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Forest Activities Standards Adopted New Division 7

Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 5-2003, filed June 2, 2003, will be effective December 1, 2003. This is the adoption of Division 7, Forest Activities, and the repeal of Division 6, Forest Activities.

Oregon OSHA evaluated public hearings input and written comments to complete the review and revision of the Forest Activities rules. Based on the comments received we have made a number of minor changes in the final standard. There were also changes to the requirements for employer payment for PPE, guarding of machine cabs and first aid training which were necessary to meet our Federal OSHA obligations as a state plan state. The current Division 6, Forest Activities rules are being replaced with a series of forest activities rules and notes in a new Division 7, Forest Activities which:

1. Make rules more clear and concise for users;
2. update rules to include current technology;
3. eliminate outdated/obsolete rules;
4. provide uniformity between Forest Activities rules and other rules;
5. address areas not currently addressed; and
6. satisfies the requirements for periodic rule review.

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Training on the new standards will be offered for employers. Locations, dates, and times will be posted on our web site when they are available. Check our web site for updated training information and to view/print proposed and final rules at: www.orosha.org

Division 7 is not on the current (April 2003) cd, but will be included on the next one. In the interim, if you want the new Division 7, Forest Activities on cd, please call the OR-OSHA Resource Center, 503-947-7447, to request one; or e-mail your request to tech.web@state.or.us

REMEMBER: Division 6 is still in effect through November 30, 2003. Division 7 is effective starting December 1, 2003.

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