

1, 1994), Machinery and Machine Guarding (September 30, 1994), Powered Platforms for Building Maintenance (September 30, 1994), Crane Operator Training (September 30, 1994), Spray Finishing (May 1, 1992), Reinforced Plastics Manufacturing (May 1, 1992), Explosives and Blasting Agents (September 30, 1994), Fire Protection and Fire Fighters (January 28, 2000), Lead (September 30, 1994), Ventilation (May 1, 1992), Noise Exposure (May 1, 1993), Handling Materials (November 1, 1993), General Environmental Controls, including Sanitation (February 1, 1993), Commercial Diving (June 1, 1993), Sawmills (July 22, 1996), Air Receivers (September 15, 1993), and Guarding of Portable Powered Tools (September 15, 1993). During that time OSHA has received no indication of significant objection to the State's different standards either as to their effectiveness in comparison to the Federal standard or as to their conformance with the product clause requirements of section 18(c)(2) of the Act. (A different State standard applicable to a product which is distributed or used in interstate commerce must be required by compelling local conditions and not unduly burden interstate commerce.) Oregon's Fire Protection and public sector Fire Fighters standards have been in effect since 1993, although the Fire Fighters standard was amended in March 1998 and January 2000. The private sector Fire Protection standard is identical to the Federal. Since the public sector Fire Fighters standard is at least as effective as the comparable Federal standards, is not specifically applicable to products used or distributed in interstate commerce, and is limited in scope to the public sector in Oregon, OSHA has determined that further opportunity for public comment is not appropriate. OSHA has also determined that the differences between the following State standards amendments and the Federal amendments are minor: Overhead and Gantry Cranes, Crawler Locomotive and Truck Cranes, and Definitions (1910.241).

OSHA therefore approves all the standards and amendments contained in this notice; however, the right to reconsider this approval is reserved should substantial objections be submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

3. *Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying.* A copy of the standards, along with the approved plan, may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Office of the Regional Administrator, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 1111

Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, Washington 98101-3212; Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Salem, Oregon 97310; and the Office of State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 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 supplement to the Oregon State Plan as a proposed change and making the Regional Administrator's approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

1. The standard amendments are at least as effective as the federal standards which were promulgated in accordance with the federal law, including meeting requirements for public participation.

2. The standard amendments were adopted in accordance with the procedural requirements of State law and further public participation would be repetitious.

This decision is effective August 25, 2000. (Sec. 18, Pub. L. 91-596, 84 STAT. 6108 [29 U.S.C. 667]).

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 15th day of August, 2000.

**Richard S. Terrill,**

*Regional Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### 111th Full Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plan; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 111th open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2000, in Room N-5437 A-D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Third and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the meeting, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 3:00 p.m., is for the three working groups to provide progress reports on their study topics and for

Leslie Kramerich, the acting Assistant Secretary for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, to update members on employee benefit legislative and regulatory activities.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topics the Council elected to study for the year by submitting 20 copies on or before September 4, 2000 to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 4 at the address indicated.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 4, 2000.

Signed at Washington, DC this 21st day of August 2000.

**Leslie Kramerich,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group on Benefit Continuity After Organizational Restructuring Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Group of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans studying benefit continuity after organizational restructuring will hold an open public meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, in Room N-5437 A-D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.