

3. Location of the Supplements for Inspection and Copying

A copy of the standards supplements, along with the approved plan, may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Office of the Regional Administrator, 3535 Market Street, Suite 2100, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 191204; Office of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, 501 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; and the OSHA Office of State Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3700, 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

4. Public Participation

Under 29 CFR 1953.2(c), the Assistant Secretary may prescribe alternative procedures to expedite the review process or for other good cause which may be consistent with applicable laws. The Assistant Secretary finds that good cause exists for not publishing the supplements to the Maryland State plan as proposed changes the making the Regional Administrator's approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

a. The standards are identical to the Federal standards which were promulgated in accordance with Federal law including meeting the requirements for public participation.

b. The standards were adopted in accordance with the procedural requirements of State law and further participation would be unnecessary.

This decision is effective March 9, 1995.

(Sec. 18, Pub. L. 91-596, 84 Stat. 1608 (29 U.S.C. 667))

Signed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 26th day of January 1995.

Linda R. Anku,

Regional Administrator.

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Maryland State Standards; Notice of Approval

1. Background

Part 1953 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes procedures under section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (hereinafter called the Act) by which the Regional Administrator for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Regional Administrator), under a delegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Assistant Secretary) (29 CFR 1593.4), will review

and approve standards promulgated pursuant to a State plan which has been approved in accordance with section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR part 1902. On July 5, 1973, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (38 FR 17834) of the approval of the Maryland State plan and the adoption of subpart O to part 1952 containing the decision.

The Maryland State plan provides for the adoption of all Federal standards as State standards after comments and public hearing. Section 1952.210 of subpart O sets forth the State's schedule for the adoption of Federal standards. By letters dated January 10 and January 30, 1995, from Henry Koellein, Jr., Commissioner of the Maryland Division of Labor and Industry, to Linda R. Anku, Regional Administrator, and incorporated as part of the plan, the State submitted State standards identical to amendments, corrections, and revisions to: (1) amendments, corrections, additions and revisions to 29 CFR 1910.137 and 1910.269, pertaining to the Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Standard and the Electrical Protective Equipment Standard for General industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of June 30, 1994 (59 FR 33660); (2) amendments, corrections, additions and revisions to 29 CFR 1910.120, pertaining to the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard for General Industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of August 22, 1994 (59 FR 43270); (3) amendments, corrections, additions and revisions to 29 CFR 1910.132, 1910.133, 1910.136, and 1910.138, pertaining to the Personal Protective Equipment Standard for General Industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of July 1, 1994 (59 FR 33910); (4) amendments to 29 CFR 1910.1201, 1926.21, and 1928.21, pertaining to the Retention of Department of Transportation Markings, Placards and Labels, as published in the **Federal Register** of July 19, 1994 (59 FR 36700); (5) amendments, corrections, additions and revisions to 29 CFR 1926.1101, including Appendices A, B, D, F, H, I, and K, pertaining to the Occupational Exposure to Asbestos Standard for General Industry, as published in the **Federal Register** of August 10, 1994 (59 FR 41131); and (6) amendments to 19 CFR 1926.500-.503, including Appendices A-E, Safety Standards for Fall Protection in the Construction Industry, and related amendments, corrections, additions and revisions to 29 CFR 1910.169(g)(2)(i); 1926.104; 1926.753; 1926.105; 1926.107 (b), (c) and (f); 1926.250(b)(2); 1926.550 (c)(2)

and (g)(4)(i)(C); 1926.651(l); 1926.701(f)(2); and 1926.951(b)(4)(i), as published in the **Federal Register** of August 9, 1994 (59 FR 40729). These standards are contained in COMAR 09.12.31. Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Standards were promulgated after public hearings on September 8 and October 28, 1994. These standards became effective on January 2 and January 30, 1995, respectively.

2. Decision

Having reviewed the State submissions in comparison with the Federal standards, it has been determined that the State standards are identical to the Federal standards and, accordingly, are approved.

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4. Public Participation

Under 29 CFR 1953.2(c), the Assistant Secretary may prescribe alternative procedures to expedite the review process or for other good cause which may be consistent with applicable laws. The Assistant Secretary finds that good cause exists for not publishing the supplement to the Maryland State plan as a proposed change and making the Regional Administrator's approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

a. The standards are identical to the Federal standards which were promulgated in accordance with Federal law including meeting requirements for public participation.

b. The standards were adopted in accordance with the procedural requirements of State law and further participation would be unnecessary.

This decision is effective March 9, 1995.

(Sec. 18, Pub. L. 91-596, 84 Stat. 1608 (29 U.S.C. 667))

Signed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 8th day of February 1995.

Linda R. Anku,

Regional Administrator.

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