

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

Stakeholder Meeting

711 Vine Street, Kelso, WA, June 18, 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):

Northwest Laborers

Welcome/Introductions:

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

DOSH staff and the attendee further discussed the Engineering Survey; and, the requirements for a contractor and sub-contractor to identify a “competent person.” The attendee supported the changes proposed by the department in the draft.

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
- Financial analyses to be performed: Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA), Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) and Least Burdensome Analysis.
- The filing of the CR-102 and Public Hearings may be delayed, based upon completion of economic analyses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16.

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)