertical height and they must be secured if they exceed 26 feet vertically regardless of the horizontal length.

Effective Date:

This memorandum is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded.