

Demolition Safety Stakeholder Group Meeting:
3001 W. Broadway Ave, Moses Lake, WA; July 25, 2018 9:00am-12:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Organizations represented (in no particular order):

NW Laborers Employers Training Trust (NWLETT)
Washington State Building and Construction Trades (via Skype)
Department of Labor and Industries

Summary:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves. A representative of Labor and Industries Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) summarized the rulemaking thus far to update the requirements in Chapter 296-155 WAC, Standards for Construction Work, Part S, Demolition.

DOSH staff informed the group DOSH is initiating this change to remove confusing and unnecessary language as well as add clarification where necessary throughout the rule to improve safety.

DOSH staff stated the agency has received proposed changes from only two individuals outside of stakeholder meetings. Suggestions submitted are incorporated in the document titled “Stakeholder Suggested Changes.” This document will be available at future stakeholder meetings.

During the meeting, DOSH representative reviewed the WAC as currently written; and, presented the changes proposed by the agency and the rationale for the changes. Each of the proposed changes was discussed among attendees. Suggestions contributed by attendees were discussed; and, documented for further discussion at future stakeholder meetings. The sections in which attendees had comments are detailed below.

Detailed Review of WAC 296-155 Part S Demolition:

WAC 296-155-775 Preparatory operations

WAC 296-155-775 (1) DOSH staff reviewed the WAC as currently written; and, shared with attendees the proposed changes to this section.

Stakeholder(s) questions/comments: Concern with the term “adjacent structures,” stating the term “adjacent” must be defined.

DOSH Response: Agreed a more clear definition must be developed.

WAC 296-155-775(3)(b) DOSH staff reviewed the WAC as currently written; and, shared with attendees the proposed changes to this section. The only proposed change is to remove “as specified in other parts of this chapter.”

Stakeholder(s) questions/comments: References made to vertical versus horizontal standards; and work platform, scaffolds, and ladders.

WAC 296-155-775(5)(b) DOSH staff reviewed the WAC as currently written; and, shared with attendees the proposed changes to this section. Proposed changes include separating into two sub-sections.

Stakeholder(s) questions/comments: Referenced the changes submitted by a stakeholder following the June stakeholder meeting; and, verbalized agreement with the suggested changes. Attending stakeholder expressed concerns with general definitions; and, having additional definitions throughout the WAC. Suggested adding definitions within the section rather than referencing definitions elsewhere in the Chapter.

DOSH Response: Additional discussion necessary.

WAC 296-155-775(13)

DOSH staff reviewed the WAC as currently written; and, shared with attendees the proposed changes to this section. The proposed sections to WAC 296-155-775(13)(b) are copied from C1.

Stakeholder(s) questions/comments: Suggested matching current fall protection language, Chapter 296-155 Part C-1.

WAC 296-155-810 Catch Platforms

WAC 296-155-810(4) DOSH staff reviewed the WAC as currently written; and, shared with attendees the proposed changes to this section.

Discussion: Catch platform-Chapter 296-155 C-1 allows. OSHA considers scaffold and would have to meet scaffold standards. Discussion followed regarding weight and safety factor.

Meeting Recap:

Prior to adjourning the meeting, attendees were encouraged to provide additional thoughts and/or suggestions via email to discuss at future stakeholder meetings as well. One attendee stated more time was needed to review the suggested changes before providing comment.

Items for Follow-Up:

- DOSH staff to research whether the agency must obtain permission to use the National Demolition Association Project Pre-Start Survey; or, sections of the document.

Next meetings:

DOSH staff provided the date and location of the next stakeholder meeting.

Date: Friday, September 7, 2018

Time: 9:00-12:00; 8:30 sign in

Location: Labor and Industries, Tukwila

12806 Gateway Drive South

Tukwila, WA

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Documents available for attendees at the start of the meeting:

- Agenda
- Chapter 296-155 WAC, Standards for Construction Work, Part S Demolition
- Changes proposed by agency to Chapter 296-155 WAC, Standards for Construction Work, Part S Demolition
- Stakeholder suggested changes
- National Demolition Association Project Pre-Start Survey