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Oregon OSHA – Adopted Changes to Division 2/L – Oregon Rules for Firefighters In General Industry

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This is Oregon OSHA Administrative Order 4-2015, **adopted October 23, 2015, and effective July 1, 2016.**

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RULE CAPTION

Adopt changes to Oregon Rules for Firefighters in general industry, Division 2/L.

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RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:

AMEND:

437-002-0182

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ORS 654.025(2), 656.726(4)

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Statutes Implemented:

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