

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

### **Stakeholder Meeting**

12806 Gateway Drive, Tukwila, WA, June 17, 2019, 9:00am

### **Meeting Summary**

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

Safety and Health Specialist  
Administrative Regulations Analyst  
Technical Services Program Manager

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

PCI Democon  
ABC of West Washington  
Associated General Contractors of Washington (AGC)  
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302

#### **WebEx:**

None

#### **Welcome/Introductions:**

DOSH Safety and Health Specialist called the meeting to order at 9:00 am; and, introduced DOSH Staff to attendees.

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

DOSH staff shared with attendees the catalyst for this rulemaking, summarizing the fatalities from the HWY 410 overpass. DOSH staff reviewed 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:**

DOSH staff detailed with attendees 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 attendees 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 attendees, the agency may add a list of elements to be included in the Engineering Survey; or, provide a template.

An attendee expressed concern with the existing language regarding protruding nails. The attendee feels the language is difficult to understand.

The group discussed the Engineering Survey further. Attendees were not aware the existing WAC did not require it be followed. Attendees stated standard operating procedures within the organization they represent perform the survey and implementing the recommendations. Attendees supported the department creating a check list or template. This would allow an organization to provide for a contractor if one not available.

An attendee stated he was surprised the WAC still contained language related to the use of a wrecking ball. DOSH staff stated there are a few remaining companies who use a wrecking ball.

Attendees expressed no concerns with the changes proposed within the draft.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32.

**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)