

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

Stakeholder Meeting:

4310 W 24th Avenue, Kennewick, WA; June 13, 2019, 9:00am

Meeting Summary

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

Safety and Health Specialist Administrative Regulations Analyst Standards Program Manager

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

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302

Welcome/Introductions:

DOSH Safety and Health Specialist introduced DOSH staff to the attendee.

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

DOSH staff shared with the attendee the catalyst for this rulemaking, summarizing the fatalities from the HWY 410 overpass. DOSH staff reviewed the revised draft with the attendee. 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:

DOSH staff detailed with the attendee the composition of the proposed definition of "demolition." The definition created using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) definition; as well as language from the asbestos standard to ensure consistency.

DOSH Staff shared with the attendee additional language may be proposed in relation to the Engineering Survey. Based upon stakeholder feedback, many assume a professional engineer must perform the "Engineering Survey." DOSH staff clarified, stating the Engineering Survey is to be performed by a competent person; and, acknowledged an engineer may be necessary based upon the demolition project. In addition, DOSH staff shared with the attendee, the agency may add a list of elements to be included in the Engineering Survey; or, provide a template.

The attendee stated the proposed changes look good; will require contractor and/or sub-contractor to identify a competent person. In addition, the attendee felt having a check list, like fall protection plan or template (Engineering Survey) would be beneficial; or, use a different title to eliminate confusion regarding whether an engineer must complete the Engineering Survey.

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)