

Chapter 296-155 WAC Safety standards for construction work, Part S Demolition

Stakeholder Meeting

1610 S. Technology Boulevard, Suite 100, Spokane, WA; May 29, 2019, 9:00am

Meeting Summary

Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Staff present:

Safety and Health Specialist
Administrative Regulations Analyst
Standards and Technical Services Manager

Attendees, and organization represented (in no particular order):

T.N. Clark Construction
Lydig Construction
Washington State University
Walker Construction

Welcome/Introductions:

DOSH Safety and Health Specialist called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

DOSH staff provided a high level summary of the sections with proposed changes:

DOSH staff shared the revised draft with attendees. Sections with proposed changes include: preparatory operations; stairs, passageways, and ladders; chutes; removal of materials through floor openings; removal of walls, masonry sections, and chimneys; catch platforms; removal of steel constructions; and, mechanical demolition.

Discussion:

Attendees noted confusion related to the term “engineering survey.” Most assume an engineer must perform the “engineering survey.” Attendees stated many do not understand that the survey is to be performed by a “competent person.”

In relation to the “engineering survey, attendees suggested the following:

- Rename the survey
- Better explain; for example, “an evaluation of the structure and integrity, hazards etc.”
- Provide clarification on “who” performs the survey
- Include within the Standard a bulleted list of critical elements from the survey; or, list the factors to be considered during preparatory operations
- Agency, or sub-committee, create a survey template and have available on line (ability to download)

An attendee noted WAC 296-155-785(5) should be changed from “36 and 42 inches” to “39 to 45 inches” to agree with the proposed changes in WAC 296-155-775(10).

DOSH staff asked attendees for additional thoughts on the proposed changes. Attendees noted the manner in which they currently operate meets the requirements of the proposed changes.

DOSH staff provided an update on the rulemaking process:

- The Division of Occupational Safety and Health filed a CR-101 Preproposal on July 5, 2018
- First round of stakeholder meetings concluded in December 2018
- DOSH updated the initial draft using comments and suggestions received during the first round of meetings
- CR-102 and Public Hearings tentatively scheduled for fall 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Documents available for attendees at the start of the meeting:

- Agenda
- Agency proposed changes for Chapter 296-155 WAC, Standards for Construction Work, Part S Demolition (draft date 2-14-2019)