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*******New federal OSHA rule amendments for 1910.269 with Appendices A – G in Division 2/R (**starting on page 13 of this document**), and Division 3/V rules 1926.950 – .968, with Appendices A – G (**starting on page 185 of this document**), are not shown in bold and underline to give better readability.*******

Federal Registers used in this rulemaking:

April 11, 2014 Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment; for General Industry and Construction. Final Rule.
https://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20140411.pdf

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Division 2/I, Personal Protective Equipment

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Adoption by Reference. In addition to, and not in lieu of, any other health and safety codes contained in OAR Chapter 437, the Department adopts by reference the following federal regulations printed as part of the Code of Federal Regulations, 29 CFR 1910, in the Federal Register:
(1) 29 CFR 1910.132 General requirements. Repealed with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 4-2011, filed and effective 12/8/11. In Oregon, OAR 437-002-0134 applies.
(2) 29 CFR 1910.133 Eye and face protection. Repealed with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 4-2011, filed and effective 12/8/11. In Oregon, OAR 437-002-0134 applies.
(3) 29 CFR 1910.134 Respiratory protection, published 8/7/12, FR vol. 77, no. 152, p. 46948.
(4) 29 CFR 1910.135 Occupational head protection. Repealed with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 4-2011, filed and effective 12/8/11. In Oregon, OAR 437-002-0134 applies.

(5) 29 CFR 1910.136 Occupational foot protection. Repealed with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 4-2011, filed and effective 12/8/11. In Oregon, OAR 437-002-0134 applies.
(6) 29 CFR 1910.137 Electrical protective equipment, published [~~1/31/94, FR vol. 59, no. 20, pp. 4435-7~~]**4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316**.
(7) 29 CFR 1910.138 Hand Protection. Repealed with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 4-2011, filed and effective 12/8/11. In Oregon, OAR 437-002-0134 applies.
(8) 29 CFR 1910.139 Respiratory protection for M. tuberculosis. Removed, 12/3/03, FR vol. 68, p. 75776-75780 (OR-OSHA Admin. Order 1-2004, f. 3/26/04, ef. 7/1/04).
(9) Appendices.
Appendix A – References for further information (nonmandatory).
Appendix B – Nonmandatory compliance guidelines for hazard assessment and personal protective equipment selection; amended with OR-OSHA Admin. Order [~~1-2012, f. and ef. 4/10/12~~]**X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX**.
These standards are available from the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services; and the United States Government Printing Office.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
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OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1994, f. 8/1/94, ef. 8/1/94.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 5-1994, f. 9/30/94 ef. 9/30/94.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1997, f. 3/28/97 ef. 3/28/97.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 4-1997, f. 4/2/97, ef. 4/2/97.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1998, f. 7/7/98, ef. 7/7/98.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 12-2001, f. 10/26/01, ef. 10/26/01.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 1-2004, f. 3/26/04, ef. 7/1/04.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 5-2004, f. 11/19/04, ef. 11/19/04.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 10-2006, f. 11/30/06, ef. 11/30/06.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 5-2008, f. 5/1/08, ef. 5/15/08.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 5-2009, f. 5/29/09, ef. 5/29/09.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 2-2010, f. 2/25/10, ef. 2/25/10.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 4-2011, f. 12/8/11, ef. 12/8/11.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 1-2012, f. 4/10/12, ef. 4/10/12.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 7-2012, f. 12/14/12, ef. 12/14/12.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-0134
Personal Protective Equipment
Application. This rule applies to personal protective equipment and other protective equipment for the eyes, face, head, extremities and torso to include protective clothing, respiratory devices, and protective shields and barriers, wherever employees encounter hazardous processes or environments, chemical hazards, radiological hazards, or mechanical irritants that are capable of causing injury or impairment in the function of any part of the body through absorption, inhalation or physical contact.
NOTE: The assessment for eyes, face, head, hands, and feet are currently in effect. The torso and extremities (e.g. arms and legs) element of the body assessment will not be enforced until July 1, 2012.
(1) Hazard assessment and equipment selection.
(a) The employer must assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present, or are likely to be present, which necessitate the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) or other protective equipment. If such hazards are present, or likely to be present, the employer must:
(A) Select, and have each affected employee use, the types of PPE that will protect the affected employee from the hazards identified in the hazard assessment;
(i) All protective equipment must be of safe design and construction for the work to be performed.

(ii) Protective equipment must be worn and used in a manner which will make full use of its protective properties.
(B) Communicate selection decisions to each affected employee; and,
(C) Select PPE that properly fits each affected employee.
NOTE: Non-mandatory Appendix B contains an example of procedures that would comply with the requirement for a hazard assessment.
(b) The employer must verify that the required workplace hazard assessment has been performed through a written certification that identifies the workplace evaluated; the person certifying that the evaluation has been performed; the date(s) of the hazard assessment; and, which identifies the document as a certification of hazard assessment.
(2) Equipment.
(a) Where employees provide their own protective equipment, the employer is responsible to assure its adequacy, including proper maintenance, and sanitation of such equipment.
(b) All personal protective equipment must be provided, used, and maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition.
(c) Defective or damaged personal protective equipment must not be used
(d) Each employer must maintain a regular system of inspection and maintenance of personal protective equipment furnished to workers.
(3) Training.
(a) The employer must provide training to each employee who is required by this section to use PPE and each employee that is provided training must know at least the following:
(A) When PPE is necessary;
(B) What PPE is necessary;
(C) How to properly don, doff, adjust, and wear PPE;
(D) The limitations of the PPE; and,
(E) The proper care, maintenance, useful life and disposal of the PPE.
(b) Each affected employee must demonstrate an understanding of the training specified in paragraph (3)(a) of this section, and the ability to use PPE properly, before being allowed to perform work requiring the use of PPE.
(c) When the employer has reason to believe that any affected employee who has already been trained does not have the understanding and skill required by paragraph (3)(b) of this section, the employer must retrain each such employee. Circumstances where retraining is required include, but are not limited to situations where:
(A) Changes in the workplace render previous training obsolete; or
(B) Changes in the types of PPE to be used render previous training obsolete; or
(C) Inadequacies in an affected employee's knowledge or use of assigned PPE indicate that the employee has not retained the requisite understanding or skill.
(4) Payment for protective equipment.
(a) Except as provided by paragraphs (4)(b) through (4)(f) of this section, the protective equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE), used to comply with this part, must be provided by the employer at no cost to employees.
(b) The employer is not required to pay for non-specialty safety-toe protective footwear (including steel-toe shoes or steel-toe boots) and non-specialty prescription safety eyewear, provided that the employer permits such items to be worn off the job-site.
(c) When the employer provides metatarsal guards and allows the employee, at his or her request, to use shoes or boots with built-in metatarsal protection, the employer is not required to reimburse the employee for the shoes or boots.
(d) The employer is not required to pay for:
(A) The logging boots required by OAR 437-007-0330 in division 7.
(B) Everyday clothing, such as long-sleeve shirts, long pants, street shoes, and normal work boots; or
(C) Ordinary clothing, skin creams, or other items, used solely for protection from weather, such as winter coats, jackets, gloves, parkas, rubber boots, hats, raincoats, ordinary sunglasses, and sunscreen.
(e) The employer must pay for replacement PPE, except when the employee has lost or intentionally damaged the PPE.

(f) Where an employee provides adequate protective equipment he or she owns pursuant to paragraph (2)(a) of this section, the employer may allow the employee to use it and is not required to reimburse the employee for that equipment. The employer must not require an employee to provide or pay for his or her own PPE, unless the PPE is excepted by paragraphs (4)(b) through (4)(e) of this section.
(5) Fall Protection.
(a) All employees must be protected from fall hazards when working on unguarded surfaces more than 10 feet above a lower level or at any height above dangerous equipment.
(b) The employer must ensure that fall protection systems are provided, installed, and used according to the criteria in 1926.502(d), and 437-003-0502 in Division 3/M, Construction/Fall Protection.
(6) Work Clothing.
(a) Clothing must be worn which is appropriate to the work performed and conditions encountered.
(b) Appropriate high temperature protective clothing must be worn by workers who are exposed to possible contact with molten metals or other substances that can cause burns.
(c) Loose sleeves, ties, lapels, cuffs, or other loose clothing must not be worn near moving machinery.
(d) Clothing saturated or impregnated with flammable liquids, corrosive or toxic substances, irritants, or oxidizing agents must be removed immediately and not worn again until properly cleaned.
(e) Rings, wristwatches, earrings, bracelets, and other jewelry which might contact power driven machinery or electric circuitry, must not be worn.
(7) High Visibility Garments. Employees exposed to hazards caused by on highway type moving vehicles in construction zones and street/highway traffic must wear highly visible upper body garments. The colors must contrast with other colors in the area sufficiently to make the worker stand out. Colors equivalent to strong red, strong orange, strong yellow, strong yellow-green or fluorescent versions of these colors are acceptable. During hours of darkness, the garments must also have reflective material visible from all sides for 1000 feet.
(8) Eye And Face Protection.
(a) The employer must ensure that each affected employee uses appropriate eye or face protection when exposed to eye or face hazards from flying particles, molten metal, liquid chemicals, acids or caustic liquids, chemical gases or vapors, or potentially injurious light radiation.
(b) The employer must ensure that each affected employee uses eye protection that provides side protection when there is a hazard from flying objects. Detachable side protectors (e.g., clip-on or slide-on side shields) meeting the pertinent requirements of this section are acceptable.
(c) The employer must ensure that each affected employee who wears prescription lenses while engaged in operations that involve eye hazards wears eye protection that incorporates the prescription in its design, or shall wear eye protection that can be worn over the prescription lenses without disturbing the proper position of the prescription lenses or the protective lenses.
(d) Eye and face PPE must be distinctly marked to facilitate identification of the manufacturer.
(e) The employer must ensure that each affected employee uses equipment with filter lenses that have a shade number appropriate for the work being performed for protection from injurious light radiation. The following is a listing of appropriate shade numbers for various operations. Tables and notes.
(f) Protective eye and face protection devices must comply with any of the following consensus standards
(A) ANSI Z87.1-2003, American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, which is incorporated by reference in 1910.6;
(B) ANSI Z87.1-1989 (R-1998), American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, which is incorporated by reference in 1910.6; or
(C) ANSI Z87.1-1989, American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, which is incorporated by reference in 1910.6.
(g) Protective eye and face protection devices that the employer demonstrates are at least as effective as protective eye and face protection devices that are constructed in accordance with one of the above consensus standards will be deemed to be incompliance with the requirements of this section.
(h) Employees whose occupation or assignment requires exposure to laser beams shall be furnished laser safety goggles as required by Occupational Health Regulations which will protect for the specific wavelength of the laser and be of optical density adequate for the energy involved.
(9) Head Protection.

(a) The employer must ensure that each affected employee wears a protective helmet when working in areas where there is a potential for injury to the head from falling or flying objects.
(b) The employer must ensure that a protective helmet designed to reduce electrical shock hazard is worn by each such affected employee when near exposed electrical conductors which could contact the head.
(c) Head protection must comply with any of the following consensus standards:
(A) ANSI Z89.1-2009, American National Standard for Industrial Head Protection, which is incorporated by reference in 1910.6;
(B) ANSI Z89.1-2003, American National Standard for Industrial Head Protection, which is incorporated by reference in ¦1910.6;
(C) ANSI Z89.1-1997, American National Standard for Industrial Head Protection, which is incorporated by reference in 1910.6; or
(d) Head protection devices that the employer demonstrates are at least as effective as head protection devices that are constructed in accordance with one of the above consensus standards will be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this section.
(e) Employees who are exposed to power-driven machinery or to sources of ignition shall wear caps or other head covering which completely covers the hair.
(10) Foot Protection.
*(a) The employer must ensure that each affected employee use protective footwear when working in areas where there is a danger of foot injuries due to falling or rolling objects, or objects piercing the sole, and where such employee's feet are exposed to electrical hazards**, such as a static-discharge or electric-shock hazard, that remains after the employer takes other necessary protective measures**.*
(b) Protective footwear must comply with any of the following consensus standards:
(A) ASTM F-2412-2005, Standard Test Methods for Foot Protection, and ASTM F-2413-2005, Standard Specification for Performance Requirements for Protective Footwear, which are incorporated by reference in 1910.6;
(B) ANSI Z41-1999, American National Standard for Personal Protection — Protective Footwear, which is incorporated by reference in 1910.6; or
(C) ANSI Z41-1991, American National Standard for Personal Protection — Protective Footwear, which is incorporated by reference in ¦1910.6.
(c) Protective footwear that the employer demonstrates is at least as effective as protective footwear that is constructed in accordance with one of the above consensus standards will be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this section.
(d) Special types or designs of shoes or foot guards are required where conditions exist that make their use necessary for the safety of workers.
(11) Leg protection
(a) Leggings or high boots of leather, rubber, or other suitable material must be worn by persons exposed to hot substances or dangerous chemical spills.
(b) Employees using chain saws must wear chaps or leg protectors that cover the leg from the upper thigh to mid-calf. The protector must be material designed to resist cuts from the chain saw. Employers must provide this protection at no cost to the employee.
NOTE: To 437-002-0134(11)(b): Employees working in the tree and shrub services industry must follow rules on this subject in Subdivision 2/R instead of the above.
(12) Hand Protection.
(a) Employers must select and require employees to use appropriate hand protection when employees' hands are exposed to hazards such as those from skin absorption of harmful substances; severe cuts or lacerations; severe abrasions; punctures; chemical burns; thermal burns; and harmful temperature extremes.
(b) Employers must base the selection of the appropriate hand protection on an evaluation of the performance characteristics of the hand protection relative to the task(s) to be performed, conditions present, duration of use, and the hazards and potential hazards identified.
(c) Gloves must not be worn by persons whose hands are exposed to moving parts in which they could be caught.

(13) Skin protection. Where the need for their use is necessary, protective covering, ointments, gloves, or other effective protection must be provided for and used by persons exposed to materials which are hazardous to the skin.
[ED. NOTE: Tables referenced are not included in rule text. Click here for PDF copy of table(s).]
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) & 656.726(4)
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 - 654.295
Hist.: OSHA 4-2011, f. & cert. ef. 12-8-11; OSHA 2-2013, f. 2-15-13, cert. ef. 4-1-13
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

1910.137 Electrical Protective Equipment.

(a) Design requirements **for specific types of electrical protective equipment**. Insulating blankets, matting, covers, line hose, gloves, and sleeves made of rubber shall meet the following requirements:
(1) Manufacture and marking **of rubber insulating equipment**.
(i) Blankets, gloves, and sleeves shall be produced by a seamless process.
(ii) Each item shall be clearly marked as follows:
(A) Class 00 equipment shall be marked Class 00.
([~~A~~]**B**) Class 0 equipment shall be marked Class 0.
([~~B~~]**C**) Class 1 equipment shall be marked Class 1.
([~~C~~]**D**) Class 2 equipment shall be marked Class 2.
([~~D~~]**E**) Class 3 equipment shall be marked Class 3.
([~~E~~]**F**) Class 4 equipment shall be marked Class 4.
([~~F~~]**G**) Nonozone-resistant equipment other than matting shall be marked Type I.
([~~G~~]**H**) Ozone-resistant equipment other than matting shall be marked Type II.
([~~H~~]**I**) Other relevant markings, such as the manufacturer's identification and the size of the equipment, may also be provided.
(iii) Markings shall be nonconducting and shall be applied in such a manner as not to impair the insulating qualities of the equipment.
(iv) Markings on gloves shall be confined to the cuff portion of the glove.
(2) Electrical requirements.
(i) Equipment shall be capable of withstanding the ac proof-test voltage specified in Table I-[~~2~~]**1** or the dc proof-test voltage specified in Table I-[~~3~~]**2**.
(A) The proof test shall reliably indicate that the equipment can withstand the voltage involved.
(B) The test voltage shall be applied continuously for 3 minutes for equipment other than matting and shall be applied continuously for 1-minute for matting.
(C) Gloves shall also be capable of **separately** withstanding the ac proof-test voltage specified in Table I-[~~2~~]**1** after a 16-hour water soak. (See the note following paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.)
(ii) [~~If~~]**When** the ac proof-test is [~~made at a frequency other than~~]**used on gloves, the** 60-hertz[~~, the permissible~~] proof-test current [~~shall be computed from the direct ratio of the frequencies~~]**may not exceed the values specified in Table I-1 at any time during the test period**.
(A) If the ac proof test is made at a frequency other than 60-hertz, the permissible proof test current shall be computed from the direct ratio of the frequencies.
([~~A~~]**B**) For the test, gloves (right side out) shall be filled with tap water and immersed in water to a depth that is in accordance with Table I-[~~4~~]**3**. Water shall be added to or removed from the glove, as necessary, so that the water level is the same inside and outside the glove.
([~~B~~]**C**) After the 16-hour water soak specified in paragraph (a)(2)(i)(C) of this section, the 60-hertz proof-test current may **not** exceed the values given in Table I-[~~2~~]**1** by [~~not~~]more than 2 milliamperes.
(iii) Equipment that has been subjected to a minimum breakdown voltage test may not be used for electrical protection. (See the note following paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.)
(iv) Material used for Type II insulating equipment shall be capable of withstanding an ozone test, with no visible effects. The ozone test shall reliably indicate that the material will resist ozone exposure in actual use. Any visible signs of ozone deterioration of the material, such as checking, cracking, breaks, or

pitting, is evidence of failure to meet the requirements for ozone-resistant material. (See the note following paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.)
(3) Workmanship and finish.
(i) Equipment shall be free of harmful physical irregularities that can **adversely affect the insulating properties of the equipment and that can** be detected by the tests or inspections required under this section.
(ii) Surface irregularities that may be present on all rubber goods **(**because of imperfections on forms or molds or because of inherent difficulties in the manufacturing process**)** and that may appear as indentations, protuberances, or imbedded foreign material are acceptable under the following conditions:
(A) The indentation or protuberance blends into a smooth slope when the material is stretched.
(B) Foreign material remains in place when the insulating material is folded and stretches with the insulating material surrounding it.
Note **to paragraph (a)**: Rubber insulating equipment meeting the following national consensus standards is deemed to be in compliance with **the performance requirements of** paragraph (a) of this section:
American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D 120-[~~87~~]**09**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves.
ASTM D 178-[~~93~~]**01** ([~~or D 178-88~~]**2010**), **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting.
ASTM D 1048-[~~93~~]**12** [~~(or D 1048-88a)~~], **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets.
ASTM D 1049-[~~93~~]**98** ([~~or D 1049-88~~]**2010**), **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers.
ASTM D 1050-[~~90~~]**05 (2011)**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose.
ASTM D 1051-[~~87~~]**08**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves.
[~~These~~]**The preceding** standards contain specifications for conducting the various tests required in paragraph (a) of this section. For example, the ac and dc proof tests, the breakdown test, the water-soak procedure, and the ozone test mentioned in this paragraph are described in detail in the ASTM standards.
ASTM F 1236-96 (2012), Standard Guide for Visual Inspection of Electrical Protective Rubber Products, presents methods and techniques for the visual inspection of electrical protective equipment made of rubber. This guide also contains descriptions and photographs of irregularities that can be found in this equipment.
ASTM F 819-10, Standard Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers, includes definitions of terms relating to the electrical protective equipment covered under this section.
(b) Design requirements for other types of electrical protective equipment. The following requirements apply to the design and manufacture of electrical protective equipment that is not covered by paragraph (a) of this section:
(1) Voltage withstand. Insulating equipment used for the protection of employees shall be capable of withstanding, without failure, the voltages that may be imposed upon it.
Note to paragraph (b)(1): These voltages include transient overvoltages, such as switching surges, as well as nominal line voltage. See Appendix B to § 1910.269 for a discussion of transient overvoltages on electric power transmission and distribution systems. See IEEE Std 516-2009, IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines, for methods of determining the magnitude of transient overvoltages on an electrical system and for a discussion comparing the ability of insulation equipment to withstand a transient overvoltage based on its ability to withstand ac voltage testing.
(2) Equipment current.
(i) Protective equipment used for the primary insulation of employees from energized circuit parts shall be capable of passing a current test when subjected to the highest nominal voltage on which the equipment is to be used.
(ii) When insulating equipment is tested in accordance with paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section, the equipment current may not exceed 1 microampere per kilovolt of phase-to-phase applied voltage.

Note 1 to paragraph (b)(2): This paragraph applies to equipment that provides primary insulation of employees from energized parts. It does not apply to equipment used for secondary insulation or equipment used for brush contact only.
Note 2 to paragraph (b)(2): For ac excitation, this current consists of three components: Capacitive current because of the dielectric properties of the insulating material itself; conduction current through the volume of the insulating equipment; and leakage current along the surface of the tool or equipment. The conduction current is normally negligible. For clean, dry insulating equipment, the leakage current is small, and the capacitive current predominates.
Note to paragraph (b): Plastic guard equipment is deemed to conform to the performance requirements of paragraph (b) of this section if it meets, and is used in accordance with, ASTM F712-06 (2011), Standard Test Methods and Specifications for Electrically Insulating Plastic Guard Equipment for Protection of Workers.
([~~b~~]**c**) In-service care and use **of electrical protective equipment**.
(1) **General.** Electrical protective equipment shall be maintained in a safe, reliable condition.
(2) **Specific requirements.** The following specific requirements apply to **rubber** insulating blankets, **rubber insulating** covers, **rubber insulating** line hose, **rubber insulating** gloves, and **rubber insulating** sleeves[~~ made of rubber~~]:
(i) Maximum use voltages shall conform to those listed in Table I-[~~5~~]**4**.
Insulating equipment shall be inspected for damage before each day's use and immediately following any incident that can reasonably be suspected of [~~having caused~~]**causing** damage. Insulating gloves shall be given an air test, along with the inspection.
Note to paragraph (c)(2)(ii): ASTM F1236-96 (2012), Standard Guide for Visual Inspection of Electrical Protective Rubber Products, presents methods and techniques for the visual inspection of electrical protective equipment made of rubber. This guide also contains descriptions and photographs of irregularities that can be found in this equipment.
(iii) Insulating equipment with any of the following defects may not be used:
(A) A hole, tear, puncture, or cut;
(B) Ozone cutting or ozone checking ([~~the cutting action~~]**that is, a series of interlacing cracks** produced by ozone on rubber under mechanical stress[~~ into a series of interlacing cracks~~);
(C) An embedded foreign object;
(D) Any of the following texture changes: swelling, softening, hardening, or becoming sticky or inelastic.
(E) Any other defect that damages the insulating properties.
(iv) Insulating equipment found to have other defects that might affect its insulating properties shall be removed from service and returned for testing under paragraphs (b)(2)(viii) and (b)(2)(ix) of this section.
(v) Insulating equipment shall be cleaned as needed to remove foreign substances.
(vi) Insulating equipment shall be stored in such a location and in such a manner as to protect it from light, temperature extremes, excessive humidity, ozone, and other [~~injurious~~]**damaging** substances and conditions.
(vii) Protector gloves shall be worn over insulating gloves, except as follows:
(A) Protector gloves need not be used with Class 0 gloves, under limited-use conditions, [~~where~~]**when** small equipment and parts manipulation necessitate unusually high finger dexterity.
Note **to paragraph (c)(2)(vii)(A)**: [~~Extra care is needed in the visual examination of the glove and in the avoidance of handling sharp objects.~~] **Persons inspecting rubber insulating gloves used under these conditions need to take extra care in visually examining them. Employees using rubber insulating gloves under these conditions need to take extra care to avoid handling sharp objects.**
(B) If the voltage does not exceed 250 volts, ac, or 375 volts, dc, protector gloves need not be used with Class 00 gloves, under limited-use conditions, when small equipment and parts manipulation necessitate unusually high finger dexterity.
Note to paragraph (c)(2)(vii)(B): Persons inspecting rubber insulating gloves used under these conditions need to take extra care in visually examining them. Employees using rubber insulating gloves under these conditions need to take extra care to avoid handling sharp objects.

([~~B~~]**C**) Any other class of glove may be used[~~ for similar work~~] without protector gloves**, under limited-use conditions, when small equipment and parts manipulation necessitate unusually high finger dexterity but only** if the employer can demonstrate that the possibility of physical damage to the gloves is small and if the class of glove is one class higher than that required for the voltage involved.
(D) Insulating gloves that have been used without protector gloves may not be [~~used at a higher voltage~~]**reused** until they have been tested under the provisions of paragraphs ([~~b~~]**c**)(2)(viii) and ([~~b~~]**c**)(2)(ix) of this section.
(viii) Electrical protective equipment shall be subjected to periodic electrical tests. Test voltages and the maximum intervals between tests shall be in accordance with Table I-[~~5~~]**4** and Table I-[~~6~~]**5**.
(ix) The test method used under paragraphs ([~~b~~]**c**)(2)(viii) and ([~~b~~]**c**)(2)(ix) of this section shall reliably indicate whether the insulating equipment can withstand the voltages involved.
Note **to paragraph (c)(2)(ix)**: Standard electrical test methods considered as meeting this [~~requirement~~]**paragraph** are given in the following national consensus standards:
[~~American Society for Testing and Materials (~~]ASTM[~~)~~] D 120-[87]**09**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves.
ASTM D 178-01 (2010), Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting.
ASTM D 1048-[~~93~~]**12**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets.
ASTM D 1049-[~~93~~]**98**, **Standard**Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers.
ASTM D 1050-[~~90~~]**05**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose.
ASTM D 1051-[~~87~~]**08**, **Standard** Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves.
ASTM F 478-[~~92~~]**09**, **Standard** Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Line Hose and Covers.
ASTM F 479-[~~93~~]**06 (2011)**, **Standard** Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Blankets.
ASTM F 496-[~~93b~~]**08**, **Standard** Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves.
(x) Insulating equipment failing to pass inspections or electrical tests may not be used by employees, except as follows:
(A) Rubber insulating line hose may be used in shorter lengths with the defective portion cut off.
([C]**B**) Rubber insulating blankets may be salvaged by severing the defective area from the undamaged portion of the blanket. The resulting undamaged area may not be smaller than **560 millimeters by 560 millimeters (**22 inches by 22 inches**)** [~~(560 mm by 560 mm) ~~]for Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 blankets.
([~~B~~]**C**) Rubber insulating blankets may be repaired using a compatible patch that results in physical and electrical properties equal to those of the blanket.
(D) Rubber insulating gloves and sleeves with minor physical defects, such as small cuts, tears, or punctures, may be repaired by the application of a compatible patch. Also, rubber insulating gloves and sleeves with minor surface blemishes may be repaired with a compatible liquid compound. The [~~patched~~]**repaired** area shall have electrical and physical properties equal to those of the surrounding material. Repairs to gloves are permitted only in the area between the wrist and the reinforced edge of the opening.
(xi) Repaired insulating equipment shall be retested before it may be used by employees.
(xii) The employer shall certify that equipment has been tested in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs [~~(b)(2)(viii), (b)(2)(ix), and (b)(2)(xi)~~]**(c)(2)(iv), (c)(2)(vii)(D), (c)(2)(viii), (c)(2)(ix), and (c)(2)(xi)** of this section. The certification shall identify the equipment that passed the test and the date it was tested **and shall be made available upon request to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health and to employees or their authorized representatives**.
Note **to paragraph (c)(2)(xii)**: Marking [~~of~~]equipment **with,** and entering **onto logs,** the results of the tests and the dates of testing[~~ onto logs~~] are two acceptable means of meeting [~~this~~]**the certification** requirement.

Table I-[~~2~~]**1** – A-C Proof-Test Requirements

Class of equipment	Proof-test voltage rms V	Maximum proof-test current, mA (gloves only)			
		[~~267~~]**280**-mm ([~~10.5~~]**11**-in) glove	[~~356~~]**360**-mm (14-in) glove	[~~406~~]**410**-mm (16-in) glove	[~~457~~]**460**-mm (18-in) glove
00……..	**2,500**	**8**	**12**	**……**	**……**
0……	5,000	8	12	14	16
1……	10,000	……	14	16	18
2……	20,000	..……..	16	18	20
3……	30,000	……	18	20	22
4……	40,000	..……..	..……..	22	24

Table I-[~~3~~]**2** – D-C Proof-Test Requirements

Class of equipment	Proof-test voltage
00	**10,000**
0	20,000
1	40,000
2	50,000
3	60,000
4	70,000

Note: The dc voltages listed in this table are not appropriate for proof testing rubber insulating line hose or covers. For this equipment, dc proof tests shall use a voltage high enough to indicate that the equipment can be safely used at the voltages listed in Table I-4. See ASTM D 1050-[~~90~~]**05 (2011)** and ASTM D 1049-[~~88~~]**98 (2010)** for further information on proof tests for rubber insulating line hose and covers**, respectively**.

Table I-[~~4~~]**3** – Glove Tests – Water Level 1, 2

Class of glove	AC proof test		DC proof test	
	mm.	in.	mm.	in.
00	**38**	**1.5**	**38**	**1.5**
0	38	1.5	38	1.5
1	38	1.5	51	2.0
2	64	2.5	76	3.0
3	89	3.5	102	4.0
4	127	5.0	153	6.0

[1] The water level is given as the clearance from the [~~cuff~~]**reinforced edge** of the glove to the water line, with a tolerance of ±13 mm. (±0.5-inch).
[2] If atmospheric conditions make the specified clearances impractical, the clearances may be increased by a maximum of 25 mm. (1-inch).

Table I-[~~5~~]**4** – Rubber Insulating Equipment Voltage Requirements

Class of equipment	Maximum use voltage [1] [~~a-c~~]**AC** – rms	Retest voltage [2] [~~a-c~~]**AC** – rms	Retest voltage [2] [~~d-c~~]**DC** – avg
00	**500**	**2,500**	**10,000**
0	1,000	5,000	20,000
1	7,500	10,000	40,000
2	17,000	20,000	50,000
3	26,500	30,000	60,000
4	36,000	40,000	70,000

[1] The maximum use voltage is the ac voltage (rms) classification of the protective equipment that designates the maximum nominal design voltage of the energized system that may be safely worked. The nominal design voltage is equal to the phase-to-phase voltage on multiphase circuits. However, the phase-to-ground potential is considered to be the nominal design voltage **if**:

(1) [~~If t~~]**T**here is no multiphase exposure in a system area and if the voltage exposure is limited to the phase-to-ground potential, or

(2) [~~If t~~]**T**he electrical equipment and devices are insulated or isolated or both so that the multiphase exposure on a grounded wye circuit is removed.

[2] The proof-test voltage shall be applied continuously for at least 1 minute, but no more than 3 minutes.

Table I-[~~6~~]**5** – Rubber Insulating Equipment**,** Test Intervals

Type of equipment	When to test
Rubber insulating line hose	Upon indication that insulating value is suspect **and after repair**.
Rubber insulating covers	Upon indication that insulating value is suspect **and after repair**.
Rubber insulating blankets	Before first issue and every 12 months thereafter[~~.~~]**;** [1] **upon indication that insulating value is suspect; and after repair.**
* Rubber insulating gloves	Before first issue and every 6 months thereafter[~~.~~]**;** [1] [~~* (See NOTE below.)~~]**upon indication that insulating value is suspect; after repair; and after use without protectors.**
* Rubber insulating sleeves	Before first issue and every 12 months thereafter[~~.~~]**;** [1] [~~* (See NOTE below.)~~] **upon indication that insulating value is suspect; and after repair.**

[1] If the insulating equipment has been electrically tested but not issued for service, [~~it~~]**the insulating equipment** may not be placed into service unless it has been electrically tested within the previous 12 months.

[59 FR 4435, Jan. 31, 1994; 59 FR 33662, June 30, 1994]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order 9-1993, f. 7/29/93, ef. 9/15/93.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1994, f. 8/2/94, ef. 8/1/94.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

~~*[437-002-0138 Additional Oregon Rule for Electrical Protective Equipment*~~
~~*Tests of Rubber Gloves and Sleeves. Rubber gloves and sleeves shall be electrically tested at least once every 3 months after they are checked out for use, and complete records shall be kept of all such tests and date of issue. Rubber gloves and sleeves not checked out for use within 6 months shall be re-tested before being issued.*~~

~~Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) & 656.726(3)~~
~~Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 - 654.295~~
~~Hist.: OSHA 3-1994, f. & cert. ef. 8-1-94~~]

Appendix B to Subdivision I – Nonmandatory Compliance Guidelines for Hazard Assessment and Personal Protective Equipment Selection

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10. Selection guidelines for foot protection.

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Safety shoes or boots with impact protection would be required for carrying or handling materials such as packages, objects, parts or heavy tools, which could be dropped; and for other activities where objects might fall onto the feet. Safety shoes or boots with compression protection would be required for work activities involving skid trucks (manual material handling carts) around bulk rolls (such as paper rolls) and around heavy pipes, all of which could potentially roll over an employee's feet. Safety shoes or boots with puncture protection would be required where sharp objects such as nails, wire, tacks, screws, large staples, scrap metal, etc., could be stepped on by employees causing a foot injury. **Electrically conductive shoes would be required as a supplementary form of protection for work activities in which there is a danger of fire or expolision from the discharge of static electricity. Electrical-hazard or dielectric footwear would be required as a supplementary form of protection when an employee standing on the ground is exposed to hazardous step or touch potential (the difference in electrical potential between the feet or between the hands and feet) or when primary forms of electrical protective equipment, such as rubber insulating gloves and blankets, do not provide complete protection for an employee standing on the ground.**

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Subdivision R – Special Industries

437-002-0300
Adoption by Reference. In addition to and not in lieu of, any other health and safety codes contained in OAR Chapter 437, the Department adopts by reference the following federal regulations printed as part of the Code of Federal Regulations, 29 CFR 1910, in the Federal Register:
(1) Reserved for 29 CFR 1910.261 Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills
(2) 29 CFR 1910.262 Textiles, published 6/18/98, FR vol. 63, no. 117, p. 33467.
(3) 29 CFR 1910.263 Bakery Equipment, published 3/7/96, FR vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9241.
(4) 29 CFR 1910.264 Laundry Machinery and Operations, published 11/7/78, FR vol. 43, p. 51760.
(5) 29 CFR 1910.265 Sawmills, published 9/13/05, FR vol. 70, no. 176, p. 53925.
(6) Reserved for 29 CFR 1910.266 Pulpwood Logging. (NOTE: In Oregon, Pulpwood Logging rules are Oregon-initiated rules provided in Division 7, Forest Activities.)
(7) Reserved for 29 CFR 1910.267 Agricultural Operations
(8) 29 CFR 1910.268 Telecommunications, published 6/18/98, FR vol. 63, no. 117, p. 33467.
(9) 29 CFR 1910.269 Electric power generation, transmission and distribution, published [~~amended with OR-OSHA Admin. Order 6-2012, f. 9/28/12, ef. 4/1/13~~]**4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316**.
(10) 29 CFR 1910.272 Grain Handling Facilities, and Appendices A, B and C, published 3/7/96, FR vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9242.
(11) 29 CFR 1910.274 Removed. Published 3/7/96, Federal Register, vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9242.
(12) 29 CFR 1910.275 Removed. Published 3/7/96, Federal Register, vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9242.
These standards are available from the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services; and the United States Government Printing Office.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 10-1988, f. 7/7/88, ef. 7/7/88 (Grain Handling).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 23-1990, f. 9/28/90, ef. 12/1/90 (Grain Handling).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 27-1990, f. 12/12/90, ef. 2/1/91 (Tree and Shrub Services).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 14-1991, f. 10/10/91, ef. 11/1/91 (Textiles, Bakeries, Laundries).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 7-1993, f. 6/8/93, ef. 8/1/93 (Sawmills).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 11-1993, f. 8/4/93, ef. 10/1/93 (Telecommunications).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1994, f. 8/1/94, ef. 8/1/94.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1996, f. 7/22/96, ef. 7/22/96 (Grain Handling Facilities).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 4-1997, f. 4/2/97, ef. 4/2/97.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1998, f. 7/7/98, ef. 7/7/98.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1999, f. 4/30/99, ef. 4/30/99 (Telecommunications).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 4-1999, f. 4/30/99, ef. 4/30/99.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 5-2001, f. 4/6/01, ef. 4/6/01 (Elec. Power Gen., Trans. & Dist.).
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 4-2005, f. 12/14/05, ef. 12/14/05.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 6-2012, f. 9/28/12, ef. 4/1/13.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

1910.269 Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.

(a) General

(1) Application.

(i) This section covers the operation and maintenance of electric power generation, control, transformation, transmission, and distribution lines and equipment. These provisions apply to:

(A) Power generation, transmission, and distribution installations, including related equipment for the purpose of communication or metering that are accessible only to qualified employees;

Note to paragraph (a)(1)(i)(A): The types of installations covered by this paragraph include the generation, transmission, and distribution installations of electric utilities, as well as equivalent installations of industrial establishments. Subpart S of this part covers supplementary electric generating equipment that is used to supply a workplace for emergency, standby, or similar purposes only. (See paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this section.)

(B) Other installations at an electric power generating station, as follows:

(*1*) Fuel and ash handling and processing installations, such as coal conveyors,

(*2*) Water and steam installations, such as penstocks, pipelines, and tanks, providing a source of energy for electric generators, and

(*3*) Chlorine and hydrogen systems;

(C) Test sites where employees perform electrical testing involving temporary measurements associated with electric power generation, transmission, and distribution in laboratories, in the field, in substations, and on lines, as opposed to metering, relaying, and routine line work;

(D) Work on, or directly associated with, the installations covered in paragraphs (a)(1)(i)(A) through (a)(1)(i)(C) of this section; and

(E) Line-clearance tree-trimming operations, as follows:

(*1*) Entire § 1910.269 of this part, except paragraph (r)(1) of this section, applies to line-clearance tree-trimming operations performed by qualified employees (those who are knowledgeable in the construction and operation of the electric power generation, transmission, or distribution equipment involved, along with the associated hazards).

(*2*) Paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (b), (c), (g), (k), (p), and (r) of this section apply to line-clearance tree-trimming operations performed by line-clearance tree trimmers who are not qualified employees.

(ii) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, § 1910.269 of this part does not apply:

(A) To construction work, as defined in § 1910.12 of this part, except for line-clearance tree-trimming operations and work involving electric power generation installations as specified in § 1926.950(a)(3) of this chapter; or

(B) To electrical installations, electrical safety-related work practices, or electrical maintenance considerations covered by Subpart S of this part.

Note 1 to paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B): The Occupational Safety and Health Administration considers work practices conforming to §§ 1910.332 through 1910.335 as complying with the electrical safety-related work-practice requirements of § 1910.269 identified in Table 1 of Appendix A-2 to this section, provided that employers are performing the work on a generation or distribution installation meeting §§ 1910.303 through 1910.308. This table also identifies provisions in § 1910.269 that apply to work by qualified persons directly on, or associated with, installations of electric power generation, transmission, and distribution lines or equipment, regardless of compliance with §§ 1910.332 through 1910.335.

Note 2 to paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B): The Occupational Safety and Health Administration considers work practices performed by qualified persons and conforming to § 1910.269 as complying with §§ 1910.333(c) and 1910.335.

(iii) This section applies in addition to all other applicable standards contained in this Part 1910. Employers covered under this section are not exempt from complying with other applicable provisions in Part 1910 by the operation of § 1910.5(c). Specific references in this section to other sections of Part 1910 are for emphasis only.

GENERAL

437-002-2300 Personnel. Only qualified persons may be engaged in the construction, maintenance or operation of electrical transmission and distribution facilities. This paragraph should not be construed as prohibiting in-service training when properly supervised and all necessary precautions are exercised to safeguard such work.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2301 Proximity. Workers within reach of each other must not work on different phases of the same circuit, on different circuits, or on one energized phase and a ground conductor at the same time.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2302 Training/Experience. At least two journeymen or workers having equivalent training and experience are required to work where contact with energized high voltage is possible, unless or until proper guards or barriers have been installed.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2303 Additional Personnel. ***Additional help must be provided when road conditions, weather conditions, or other factors make it impossible to patrol lines safely with one person.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2304 Working Foreman. ***A foreman must not work as a journeyman while supervising two or more other journeymen who are engaged in high voltage or equally hazardous work.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

SAFETY WATCHER

437-002-2305 Safety Watcher
(1) A qualified safety watcher must be provided in areas where inadvertent motions or movements would violate specified clearances. The safety watcher's sole duty is to keep constant watch over persons under observation and to warn them of danger.

(2) Use of vehicles, gin poles, cranes, and other equipment in restricted or hazardous areas must at all times be monitored by a qualified safety watcher other than the equipment operator.

(3) The foreman or worker in charge of the work is responsible for the designation of the safety watcher. It is the foreman's responsibility to select a qualified worker for this job who is capable and familiar with the work.

(4) The foreman may act as the safety watcher providing other duties do not interfere. If the foreman is distracted or leaves the immediate vicinity, they must either designate another qualified person as the safety watcher or order the work stopped.

(5) A foreman may not work as a journeyman while supervising two or more other journeymen who are engaged in high voltage or equally hazardous work.

(6) Any worker may ask for a safety watcher when one is required.

(7) A safety watcher must be provided whenever a clearance is necessary for nonelectric work. Safety watchers must obtain clearances and see that necessary grounds are installed.

Exception: Clearances and safety watchers are not required for painting transmission line towers as long as all painters and their rigging and tools remain at least 10 feet, or the minimum approach distance, whichever is greater, below the level of the lowest energized conductor when:

Warning signs or danger flags are attached to each tower leg that can be climbed.

Painters have been instructed to remain below these signs or workers.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2306 Markers. Unsafe areas must be marked off with barricade tape or by equivalent means.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2307 No Attachments. Attachments must not be placed on poles, towers, or other structures that are not authorized by the utilities involved.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2308 Adequate Barriers and Clearances.

(1) Line guards, insulator covers, and other protective devices or equipment may be considered adequate barriers for the voltages for which they are specifically designed.

(2) Protective equipment and devices must be installed or removed with:

(a) Rubber gloves or hot sticks on conductors or equipment energized at 5,000 volts or less.

(b) Live line tools for conductors or equipment energized in excess of 5,000 volts.

Exception: If no protective equipment has been manufactured for a particular situation, protective equipment may be installed or removed with rubber gloves on voltages not over 15,000 volts for that situation only.

(3) Rubber protective equipment may be considered as adequate barriers when used on voltages for which it is rated.

Rubber gloves may be used as protection from accidental contact only on voltages above 5,000 and not over 15,000 volts phase to ground.

(4) Rubber gloves cannot be used as primary protection on voltages over 5,000 volts.

(5) Fixed protective guards and barriers, when installed and maintained according to the National Electrical Safety Code, may be considered as providing adequate clearance.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2309 Providing and Maintaining Protective Equipment.

All protective equipment and devices used in electrical work, such as insulating gloves, hoods, insulating blankets, hose, hot sticks, fuse pullers, tongs, grounding equipment and other special

tools and devices, must be provided and used when their need is indicated, and must be maintained in a manner that will preserve adequate dielectric strength.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2310 Rope Use. Live line type ropes must be used where there is a possibility of ropes coming in contact with energized conductors of more than 5,000 volts. Live line ropes must be used solely for live line work and must be kept as clean and dry as possible.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2311 Removal of Foreign Objects. Live line tools must be used while handling foreign objects that are in contact with high voltage equipment or conductors energized in excess of 5,000 volts.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2312 No Contact with Conducting Objects. Workers on the ground must avoid unnecessary contacts with lower conductors, tower legs, ground rods, winch lines, vehicles, and other conducting objects.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2313 Equipment Use. Only equipment properly designed for the purpose must be used as a means for riding strands or conductors.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2314 Platform Use. Workers must not crawl out over insulator strings, but must use a platform or other suitable device when making dead ends or doing other work beyond strings of insulators at such distance that the work cannot be reached from the pole or fixture. While working on the platform or other device, they must use appropriate fall protection.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2315 Battery Precautions. The use of open flames, tools which may generate sparks, or other sources of ignition must be avoided in battery rooms, except where cells are not actively gassing and the room has been ventilated. Workers must wear goggles, acid proof gloves, and aprons when handling battery solution.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) Training.

(i) All employees performing work covered by this section shall be trained as follows:

(A) Each employee shall be trained in, and familiar with, the safety-related work practices, safety procedures, and other safety requirements in this section that pertain to his or her job assignments.

(B) Each employee shall also be trained in and familiar with any other safety practices, including applicable emergency procedures (such as pole-top and manhole rescue), that are not specifically addressed by this section but that are related to his or her work and are necessary for his or her safety.

(C) The degree of training shall be determined by the risk to the employee for the hazard involved.

(ii) Each qualified employee shall also be trained and competent in:

(A) The skills and techniques necessary to distinguish exposed live parts from other parts of electric equipment,

(B) The skills and techniques necessary to determine the nominal voltage of exposed live parts,

(C) The minimum approach distances specified in this section corresponding to the voltages to which the qualified employee will be exposed and the skills and techniques necessary to maintain those distances,

(D) The proper use of the special precautionary techniques, personal protective equipment, insulating and shielding materials, and insulated tools for working on or near exposed energized parts of electric equipment, and

(E) The recognition of electrical hazards to which the employee may be exposed and the skills and techniques necessary to control or avoid these hazards.

Note to paragraph (a)(2)(ii): For the purposes of this section, a person must have the training required by paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section to be considered a qualified person.

(iii) Each line-clearance tree trimmer who is not a qualified employee shall also be trained and competent in:

(A) The skills and techniques necessary to distinguish exposed live parts from other parts of electric equipment,

(B) The skills and techniques necessary to determine the nominal voltage of exposed live parts, and

(C) The minimum approach distances specified in this section corresponding to the voltages to which the employee will be exposed and the skills and techniques necessary to maintain those distances.

(iv) The employer shall determine, through regular supervision and through inspections conducted on at least an annual basis, that each employee is complying with the safety-related work practices required by this section.

(v) An employee shall receive additional training (or retraining) under any of the following conditions:

(A) If the supervision or annual inspections required by paragraph (a)(2)(iv) of this section indicate that the employee is not complying with the safety-related work practices required by this section, or

(B) If new technology, new types of equipment, or changes in procedures necessitate the use of safety-related work practices that are different from those which the employee would normally use, or

(C) If he or she must employ safety-related work practices that are not normally used during his or her regular job duties.

Note to paragraph (a)(2)(v)(C): The Occupational Safety and Health Administration considers tasks that are performed less often than once per year to necessitate retraining before the performance of the work practices involved.

(vi) The training required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall be of the classroom or on-the-job type.

(vii) The training shall establish employee proficiency in the work practices required by this section and shall introduce the procedures necessary for compliance with this section.

(viii) The employer shall ensure that each employee has demonstrated proficiency in the work practices involved before that employee is considered as having completed the training required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

Note 1 to paragraph (a)(2)(viii): Though they are not required by this paragraph, employment records that indicate that an employee has successfully completed the required training are one way of keeping track of when an employee has demonstrated proficiency.

Note 2 to paragraph (a)(2)(viii): For an employee with previous training, an employer may determine that that employee has demonstrated the proficiency required by this paragraph using the following process:

(*1*) Confirm that the employee has the training required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section,

(*2*) Use an examination or interview to make an initial determination that the employee understands the relevant safety-related work practices before he or she performs any work covered by this section, and

(*3*) Supervise the employee closely until that employee has demonstrated proficiency as required by this paragraph.

(3) Information transfer.

(i) Before work begins, the host employer shall inform contract employers of:

(A) The characteristics of the host employer's installation that are related to the safety of the work to be performed and are listed in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(v) of this section;

Note to paragraph (a)(3)(i)(A): This paragraph requires the host employer to obtain information listed in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(v) of this section if it does not have this information in existing records.

(B) Conditions that are related to the safety of the work to be performed, that are listed in paragraphs (a)(4)(vi) through (a)(4)(viii) of this section, and that are known to the host employer;

Note to paragraph (a)(3)(i)(B): For the purposes of this paragraph, the host employer need only provide information to contract employers that the host employer can obtain from its existing records through the exercise of reasonable diligence. This paragraph does not require the host employer to make inspections of worksite conditions to obtain this information.

(C) Information about the design and operation of the host employer's installation that the contract employer needs to make the assessments required by this section; and

Note to paragraph (a)(3)(i)(C): This paragraph requires the host employer to obtain information about the design and operation of its installation that contract employers need to make required assessments if it does not have this information in existing records.

(D) Any other information about the design and operation of the host employer's installation that is known by the host employer, that the contract employer requests, and that is related to the protection of the contract employer's employees.

Note to paragraph (a)(3)(i)(D): For the purposes of this paragraph, the host employer need only provide information to contract employers that the host employer can obtain from its existing records through the exercise of reasonable diligence. This paragraph does not require the host employer to make inspections of worksite conditions to obtain this information.

(ii) Contract employers shall comply with the following requirements:

(A) The contract employer shall ensure that each of its employees is instructed in the hazardous conditions relevant to the employee's work that the contract employer is aware of as a result of information communicated to the contract employer by the host employer under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section.

(B) Before work begins, the contract employer shall advise the host employer of any unique hazardous conditions presented by the contract employer's work.

(C) The contract employer shall advise the host employer of any unanticipated hazardous conditions found during the contract employer's work that the host employer did not mention under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section. The contract employer shall provide this information to the host employer within 2 working days after discovering the hazardous condition.

(iii) The contract employer and the host employer shall coordinate their work rules and procedures so that each employee of the contract employer and the host employer is protected as required by this section.

(4) Existing characteristics and conditions. Existing characteristics and conditions of electric lines and equipment that are related to the safety of the work to be performed shall be determined before work on or near the lines or equipment is started. Such characteristics and conditions include, but are not limited to:

(i) The nominal voltages of lines and equipment,

(ii) The maximum switching-transient voltages,

(iii) The presence of hazardous induced voltages,

(iv) The presence of protective grounds and equipment grounding conductors,

(v) The locations of circuits and equipment, including electric supply lines, communication lines, and fire-protective signaling circuits,

(vi) The condition of protective grounds and equipment grounding conductors,

(vii) The condition of poles, and

(viii) Environmental conditions relating to safety.

(b) Medical services and first aid. The employer shall provide medical services and first aid as required in § 1910.151. In addition to the requirements of § 1910.151, the following requirements also apply:

(1) First-aid training. When employees are performing work on, or associated with, exposed lines or equipment energized at 50 volts or more, persons with first-aid training shall be available as follows:

(i) For field work involving two or more employees at a work location, at least two trained persons shall be available. However, for line-clearance tree trimming operations performed by line-clearance tree trimmers who are not qualified employees, only one trained person need be available if all new employees are trained in first aid within 3 months of their hiring dates.

(ii) For fixed work locations such as substations, the number of trained persons available shall be sufficient to ensure that each employee exposed to electric shock can be reached within 4 minutes by a trained person. However, where the existing number of employees is insufficient to meet this requirement (at a remote substation, for example), each employee at the work location shall be a trained employee.

(2) First-aid supplies. First-aid supplies required by § 1910.151(b) shall be placed in weatherproof containers if the supplies could be exposed to the weather.

(3) First-aid kits. The employer shall maintain each first-aid kit, shall ensure that it is readily available for use, and shall inspect it frequently enough to ensure that expended items are replaced. The employer also shall inspect each first aid kit at least once per year.

(c) Job briefing.

(1) Before each job.

(i) In assigning an employee or a group of employees to perform a job, the employer shall provide the employee in charge of the job with all available information that relates to the determination of existing characteristics and conditions required by paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(ii) The employer shall ensure that the employee in charge conducts a job briefing that meets paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) of this section with the employees involved before they start each job.

(2) Subjects to be covered. The briefing shall cover at least the following subjects: hazards associated with the job, work procedures involved, special precautions, energy-source controls, and personal protective equipment requirements.

(3) Number of briefings.

(i) If the work or operations to be performed during the work day or shift are repetitive and similar, at least one job briefing shall be conducted before the start of the first job of each day or shift.

(ii) Additional job briefings shall be held if significant changes, which might affect the safety of the employees, occur during the course of the work.

(4) Extent of briefing.

(i) A brief discussion is satisfactory if the work involved is routine and if the employees, by virtue of training and experience, can reasonably be expected to recognize and avoid the hazards involved in the job.

(ii) A more extensive discussion shall be conducted:

(A) If the work is complicated or particularly hazardous, or

(B) If the employee cannot be expected to recognize and avoid the hazards involved in the job.

Note to paragraph (c)(4): The briefing must address all the subjects listed in paragraph (c)(2) of this section.

(5) Working alone. An employee working alone need not conduct a job briefing. However, the employer shall ensure that the tasks to be performed are planned as if a briefing were required.

(d) Hazardous energy control (lockout/tagout) procedures.

(1) Application. The provisions of paragraph (d) of this section apply to the use of lockout/tagout procedures for the control of energy sources in installations for the purpose of electric power generation, including related equipment for communication or metering. Locking and tagging procedures for the deenergizing of electric energy sources which are used exclusively for purposes of transmission and distribution are addressed by paragraph (m) of this section.

Note to paragraph (d)(1): Installations in electric power generation facilities that are not an integral part of, or inextricably commingled with, power generation processes or equipment are covered under § 1910.147 and Subpart S of this part.

(2) General.

(i) The employer shall establish a program consisting of energy control procedures, employee training, and periodic inspections to ensure that, before any employee performs any servicing or maintenance on a machine or equipment where the unexpected energizing, start up, or release of stored energy could occur and cause injury, the machine or equipment is isolated from the energy source and rendered inoperative.

(ii) The employer's energy control program under paragraph (d)(2) of this section shall meet the following requirements:

(A) If an energy isolating device is not capable of being locked out, the employer's program shall use a tagout system.

(B) If an energy isolating device is capable of being locked out, the employer's program shall use lockout, unless the employer can demonstrate that the use of a tagout system will provide full employee protection as follows:

(*1*) When a tagout device is used on an energy isolating device which is capable of being locked out, the tagout device shall be attached at the same location that the lockout device would have been attached, and the employer shall demonstrate that the tagout program will provide a level of safety equivalent to that obtained by the use of a lockout program.

(*2*) In demonstrating that a level of safety is achieved in the tagout program equivalent to the level of safety obtained by the use of a lockout program, the employer shall demonstrate full compliance with all tagout-related provisions of this standard together with such additional elements as are necessary to provide the equivalent safety available from the use of a lockout device. Additional means to be considered as part of the demonstration of full employee protection shall include the implementation of additional safety measures such as the removal of an isolating circuit element, blocking of a controlling switch, opening of an extra disconnecting device, or the removal of a valve handle to reduce the likelihood of inadvertent energizing.

(C) After November 1, 1994, whenever replacement or major repair, renovation, or modification of a machine or equipment is performed, and whenever new machines or equipment are installed, energy isolating devices for such machines or equipment shall be designed to accept a lockout device.

(iii) Procedures shall be developed, documented, and used for the control of potentially hazardous energy covered by paragraph (d) of this section.

(iv) The procedure shall clearly and specifically outline the scope, purpose, responsibility, authorization, rules, and techniques to be applied to the control of hazardous energy, and the measures to enforce compliance including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) A specific statement of the intended use of this procedure;

(B) Specific procedural steps for shutting down, isolating, blocking and securing machines or equipment to control hazardous energy;

(C) Specific procedural steps for the placement, removal, and transfer of lockout devices or tagout devices and the responsibility for them; and

(D) Specific requirements for testing a machine or equipment to determine and verify the effectiveness of lockout devices, tagout devices, and other energy control measures.

(v) The employer shall conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this section are being followed.

(A) The periodic inspection shall be performed by an authorized employee who is not using the energy control procedure being inspected.

(B) The periodic inspection shall be designed to identify and correct any deviations or inadequacies.

(C) If lockout is used for energy control, the periodic inspection shall include a review, between the inspector and each authorized employee, of that employee's responsibilities under the energy control procedure being inspected.

(D) Where tagout is used for energy control, the periodic inspection shall include a review, between the inspector and each authorized and affected employee, of that employee's responsibilities under the energy control procedure being inspected, and the elements set forth in paragraph (d)(2)(vii) of this section.

(E) The employer shall certify that the inspections required by paragraph (d)(2)(v) of this section have been accomplished. The certification shall identify the machine or equipment on which the energy control procedure was being used, the date of the inspection, the employees included in the inspection, and the person performing the inspection.

Note to paragraph (d)(2)(v)(E): If normal work schedule and operation records demonstrate adequate inspection activity and contain the required information, no additional certification is required.

(vi) The employer shall provide training to ensure that the purpose and function of the energy control program are understood by employees and that the knowledge and skills required for the safe application, usage, and removal of energy controls are acquired by employees. The training shall include the following:

(A) Each authorized employee shall receive training in the recognition of applicable hazardous energy sources, the type and magnitude of energy available in the workplace, and in the methods and means necessary for energy isolation and control.

(B) Each affected employee shall be instructed in the purpose and use of the energy control procedure.

(C) All other employees whose work operations are or may be in an area where energy control procedures may be used shall be instructed about the procedures and about the prohibition relating to attempts to restart or reenergize machines or equipment that are locked out or tagged out.

(vii) When tagout systems are used, employees shall also be trained in the following limitations of tags:

(A) Tags are essentially warning devices affixed to energy isolating devices and do not provide the physical restraint on those devices that is provided by a lock.

(B) When a tag is attached to an energy isolating means, it is not to be removed without authorization of the authorized person responsible for it, and it is never to be bypassed, ignored, or otherwise defeated.

(C) Tags must be legible and understandable by all authorized employees, affected employees, and all other employees whose work operations are or may be in the area, in order to be effective.

(D) Tags and their means of attachment must be made of materials which will withstand the environmental conditions encountered in the workplace.

(E) Tags may evoke a false sense of security, and their meaning needs to be understood as part of the overall energy control program.

(F) Tags must be securely attached to energy isolating devices so that they cannot be inadvertently or accidentally detached during use.

(viii) Retraining shall be provided by the employer as follows:

(A) Retraining shall be provided for all authorized and affected employees whenever there is a change in their job assignments, a change in machines, equipment, or processes that present a new hazard or whenever there is a change in the energy control procedures.

(B) Retraining shall also be conducted whenever a periodic inspection under paragraph (d)(2)(v) of this section reveals, or whenever the employer has reason to believe, that there are deviations from or inadequacies in an employee's knowledge or use of the energy control procedures.

(C) The retraining shall reestablish employee proficiency and shall introduce new or revised control methods and procedures, as necessary.

(ix) The employer shall certify that employee training has been accomplished and is being kept up to date. The certification shall contain each employee's name and dates of training.

(3) Protective materials and hardware.

(i) Locks, tags, chains, wedges, key blocks, adapter pins, self-locking fasteners, or other hardware shall be provided by the employer for isolating, securing, or blocking of machines or equipment from energy sources.

(ii) Lockout devices and tagout devices shall be singularly identified; shall be the only devices used for controlling energy; may not be used for other purposes; and shall meet the following requirements:

(A) Lockout devices and tagout devices shall be capable of withstanding the environment to which they are exposed for the maximum period of time that exposure is expected.

(*1*) Tagout devices shall be constructed and printed so that exposure to weather conditions or wet and damp locations will not cause the tag to deteriorate or the message on the tag to become illegible.

(*2*) Tagout devices shall be so constructed as not to deteriorate when used in corrosive environments.

(B) Lockout devices and tagout devices shall be standardized within the facility in at least one of the following criteria: color, shape, size. Additionally, in the case of tagout devices, print and format shall be standardized.

(C) Lockout devices shall be substantial enough to prevent removal without the use of excessive force or unusual techniques, such as with the use of bolt cutters or metal cutting tools.

(D) Tagout devices, including their means of attachment, shall be substantial enough to prevent inadvertent or accidental removal. Tagout device attachment means shall be of a non-reusable type, attachable by hand, self-locking, and nonreleasable with a minimum unlocking strength of no less than 50 pounds and shall have the general design and basic characteristics of being at least equivalent to a one-piece, all-environment-tolerant nylon cable tie.

(E) Each lockout device or tagout device shall include provisions for the identification of the employee applying the device.

(F) Tagout devices shall warn against hazardous conditions if the machine or equipment is energized and shall include a legend such as the following: Do Not Start, Do Not Open, Do Not Close, Do Not Energize, Do Not Operate.

Note to paragraph (d)(3)(ii)(F): For specific provisions covering accident prevention tags, see § 1910.145.

(4) Energy isolation. Lockout and tagout device application and removal may only be performed by the authorized employees who are performing the servicing or maintenance.

(5) Notification. Affected employees shall be notified by the employer or authorized employee of the application and removal of lockout or tagout devices. Notification shall be given before the controls are applied and after they are removed from the machine or equipment.

Note to paragraph (d)(5): See also paragraph (d)(7) of this section, which requires that the second notification take place before the machine or equipment is reenergized.

(6) Lockout/tagout application. The established procedures for the application of energy control (the lockout or tagout procedures) shall include the following elements and actions, and these procedures shall be performed in the following sequence:

(i) Before an authorized or affected employee turns off a machine or equipment, the authorized employee shall have knowledge of the type and magnitude of the energy, the hazards of the energy to be controlled, and the method or means to control the energy.

(ii) The machine or equipment shall be turned off or shut down using the procedures established for the machine or equipment. An orderly shutdown shall be used to avoid any additional or increased hazards to employees as a result of the equipment stoppage.

(iii) All energy isolating devices that are needed to control the energy to the machine or equipment shall be physically located and operated in such a manner as to isolate the machine or equipment from energy sources.

(iv) Lockout or tagout devices shall be affixed to each energy isolating device by authorized employees.

(A) Lockout devices shall be attached in a manner that will hold the energy isolating devices in a "safe" or "off" position.

(B) Tagout devices shall be affixed in such a manner as will clearly indicate that the operation or movement of energy isolating devices from the "safe" or "off" position is prohibited.

(*1*) Where tagout devices are used with energy isolating devices designed with the capability of being locked out, the tag attachment shall be fastened at the same point at which the lock would have been attached.

(*2*) Where a tag cannot be affixed directly to the energy isolating device, the tag shall be located as close as safely possible to the device, in a position that will be immediately obvious to anyone attempting to operate the device.

(v) Following the application of lockout or tagout devices to energy isolating devices, all potentially hazardous stored or residual energy shall be relieved, disconnected, restrained, or otherwise rendered safe.

(vi) If there is a possibility of reaccumulation of stored energy to a hazardous level, verification of isolation shall be continued until the servicing or maintenance is completed or until the possibility of such accumulation no longer exists.

(vii) Before starting work on machines or equipment that have been locked out or tagged out, the authorized employee shall verify that isolation and deenergizing of the machine or equipment have been accomplished. If normally energized parts will be exposed to contact by an employee while the machine or equipment is deenergized, a test shall be performed to ensure that these parts are deenergized.

(7) Release from lockout/tagout. Before lockout or tagout devices are removed and energy is restored to the machine or equipment, procedures shall be followed and actions taken by the authorized employees to ensure the following:

(i) The work area shall be inspected to ensure that nonessential items have been removed and that machine or equipment components are operationally intact.

(ii) The work area shall be checked to ensure that all employees have been safely positioned or removed.

(iii) After lockout or tagout devices have been removed and before a machine or equipment is started, affected employees shall be notified that the lockout or tagout devices have been removed.

(iv) Each lockout or tagout device shall be removed from each energy isolating device by the authorized employee who applied the lockout or tagout device. However, if that employee is not available to remove it, the device may be removed under the direction of the employer, provided that specific procedures and training for such removal have been developed, documented, and incorporated into the employer's energy control program. The employer shall demonstrate that the specific procedure provides a degree of safety equivalent to that provided by the removal of the device by the authorized employee who applied it. The specific procedure shall include at least the following elements:

(A) Verification by the employer that the authorized employee who applied the device is not at the facility;

(B) Making all reasonable efforts to contact the authorized employee to inform him or her that his or her lockout or tagout device has been removed; and

(C) Ensuring that the authorized employee has this knowledge before he or she resumes work at that facility.

(8) Additional requirements.

(i) If the lockout or tagout devices must be temporarily removed from energy isolating devices and the machine or equipment must be energized to test or position the machine, equipment, or component thereof, the following sequence of actions shall be followed:

(A) Clear the machine or equipment of tools and materials in accordance with paragraph (d)(7)(i) of this section;

(B) Remove employees from the machine or equipment area in accordance with paragraphs (d)(7)(ii) and (d)(7)(iii) of this section;

(C) Remove the lockout or tagout devices as specified in paragraph (d)(7)(iv) of this section;

(D) Energize and proceed with the testing or positioning; and

(E) Deenergize all systems and reapply energy control measures in accordance with paragraph (d)(6) of this section to continue the servicing or maintenance.

(ii) When servicing or maintenance is performed by a crew, craft, department, or other group, they shall use a procedure which affords the employees a level of protection

equivalent to that provided by the implementation of a personal lockout or tagout device. Group lockout or tagout devices shall be used in accordance with the procedures required by paragraphs (d)(2)(iii) and (d)(2)(iv) of this section including, but not limited to, the following specific requirements:

(A) Primary responsibility shall be vested in an authorized employee for a set number of employees working under the protection of a group lockout or tagout device (such as an operations lock);

(B) Provision shall be made for the authorized employee to ascertain the exposure status of all individual group members with regard to the lockout or tagout of the machine or equipment;

(C) When more than one crew, craft, department, or other group is involved, assignment of overall job-associated lockout or tagout control responsibility shall be given to an authorized employee designated to coordinate affected work forces and ensure continuity of protection; and

(D) Each authorized employee shall affix a personal lockout or tagout device to the group lockout device, group lockbox, or comparable mechanism when he or she begins work and shall remove those devices when he or she stops working on the machine or equipment being serviced or maintained.

(iii) Procedures shall be used during shift or personnel changes to ensure the continuity of lockout or tagout protection, including provision for the orderly transfer of lockout or tagout device protection between off-going and on-coming employees, to minimize their exposure to hazards from the unexpected energizing or start-up of the machine or equipment or from the release of stored energy.

(iv) Whenever outside servicing personnel are to be engaged in activities covered by paragraph (d) of this section, the on-site employer and the outside employer shall inform each other of their respective lockout or tagout procedures, and each employer shall ensure that his or her personnel understand and comply with restrictions and prohibitions of the energy control procedures being used.

(v) If energy isolating devices are installed in a central location and are under the exclusive control of a system operator, the following requirements apply:

(A) The employer shall use a procedure that affords employees a level of protection equivalent to that provided by the implementation of a personal lockout or tagout device.

(B) The system operator shall place and remove lockout and tagout devices in place of the authorized employee under paragraphs (d)(4), (d)(6)(iv), and (d)(7)(iv) of this section.

(C) Provisions shall be made to identify the authorized employee who is responsible for (that is, being protected by) the lockout or tagout device, to transfer responsibility for lockout and tagout devices, and to ensure that an authorized employee requesting removal or transfer of a lockout or tagout device is the one responsible for it before the device is removed or transferred.

Note to paragraph (d): Lockout and tagging procedures that comply with paragraphs (c) through (f) of § 1910.147 will also be deemed to comply with paragraph (d) of this section if the procedures address the hazards covered by paragraph (d) of this section.

(e) Enclosed spaces. This paragraph covers enclosed spaces that may be entered by employees. It does not apply to vented vaults if the employer makes a determination that the ventilation system is operating to protect employees before they enter the space. This paragraph applies to routine entry into enclosed spaces in lieu of the permit-space entry requirements contained in paragraphs (d) through (k) of § 1910.146. If, after the employer takes the precautions given in paragraphs (e) and (t) of this section, the hazards remaining in the enclosed space endanger the life of an entrant or could interfere with an entrant's escape from the space, then entry into the enclosed space shall meet the permit-space entry requirements *in OAR 437-002-0146.*

(1) Safe work practices. The employer shall ensure the use of safe work practices for entry into, and work in, enclosed spaces and for rescue of employees from such spaces.

(2) Training. Each employee who enters an enclosed space or who serves as an attendant shall be trained in the hazards of enclosed-space entry, in enclosed-space entry procedures, and in enclosed-space rescue procedures.

(3) Rescue equipment. Employers shall provide equipment to ensure the prompt and safe rescue of employees from the enclosed space.

(4) Evaluating potential hazards. Before any entrance cover to an enclosed space is removed, the employer shall determine whether it is safe to do so by checking for the presence of any atmospheric pressure or temperature differences and by evaluating whether there might be a hazardous atmosphere in the space. Any conditions making it unsafe to remove the cover shall be eliminated before the cover is removed.

Note to paragraph (e)(4): The determination called for in this paragraph may consist of a check of the conditions that might foreseeably be in the enclosed space. For example, the cover could be checked to see if it is hot and, if it is fastened in place, could be loosened gradually to release any residual pressure. An evaluation also needs to be made of whether conditions at the site could cause a hazardous atmosphere, such as an oxygen-deficient or flammable atmosphere, to develop within the space.

(5) Removing covers. When covers are removed from enclosed spaces, the opening shall be promptly guarded by a railing, temporary cover, or other barrier designed to prevent an accidental fall through the opening and to protect employees working in the space from objects entering the space.

(6) Hazardous atmosphere. Employees may not enter any enclosed space while it contains a hazardous atmosphere, unless the entry conforms to the permit-required confined spaces standard in § 1910.146.

(7) Attendants. While work is being performed in the enclosed space, an attendant with first-aid training shall be immediately available outside the enclosed space to provide assistance if a hazard exists because of traffic patterns in the area of the opening used for entry. The attendant is not precluded from performing other duties outside the enclosed space if these duties do not distract the attendant from: monitoring employees within the space or ensuring that it is safe for employees to enter and exit the space.

Note to paragraph (e)(7): See paragraph (t) of this section for additional requirements on attendants for work in manholes and vaults.

(8) Calibration of test instruments. Test instruments used to monitor atmospheres in enclosed spaces shall be kept in calibration and shall have a minimum accuracy of ±10 percent.

(9) Testing for oxygen deficiency. Before an employee enters an enclosed space, the atmosphere in the enclosed space shall be tested for oxygen deficiency with a direct-reading meter or similar instrument, capable of collection and immediate analysis of data samples without the need for offsite evaluation. If continuous forced-air ventilation is provided, testing is not required provided that the procedures used ensure that employees are not exposed to the hazards posed by oxygen deficiency.

(10) Testing for flammable gases and vapors. Before an employee enters an enclosed space, the internal atmosphere shall be tested for flammable gases and vapors with a direct-reading meter or similar instrument capable of collection and immediate analysis of data samples without the need for off-site evaluation. This test shall be performed after the oxygen testing and ventilation required by paragraph (e)(9) of this section demonstrate that there is sufficient oxygen to ensure the accuracy of the test for flammability.

(11) Ventilation, and monitoring for flammable gases or vapors. If flammable gases or vapors are detected or if an oxygen deficiency is found, forced-air ventilation shall be used to maintain oxygen at a safe level and to prevent a hazardous concentration of flammable gases and vapors from accumulating. A continuous monitoring program to ensure that no increase in flammable gas or vapor concentration above safe levels occurs may be followed in lieu of ventilation if flammable gases or vapors are initially detected at safe levels.

Note to paragraph (e)(11): See the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" for guidance in determining whether a specific concentration of a substance is hazardous.

(12) Specific ventilation requirements. If continuous forced-air ventilation is used, it shall begin before entry is made and shall be maintained long enough for the employer to be able to demonstrate that a safe atmosphere exists before employees are allowed to enter the work area. The forced-air ventilation shall be so directed as to ventilate the immediate area where employees are present within the enclosed space and shall continue until all employees leave the enclosed space.

(13) Air supply. The air supply for the continuous forced-air ventilation shall be from a clean source and may not increase the hazards in the enclosed space.

(14) Open flames. If open flames are used in enclosed spaces, a test for flammable gases and vapors shall be made immediately before the open flame device is used and at least once per hour while the device is used in the space. Testing shall be conducted more frequently if conditions present in the enclosed space indicate that once per hour is insufficient to detect hazardous accumulations of flammable gases or vapors.

Note to paragraph (e)(14): See the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" for guidance in determining whether a specific concentration of a substance is hazardous.

Note to paragraph (e): Entries into enclosed spaces conducted in accordance with the permit-space entry requirements of paragraphs (d) through (k) of § 1910.146 are considered as complying with paragraph (e) of this section.

(f) Excavations. Excavation operations shall comply with Subpart P of Part 1926 of this chapter.

(g) Personal protective equipment.

(1) General. Personal protective equipment shall meet the requirements of Subpart I of this part.

Note to paragraph (g)(1) of this section: Paragraph (h) of § 1910.132 sets employer payment obligations for the personal protective equipment required by this section, including, but not limited to, the fall protection equipment required by paragraph (g)(2) of this section, the electrical protective equipment required by paragraph (l)(3) of this section, and the flame-resistant and arcrated clothing and other protective equipment required by paragraph (l)(8) of this section.

Tools

437-002-2316 Additional Requirements. **The use of chainsaws are prohibited on all overhead work where workers are supported by a single climbing belt or rope.**

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2317 Tools in Belt. ***Small tools carried in the belt must be placed so they present the least danger of coming in accidental contact with energized parts, and where they will not interfere with use of "D" rings. Sharp or pointed tools must not be carried except when in scabbards or otherwise effectively safeguarded.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Use and Care of Body Belts, Safety Straps and Lanyards

437-002-2318 Use of Body Belts and Safety Lines. ***When working from a hook ladder, workers must either belt themselves securely to the ladder, attach themselves to the structure by means of a safety line, or belt themselves to the ladder safety equipment, which must consist of a safety rope or belting, threaded through the rungs or secured to the ladder at intervals not to exceed three feet.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2319 Use of Safety Straps. ***Linemen must not place safety straps around the pole above the top crossarm except where adequate protection is taken to prevent it from slipping over the top of the pole. Linemen must not allow either end of the strap to hang loose, either in climbing or descending poles or other structures.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2320 Storing Equipment. Body belts and safety straps (when not in use) must never be stored with sharp or edged tools.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Personal Climbing Equipment

437-002-2321 Safety Lines. Safety lines must be readily available while working aloft to be used for emergency rescue such as lowering a worker to the ground. Such safety lines must be a minimum of one-half-inch diameter and three or four strand first-grade manila or its equivalent in strength (2,650 lb.) and durability.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) Fall protection.

(i) Personal fall arrest systems shall meet the requirements of Subpart M of Part 1926 of this chapter.

(ii) Personal fall arrest equipment used by employees who are exposed to hazards from flames or electric arcs, as determined by the employer under paragraph (l)(8)(i) of this section, shall be capable of passing a drop test equivalent to that required by paragraph (g)(2)(iii)(L) of this section after exposure to an electric arc with a heat energy of 40±5 cal/cm2.

(iii) Body belts and positioning straps for work-positioning equipment shall meet the following requirements:

(A) Hardware for body belts and positioning straps shall meet the following requirements:

(*1*) Hardware shall be made of drop-forged steel, pressed steel, formed steel, or equivalent material.

(*2*) Hardware shall have a corrosion-resistant finish.

(*3*) Hardware surfaces shall be smooth and free of sharp edges.

(B) Buckles shall be capable of withstanding an 8.9-kilonewton (2,000-pound-force) tension test with a maximum permanent deformation no greater than 0.4 millimeters (0.0156 inches).

(C) D rings shall be capable of withstanding a 22-kilonewton (5,000-pound-force) tensile test without cracking or breaking.

(D) Snaphooks shall be capable of withstanding a 22-kilonewton (5,000-pound-force) tension test without failure.

Note to paragraph (g)(2)(iii)(D): Distortion of the snaphook sufficient to release the keeper is considered to be tensile failure of a snaphook.

(E) Top grain leather or leather substitute may be used in the manufacture of body belts and positioning straps; however, leather and leather substitutes may not be used alone as a load-bearing component of the assembly.

(F) Plied fabric used in positioning straps and in load-bearing parts of body belts shall be constructed in such a way that no raw edges are exposed and the plies do not separate.

(G) Positioning straps shall be capable of withstanding the following tests:

(*1*) A dielectric test of 819.7 volts, AC, per centimeter (25,000 volts per foot) for 3 minutes without visible deterioration;

(*2*) A leakage test of 98.4 volts, AC, per centimeter (3,000 volts per foot) with a leakage current of no more than 1 mA;

Note to paragraphs (g)(2)(iii)(G)(*1*) and (g)(2)(iii)(G)(*2*): Positioning straps that pass direct-current tests at equivalent voltages are considered as meeting this requirement.

(*3*) Tension tests of 20 kilonewtons (4,500 pounds-force) for sections free of buckle holes and of 15 kilonewtons (3,500 pounds-force) for sections with buckle holes;

(*4*) A buckle-tear test with a load of 4.4 kilonewtons (1,000 pounds-force); and

(*5*) A flammability test in accordance with Table R-2.

TABLE R-2-FLAMMABILITY TEST

Test method	Criteria for passing the test
Vertically suspend a 500-mm (19.7-inch) length of strapping supporting a 100-kg (220.5-lb) weight.	
Use a butane or propane burner with a 76-mm (3-inch) flame. Direct the flame to an edge of the strapping at a distance of 25 mm (1 inch). Remove the flame after 5 seconds. Wait for any flames on the positioning strap to stop burning.	Any flames on the positioning strap shall self extinguish. The positioning strap shall continue to support the 100-kg (220.5-lb) mass.

(H) The cushion part of the body belt shall contain no exposed rivets on the inside and shall be at least 76 millimeters (3 inches) in width.

(I) Tool loops shall be situated on the body of a body belt so that the 100 millimeters (4 inches) of the body belt that is in the center of the back, measuring from D ring to D ring, is free of tool loops and any other attachments.

(J) Copper, steel, or equivalent liners shall be used around the bars of D rings to prevent wear between these members and the leather or fabric enclosing them.

(K) Snaphooks shall be of the locking type meeting the following requirements:

(*1*) The locking mechanism shall first be released, or a destructive force shall be placed on the keeper, before the keeper will open.

(*2*) A force in the range of 6.7 N (1.5 lbf) to 17.8 N (4 lbf) shall be required to release the locking mechanism.

(*3*) With the locking mechanism released and with a force applied on the keeper against the face of the nose, the keeper may not begin to open with a force of 11.2 N (2.5 lbf) or less and shall begin to open with a maximum force of 17.8 N (4 lbf).

(L) Body belts and positioning straps shall be capable of withstanding a drop test as follows:

(*1*) The test mass shall be rigidly constructed of steel or equivalent material with a mass of 100 kg (220.5 lbm). For work-positioning equipment used by employees weighing more than 140 kg (310 lbm) fully equipped, the test mass shall be increased proportionately (that is, the test mass must equal the mass of the equipped worker divided by 1.4).

(*2*) For body belts, the body belt shall be fitted snugly around the test mass and shall be attached to the test structure anchorage point by means of a wire rope.

(*3*) For positioning straps, the strap shall be adjusted to its shortest length possible to accommodate the test and connected to the test-structure anchorage point at one end and to the test mass on the other end.

(*4*) The test mass shall be dropped an unobstructed distance of 1 meter (39.4 inches) from a supporting structure that will sustain minimal deflection during the test.

(*5*) Body belts shall successfully arrest the fall of the test mass and shall be capable of supporting the mass after the test.

(*6*) Positioning straps shall successfully arrest the fall of the test mass without breaking, and the arrest force may not exceed 17.8 kilonewtons (4,000 pounds-force). Additionally, snaphooks on positioning straps may not distort to such an extent that the keeper would release.

Note to paragraph (g)(2)(iii) of this section: When used by employees weighing no more than 140 kg (310 lbm) fully equipped, body belts and positioning straps that conform to

American Society of Testing and Materials Standard Specifications for Personal Climbing Equipment, ASTM F887-12e1, are deemed to be in compliance with paragraph (g)(2)(iii) of this section.

(iv) The following requirements apply to the care and use of personal fall protection equipment.

(A) Work-positioning equipment shall be inspected before use each day to determine that the equipment is in safe working condition. Work-positioning equipment that is not in safe working condition may not be used.

Note to paragraph (g)(2)(iv)(A): Appendix F to this section contains guidelines for inspecting work-positioning equipment.

(B) Personal fall arrest systems shall be used in accordance with § 1926.502(d).

Note to paragraph (g)(2)(iv)(B): Fall protection equipment rigged to arrest falls is considered a fall arrest system and must meet the applicable requirements for the design and use of those systems. Fall protection equipment rigged for work positioning is considered work-positioning equipment and must meet the applicable requirements for the design and use of that equipment.

(C) The employer shall ensure that employees use fall protection systems as follows:

(*1*) Each employee working from an aerial lift shall use a fall restraint system or a personal fall arrest system. Paragraph (c)(2)(v) of § 1910.67 does not apply.

(*2*) Except as provided in paragraph (g)(2)(iv)(C)(3) of this section, each employee in elevated locations more than 1.2 meters (4 feet) above the ground on poles, towers, or similar structures shall use a personal fall arrest system, work-positioning equipment, or fall restraint system, as appropriate, if the employer has not provided other fall protection meeting Subpart D of this part.

(*3*) Until March 31, 2015, a qualified employee climbing or changing location on poles, towers, or similar structures need not use fall protection equipment, unless conditions, such as, but not limited to, ice, high winds, the design of the structure (for example, no provision for holding on with hands), or the presence of contaminants on the structure, could cause the employee to lose his or her grip or footing. On and after April 1, 2015, each qualified employee climbing or changing location on poles, towers, or similar structures must use fall protection equipment unless the employer can demonstrate that climbing or changing location with fall protection is infeasible or creates a greater hazard than climbing or changing location without it.

Note 1 to paragraphs (g)(2)(iv)(C)(*2*) and (g)(2)(iv)(C)(*3*): These paragraphs apply to structures that support overhead electric power transmission and distribution lines and equipment. They do not apply to portions of buildings, such as loading docks, or to electric equipment, such as transformers and capacitors. Subpart D of this part contains the duty to provide fall protection associated with walking and working surfaces.

Note 2 to paragraphs (g)(2)(iv)(C)(*2*) and (g)(2)(iv)(C)(*3*): Until the employer ensures that employees are proficient in climbing and the use of fall protection under paragraph (a)(2)(viii) of this section, the employees are not considered "qualified employees" for the purposes of paragraphs (g)(2)(iv)(C)(*2*) and (g)(2)(iv)(C)(*3*) of this section. These paragraphs require unqualified employees (including trainees) to use fall protection any time they are more than 1.2 meters (4 feet) above the ground.

(D) On and after April 1, 2015, workpositioning systems shall be rigged so that an employee can free fall no more than 0.6 meters (2 feet).

(E) Anchorages for work-positioning equipment shall be capable of supporting at least twice the potential impact load of an employee's fall, or 13.3 kilonewtons (3,000 pounds-force), whichever is greater.

Note to paragraph (g)(2)(iv)(E): Wood-pole fall-restriction devices meeting American Society of Testing and Materials Standard Specifications for Personal Climbing Equipment, ASTM F887-12e1, are deemed to meet the anchorage-strength requirement when they are used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

(F) Unless the snaphook is a locking type and designed specifically for the following connections, snaphooks on work-positioning equipment may not be engaged:

(*1*) Directly to webbing, rope, or wire rope;

(*2*) To each other;

(*3*) To a D ring to which another snaphook or other connector is attached;

(*4*) To a horizontal lifeline; or

(*5*) To any object that is incompatibly shaped or dimensioned in relation to the snaphook such that accidental disengagement could occur should the connected object sufficiently depress the snaphook keeper to allow release of the object.

437-002-2322 Gaffs and Climbers. ***Gaffs and Climbers will be maintained according to manufacturer's recommended specifications.***
(1) Workers must remove climbers before driving any vehicle.
(2) Climbers must not be worn except when required.
(3) Workers must not continue to wear their climbers while working on the ground except for brief periods when a worker is necessarily off the pole.
(4) While climbers are not being worn, the gaffs must be properly guarded.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(h) Portable ladders and platforms.

(1) General. Requirements for portable ladders contained in Subpart D of this part apply in addition to the requirements of paragraph (h) of this section, except as specifically noted in paragraph (h)(2) of this section.

(2) Special ladders and platforms. Portable ladders used on structures or conductors in conjunction with overhead line work need not meet § 1910.25(d)(2)(i) and (d)(2)(iii) or § 1910.26(c)(3)(iii). Portable ladders and platforms used on structures or conductors in conjunction with overhead line work shall meet the following requirements:

(i) In the configurations in which they are used, portable ladders and platforms shall be capable of supporting without failure at least 2.5 times the maximum intended load.

(ii) Portable ladders and platforms may not be loaded in excess of the working loads for which they are designed.

(iii) Portable ladders and platforms shall be secured to prevent them from becoming dislodged.

(iv) Portable ladders and platforms may be used only in applications for which they are designed.

(3) Conductive ladders. Portable metal ladders and other portable conductive ladders may not be used near exposed energized lines or equipment. However, in specialized high-voltage work, conductive ladders shall be used when the employer demonstrates that nonconductive ladders would present a greater hazard to employees than conductive ladders.

(i) Hand and portable power equipment.

(1) General. Paragraph (i)(2) of this section applies to electric equipment connected by cord and plug. Paragraph (i)(3) of this section applies to portable and vehicle-mounted generators used to supply cord- and plug-connected equipment. Paragraph (i)(4) of this section applies to hydraulic and pneumatic tools.

(2) Cord- and plug-connected equipment. Cord- and plug-connected equipment not covered by Subpart S of this part shall comply with one of the following instead of § 1910.243(a)(5):

(i) The equipment shall be equipped with a cord containing an equipment grounding conductor connected to the equipment frame and to a means for grounding the other end of the conductor (however, this option may not be used where the introduction of the ground into the work environment increases the hazard to an employee); or

(ii) The equipment shall be of the double-insulated type conforming to Subpart S of this part; or

(iii) The equipment shall be connected to the power supply through an isolating transformer with an ungrounded secondary of not more than 50 volts.

(3) Portable and vehicle-mounted generators. Portable and vehicle-mounted generators used to supply cord- and plug-connected equipment covered by paragraph (i)(2) of this section shall meet the following requirements:

(i) The generator may only supply equipment located on the generator or the vehicle and cord- and plug-connected equipment through receptacles mounted on the generator or the vehicle.

(ii) The non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment and the equipment grounding conductor terminals of the receptacles shall be bonded to the generator frame.

(iii) For vehicle-mounted generators, the frame of the generator shall be bonded to the vehicle frame.

(iv) Any neutral conductor shall be bonded to the generator frame.

(4) Hydraulic and pneumatic tools.

(i) Safe operating pressures for hydraulic and pneumatic tools, hoses, valves, pipes, filters, and fittings may not be exceeded.

Note to paragraph (i)(4)(i): If any hazardous defects are present, no operating pressure is safe, and the hydraulic or pneumatic equipment involved may not be used. In the absence of defects, the maximum rated operating pressure is the maximum safe pressure.

(ii) A hydraulic or pneumatic tool used where it may contact exposed energized parts shall be designed and maintained for such use.

(iii) The hydraulic system supplying a hydraulic tool used where it may contact exposed live parts shall provide protection against loss of insulating value, for the voltage involved, due to the formation of a partial vacuum in the hydraulic line.

Note to paragraph (i)(4)(iii): Use of hydraulic lines that do not have check valves and that have a separation of more than 10.7 meters (35 feet) between the oil reservoir and the upper end of the hydraulic system promotes the formation of a partial vacuum.

(iv) A pneumatic tool used on energized electric lines or equipment, or used where it may contact exposed live parts, shall provide protection against the accumulation of moisture in the air supply.

(v) Pressure shall be released before connections are broken, unless quick acting, self-closing connectors are used.

(vi) Employers must ensure that employees do not use any part of their bodies to locate, or attempt to stop, a hydraulic leak.

(vii) Hoses may not be kinked.

(j) Live-line tools.

(1) Design of tools. Live-line tool rods, tubes, and poles shall be designed and constructed to withstand the following minimum tests:

(i) If the tool is made of fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP), it shall withstand 328,100 volts per meter (100,000 volts per foot) of length for 5 minutes, or

Note to paragraph (j)(1)(i): Live-line tools using rod and tube that meet ASTM F711-02 (2007), Standard Specification for Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Rod and Tube Used in Live Line Tools, are deemed to comply with paragraph (j)(1) of this section.

(ii) If the tool is made of wood, it shall withstand 246,100 volts per meter (75,000 volts per foot) of length for 3 minutes, or

(iii) The tool shall withstand other tests that the employer can demonstrate are equivalent.

(2) Condition of tools.

437-002-2323 Tested and Warranted. Only live-line tools that are tested and warranted by the manufacturer to be adequate for the voltage involved shall be used.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2324 Use and Care of Live Line Tools.
(1) Live line tools must not be used when rain, fog, or any other factor is sufficient to reduce their insulating qualities so that leakage can be felt.
(2) Live line tools must be kept in a dry place. When transporting, they must be kept in separate special storage compartments, or be contained in protective bags. They must not be laid directly on the ground.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(i) Each live-line tool shall be wiped clean and visually inspected for defects before use each day.

(ii) If any defect or contamination that could adversely affect the insulating qualities or mechanical integrity of the live-line tool is present after wiping, the tool shall be removed from service and examined and tested according to paragraph (j)(2)(iii) of this section before being returned to service.

(iii) Live-line tools used for primary employee protection shall be removed from service every 2 years, and whenever required under paragraph (j)(2)(ii) of this section, for examination, cleaning, repair, and testing as follows:

(A) Each tool shall be thoroughly examined for defects.

(B) If a defect or contamination that could adversely affect the insulating qualities or mechanical integrity of the live-line tool is found, the tool shall be repaired and refinished or shall be permanently removed from service. If no such defect or contamination is found, the tool shall be cleaned and waxed.

(C) The tool shall be tested in accordance with paragraphs (j)(2)(iii)(D) and (j)(2)(iii)(E) of this section under the following conditions:

(*1*) After the tool has been repaired or refinished; and

(*2*) After the examination if repair or refinishing is not performed, unless the tool is made of FRP rod or foam-filled FRP tube and the employer can demonstrate that the tool has no defects that could cause it to fail during use.

(D) The test method used shall be designed to verify the tool's integrity along its entire working length and, if the tool is made of fiberglass-reinforced plastic, its integrity under wet conditions.

(E) The voltage applied during the tests shall be as follows:

(*1*) 246,100 volts per meter (75,000 volts per foot) of length for 1 minute if the tool is made of fiberglass, or

(*2*) 164,000 volts per meter (50,000 volts per foot) of length for 1 minute if the tool is made of wood, or

(*3*) Other tests that the employer can demonstrate are equivalent.

Note to paragraph (j)(2): Guidelines for the examination, cleaning, repairing, and inservice testing of live-line tools are specified in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines, IEEE Std 516-2009.

(k) Materials handling and storage.

(1) General. Materials handling and storage shall comply with applicable material handling and material-storage requirements in this part, including those in Subpart N of this part.

(2) Materials storage near energized lines or equipment.

(i) In areas to which access is not restricted to qualified persons only, materials or equipment may not be stored closer to energized lines or exposed energized parts of equipment than the following distances, plus a distance that provides for the maximum sag and side swing of all conductors and for the height and movement of material-handling equipment:

(A) For lines and equipment energized at 50 kilovolts or less, the distance is 3.05 meters (10 feet).

(B) For lines and equipment energized at more than 50 kilovolts, the distance is 3.05 meters (10 feet) plus 0.10 meter (4 inches) for every 10 kilovolts over 50 kilovolts.

(ii) In areas restricted to qualified employees, materials may not be stored within the working space about energized lines or equipment.

Note to paragraph (k)(2)(ii): Paragraphs (u)(1) and (v)(3) of this section specify the size of the working space.

Note: Use of helicopters for these activities must comply with new Oregon-initiated rule OAR 437-003-3333 Helicopters in Division 3/V, or the helicopter rules in Division 2/N.

(l) Working on or near exposed energized parts. This paragraph applies to work on exposed live parts, or near enough to them to expose the employee to any hazard they present.

(1) General.

(i) Only qualified employees may work on or with exposed energized lines or parts of equipment.

(ii) Only qualified employees may work in areas containing unguarded, uninsulated energized lines or parts of equipment operating at 50 volts or more.

(iii) Electric lines and equipment shall be considered and treated as energized unless they have been deenergized in accordance with paragraph (d) or (m) of this section.

(2) At least two employees.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (l)(2)(ii) of this section, at least two employees shall be present while any employees perform the following types of work:

(A) Installation, removal, or repair of lines energized at more than 600 volts,

(B) Installation, removal, or repair of deenergized lines if an employee is exposed to contact with other parts energized at more than 600 volts,

(C) Installation, removal, or repair of equipment, such as transformers, capacitors, and regulators, if an employee is exposed to contact with parts energized at more than 600 volts,

(D) Work involving the use of mechanical equipment, other than insulated aerial lifts, near parts energized at more than 600 volts, and

(E) Other work that exposes an employee to electrical hazards greater than, or equal to, the electrical hazards posed by operations listed specifically in paragraphs (l)(2)(i)(A) through (l)(2)(i)(D) of this section.

~~[(ii) Paragraph (l)(2)(i) of this section does not apply to the following operations:~~

~~(A) Routine circuit switching, when the employer can demonstrate that conditions at the site allow safe performance of this work,~~

~~(B) Work performed with live-line tools when the position of the employee is such that he or she is neither within reach of, nor otherwise exposed to contact with, energized parts, and~~

~~(C) Emergency repairs to the extent necessary to safeguard the general public.~~]

Note: Oregon OSHA did not adopt 1910.269(l)(2)(ii). In Oregon, OAR 437-002-0317 applies.

*437-002-0317 [~~Additional Oregon Rules for Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution~~] [~~(1)~~]Two worker rule**s**. [~~(a)~~] No**t** less than two journeymen, or workers with equivalent training and experience, [~~shall be~~] **are** required for work on [~~energized high voltage~~] equipment **more than 600 volts.**[~~A qualified apprentice may work in place of one of the journeymen for the purpose of training.~~] [~~(b) Exceptions:~~] The following exceptions to the two-worker rule apply:*
*([~~A~~]**1**) When re-fusing circuits with a [~~hot stick~~]**live-line tool**.*
*([~~B~~]**2**) When operating switches by means of operating handles or [~~switch sticks~~]**live-line tools**.*
*([~~C~~]**3**) When a qualified apprentice is assigned to work with a journeyman for the purpose of training.*
*([~~E~~]**4**) When installing or removing a [~~hot line~~]**live-line** clamp connection with an approved [~~hot stick~~]**live-line tool** on single phase line or apparatus, providing that the connection or disconnection does not interrupt or pick up a load.*
(5) When installing or removing a load break elbow with a live-line tool on a single phase line or apparatus.
*([~~D~~]**6**) [~~Where life or the public safety are in immediate danger, one worker may remove only the immediate hazard if no other workers are immediately available.~~] **Emergency repairs to the extent necessary to safeguard the general public.***
[~~(c) Rubber Gloves. Rubber gloves shall not be used for working on circuits in excess of 5,000 volts between phases.~~
[~~(2) Bare-Hand Work. Live-line bare-hand work is prohibited.~~]

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1994, f. 8/1/94, ef. 8/1/94.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(3) Minimum approach distances.

(i) The employer shall establish minimum approach distances no less than the distances computed by Table R-3 for ac systems or Table R-8 for dc systems.

(ii) No later than April 1, 2015, for voltages over 72.5 kilovolts, the employer shall determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table R-9. When the employer uses portable protective gaps to control the maximum transient overvoltage, the value of the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, must provide for five standard deviations between the statistical sparkover voltage of the gap and the statistical withstand voltage corresponding to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance. The employer shall make any engineering analysis conducted to determine maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage available upon request to employees and to the Assistant Secretary or designee for examination and copying.

Note to paragraph (l)(3)(ii): See Appendix B to this section for information on how to calculate the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, when the employer uses portable protective gaps to reduce maximum transient overvoltages.

(iii) The employer shall ensure that no employee approaches or takes any conductive object closer to exposed energized parts than the employer's established minimum approach distance, unless:

(A) The employee is insulated from the energized part (rubber insulating gloves or rubber insulating gloves and sleeves worn in accordance with paragraph (l)(4) of this section constitutes insulation of the employee from the energized part upon

which the employee is working provided that the employee has control of the part in a manner sufficient to prevent exposure to uninsulated portions of the employee's body), or

(B) The energized part is insulated from the employee and from any other conductive object at a different potential, or

(C) The employee is insulated from any other exposed conductive object in accordance with the requirements for live-line barehand work in paragraph (q)(3) of this section.

(4) Type of insulation

(i) When an employee uses rubber insulating gloves as insulation from energized parts (under paragraph (l)(3)(iii)(A) of this section), the employer shall ensure that the employee also uses rubber insulating sleeves. However, an employee need not use rubber insulating sleeves if:

(A) Exposed energized parts on which the employee is not working are insulated from the employee; and

(B) When installing insulation for purposes of paragraph (l)(4)(i)(A) of this section, the employee installs the insulation from a position that does not expose his or her upper arm to contact with other energized parts.

(ii) When an employee uses rubber insulating gloves or rubber insulating gloves and sleeves as insulation from energized parts (under paragraph (l)(3)(iii)(A) of this section), the employer shall ensure that the employee:

(A) Puts on the rubber insulating gloves and sleeves in a position where he or she cannot reach into the minimum approach distance, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section; and

(B) Does not remove the rubber insulating gloves and sleeves until he or she is in a position where he or she cannot reach into the minimum approach distance, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section.

(5) Working position.

437-002-2325 Protective Equipment.

(1) Any intervening conductor or ground between the workers and the conductor to be worked on must be covered with protective equipment designed for that purpose.

(2) Such protective equipment must be installed so that the nearest conductor or ground is covered first.

(3) In removing the protective equipment, the sequence must be reversed.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(i) The employer shall ensure that each employee, to the extent that other safety-related conditions at the worksite permit, works in a position from which a slip or shock will not bring the employee's body into contact with exposed, uninsulated parts energized at a potential different from the employee's.

(ii) When an employee performs work near exposed parts energized at more than 600 volts, but not more than 72.5 kilovolts, and is not wearing rubber insulating gloves, being protected by insulating equipment covering the energized parts, performing work using live-line tools, or performing live-line barehand work under paragraph (q)(3) of this section, the employee shall work from a position where he or she cannot reach into the minimum approach distance, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section.

(6) Making connections. The employer shall ensure that employees make connections as follows:

(i) In connecting deenergized equipment or lines to an energized circuit by means of a conducting wire or device, an employee shall first attach the wire to the deenergized part;

(ii) When disconnecting equipment or lines from an energized circuit by means of a conducting wire or device, an employee shall remove the source end first; and

(iii) When lines or equipment are connected to or disconnected from energized circuits, an employee shall keep loose conductors away from exposed energized parts.

(7) Conductive articles. When an employee performs work within reaching distance of exposed energized parts of equipment, the employer shall ensure that the employee removes or renders nonconductive all exposed conductive articles, such as keychains or watch chains, rings, or wrist watches or bands, unless such articles do not increase the hazards associated with contact with the energized parts.

(8) Protection from flames and electric arcs.

(i) The employer shall assess the workplace to identify employees exposed to hazards from flames or from electric arcs.

(ii) For each employee exposed to hazards from electric arcs, the employer shall make a reasonable estimate of the incident heat energy to which the employee would be exposed.

Note 1 to paragraph (l)(8)(ii): Appendix E to this section provides guidance on estimating available heat energy. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will deem employers following the guidance in Appendix E to this section to be in compliance with paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of this section. An employer may choose a method of calculating incident heat energy not included in Appendix E to this section if the chosen method reasonably predicts the incident energy to which the employee would be exposed.

Note 2 to paragraph (l)(8)(ii): This paragraph does not require the employer to estimate the incident heat energy exposure for every job task performed by each employee. The employer may make broad estimates that cover multiple system areas provided the employer uses reasonable assumptions about the energy-exposure distribution throughout the system and provided the estimates represent the maximum employee exposure for those areas. For example, the employer could estimate the heat energy just outside a substation feeding a radial distribution system and use that estimate for all jobs performed on that radial system.

(iii) The employer shall ensure that each employee who is exposed to hazards from flames or electric arcs does not wear clothing that could melt onto his or her skin or that could ignite and continue to burn when exposed to flames or the heat energy estimated under paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of this section.

Note to paragraph (l)(8)(iii) of this section: This paragraph prohibits clothing made from acetate, nylon, polyester, rayon and polypropylene, either alone or in blends, unless the employer demonstrates that the fabric has been treated to withstand the conditions that may be encountered by the employee or that the employee wears the clothing in such a manner as to eliminate the hazard involved.

(iv) The employer shall ensure that the outer layer of clothing worn by an employee, except for clothing not required to be arc rated under paragraphs (l)(8)(v)(A) through (l)(8)(v)(E) of this section, is flame resistant under any of the following conditions:

(A) The employee is exposed to contact with energized circuit parts operating at more than 600 volts,

(B) An electric arc could ignite flammable material in the work area that, in turn, could ignite the employee's clothing,

(C) Molten metal or electric arcs from faulted conductors in the work area could ignite the employee's clothing, or

Note to paragraph (l)(8)(iv)(C): This paragraph does not apply to conductors that are capable of carrying, without failure, the maximum available fault current for the time the circuit protective devices take to interrupt the fault.

(D) The incident heat energy estimated under paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of this section exceeds 2.0 cal/cm2.

(v) The employer shall ensure that each employee exposed to hazards from electric arcs wears protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating greater than or equal to the heat energy estimated under paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of this section whenever that estimate exceeds 2.0 cal/cm2. This protective equipment shall cover the employee's entire body, except as follows:

(A) Arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's hands when the employee is wearing rubber insulating gloves with protectors or, if the estimated incident energy is no more than 14 cal/cm2, heavy-duty leather work gloves with a weight of at least 407 gm/m2 (12 oz/yd2),

(B) Arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's feet when the employee is wearing heavy-duty work shoes or boots,

(C) Arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's head when the employee is wearing head protection meeting § 1910.135 if the estimated incident energy is less than 9 cal/cm2 for exposures involving single-phase arcs in open air or 5 cal/cm2 for other exposures,

(D) The protection for the employee's head may consist of head protection meeting § 1910.135 and a faceshield with a minimum arc rating of 8 cal/cm2 if the estimated incident-energy exposure is less than 13 cal/cm2 for exposures involving single-phase arcs in open air or 9 cal/cm2 for other exposures, and

(E) For exposures involving singlephase arcs in open air, the arc rating for the employee's head and face protection may be 4 cal/cm2 less than the estimated incident energy.

Note to paragraph (l)(8): See Appendix E to this section for further information on the selection of appropriate protection.

(vi) Dates.

(A) The obligation in paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of this section for the employer to make reasonable estimates of incident energy commences January 1, 2015.

(B) The obligation in paragraph (l)(8)(iv)(D) of this section for the employer to ensure that the outer layer of clothing worn by an employee is flame-resistant when the estimated incident heat energy exceeds 2.0 cal/cm2 commences April 1, 2015.

(C) The obligation in paragraph (l)(8)(v) of this section for the employer to ensure that each employee exposed to hazards from electric arcs wears the required arc-rated protective equipment commences April 1, 2015.

(9) Fuse handling. When an employee must install or remove fuses with one or both terminals energized at more than 300 volts, or with exposed parts energized at more than 50 volts, the employer shall ensure that the employee uses tools or gloves rated for the voltage. When an employee installs or removes expulsion-type fuses with one or both terminals energized at more than 300 volts, the employer shall ensure that the employee wears eye protection meeting the requirements of Subpart I of this part, uses a tool rated for the voltage, and is clear of the exhaust path of the fuse barrel.

(10) Covered (noninsulated) conductors. The requirements of this section that pertain to the hazards of exposed live parts also apply when an employee performs work in proximity to covered (noninsulated) wires.

(11) Non-current-carrying metal parts. Non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment or devices, such as transformer cases and circuit-breaker housings, shall be treated as energized at the highest voltage to which these parts are exposed, unless the employer inspects the installation and determines that these parts are grounded before employees begin performing the work.

(12) Opening and closing circuits under load.

(i) The employer shall ensure that devices used by employees to open circuits under load conditions are designed to interrupt the current involved.

(ii) The employer shall ensure that devices used by employees to close circuits under load conditions are designed to safely carry the current involved.

TABLE R-3-AC LIVE-LINE WORK MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE

[The minimum approach distance (MAD; in meters) shall conform to the following equations.]

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 50 V to 300 V: [1]

MAD = avoid contact

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 301 V to 5 kV: [1]

MAD = M + D, where

D = 0.02 m ..... the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

M = 0.31 m for voltages up to 750 V and 0.61 m otherwise ..... the inadvertent movement factor.

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 5.1 kV to 72.5 kV: [1 4]

MAD = M + AD, where

M = 0.61 m ..... the inadvertent movement factor.

A = the applicable value from Table R-5 ..... the altitude correction factor.

D = the value from Table R-4 corresponding to the voltage and exposure or the value of the electrical component of the minimum approach distance calculated using the method provided in Appendix B to this section. the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

For phase-to-phase system voltages of more than 72.5 kV, nominal: [2 4]

MAD = $0.3048(C + a)V_{L\text{-}G}TA + M$, where

C = 0.01 for phase-to-ground exposures that the employer can demonstrate consist only of air across the approach distance (gap),

0.01 for phase-to-phase exposures if the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap, or

0.011 otherwise

$V_{L\text{-}G}$ = phase-to-ground rms voltage, in kV

T = maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage; for phase-to-ground exposures, T equals $T_{L\text{-}G}$, the maximum per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, determined by the employer under paragraph (I)(3)(ii) of this section; for phase-to-phase exposures, T equals $1.35T_{L\text{-}G} + 0.45$

A = altitude correction factor from Table R-5

M = 0.31 m, the inadvertent movement factor

a = saturation factor, as follows:

	Phase-to-Ground Exposures				
$V_{Peak} = T_{L\text{-}G} V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}$	635 kV or less	635.1 to 915 kV	915.1 to 1,050 kV	More than 1,050 kV	
a	0	(V_{Peak}-635)/140,000	(V_{Peak}-645)/135,000	(V_{Peak}-675)/125,000	
	Phase-to-Phase Exposures [3]				
$V_{Peak} = (1.35 T_{L\text{-}G} + 0.45) V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}$	630 kV or less	630.1 to 848 kV	848.1 to 1,131 kV	1,131.1 to 1,485 kV	More than 1,485 kV
a	0	(V_{Peak}-630)/155,000	(V_{Peak}-633.6)/152,207	(V_{Peak}-628)/153,846	(V_{Peak}-350.5)/203,666

[1] Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table R-6. If the worksite is at an elevation of more than 900 meters (3,000 feet), see footnote 1 to Table R-6.

[2] Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table R-7, except that the employer may not use the minimum approach distances in Table R-7 for phase-to-phase exposures if an insulated tool spans the gap or if any large conductive object is in the gap. If the worksite is at an elevation of more than 900 meters (3,000 feet), see footnote 1 to Table R-7. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 14 through Table 21 in Appendix B to this section, which calculated MAD for various values of T, provided the employer follows the notes to those tables.

[3] Use the equations for phase-to-ground exposures (with VPeak for phase-to-phase exposures) unless the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap.

[4] Until March 31, 2015, employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 6 through Table 13 in Appendix B to this section.

TABLE R-4-ELECTRICAL COMPONENT OF THE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE AT 5.1 TO 72.5 KV
[D; In meters]

Nominal voltage (kV) phase-to-phase	Phase-to-ground exposure	Phase-to-phase exposure
	D (m)	D (m)
5.1 to 15.0	0.04	0.07
15.1 to 36.0	0.16	0.28
36.1 to 46.0	0.23	0.37
46.1 to 72.5	0.39	0.59

TABLE R-5-ALTITUDE CORRECTION FACTOR

Altitude above sea level (m)	*A*

0 to 900	1.00
901 to 1,200	1.02
1,201 to 1,500	1.05
1,501 to 1,800	1.08
1,801 to 2,100	1.11
2,101 to 2,400	1.14
2,401 to 2,700	1.17
2,701 to 3,000	1.20
3,001 to 3,600	1.25
3,601 to 4,200	1.30
4,201 to 4,800	1.35
4,801 to 5,400	1.39
5,401 to 6,000	1.44

TABLE R-6-ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES FOR VOLTAGES OF 72.5 KV AND LESS [1]

Nominal voltage (kV) phase-to-phase	Distance	
	Phase-to-	Phase-to-

	ground exposure		phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
0.50 to 0.300 [2]	Avoid Contact		Avoid Contact	
0.301 to 0.750 [2]	0.33	1.09	0.33	1.09
0.751 to 5.0	0.63	2.07	0.63	2.07
5.1 to 15.0	0.65	2.14	0.68	2.24
15.1 to 36.0	0.77	2.53	0.89	2.92
36.1 to 46.0	0.84	2.76	0.98	3.22
46.1 to 72.5	1.00	3.29	1.20	3.94

[1] Employers may use the minimum approach distances in this table provided the worksite is at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table R-5 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

[2] For single-phase systems, use voltage-to-ground.

TABLE R-7-ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES FOR VOLTAGES OF MORE THAN 72.5 KV [1] [2] [3]

Voltage range phase to phase (kV)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
72.6 to 121.0	1.13	3.71	1.42	4.66
121.1 to 145.0	1.30	4.27	1.64	5.38
145.1 to 169.0	1.46	4.79	1.94	6.36
169.1 to 242.0	2.01	6.59	3.08	10.10

242.1 to 362.0	3.41	11.19	5.52	18.11
362.1 to 420.0	4.25	13.94	6.81	22.34
420.1 to 550.0	5.07	16.63	8.24	27.03
550.1 to 800.0	6.88	22.57	11.38	37.34

[1] Employers may use the minimum approach distances in this table provided the worksite is at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table R-5 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

[2] Employers may use the phase-to-phase minimum approach distances in this table provided that no insulated tool spans the gap and no large conductive object is in the gap.

[3] The clear live-line tool distance shall equal or exceed the values for the indicated voltage ranges.

TABLE R-8-DC LIVE-LINE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR [1]
[In meters]

Maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage	Distance (m) maximum line-to-ground voltage (kV)				
	250	400	500	600	750
1.5 or less	1.12	1.60	2.06	2.62	3.61
1.6	1.17	1.69	2.24	2.86	3.98
1.7	1.23	1.82	2.42	3.12	4.37
1.8	1.28	1.95	2.62	3.39	4.79

[1] The distances specified in this table are for air, bare-hand, and live-line tool conditions. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table R-5 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

TABLE R-9-ASSUMED MAXIMUM PER-UNIT TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGE

Voltage range	Type of	Assumed maximum

(kV)	current (ac or dc)	per-unit transient overvoltage
72.6 to 420.0	ac	3.5
420.1 to 550.0	ac	3.0
550.1 to 800.0	ac	2.5
250 to 750	dc	1.8

TABLE R-3-AC LIVE-LINE WORK MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE

[The minimum approach distance (MAD; in meters) shall conform to the following equations.]

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 50 V to 300 V: 1
MAD = avoid contact

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 301 V to 5 kV: 1
MAD = M + D, where

D = 0.02 m ..... the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.
M = 0.31 m for voltages up to 750 V and 0.61 m otherwise. the inadvertent movement factor.

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 5.1 kV to 72.5 kV: 1 4
MAD = M + AD, where
M = 0.61 m
..... the inadvertent movement factor.
A = the applicable value from Table R-5
..... the altitude correction factor.
D = the value from Table R-4 corresponding to the voltage and exposure or the value of the electrical component of the minimum approach distance calculated using the method provided in Appendix B to this section. the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

For phase-to-phase system voltages of more than 72.5 kV, nominal: 2 4
MAD = 0.3048(C +)VL-GTA + M, where
C = 0.01 for phase-to-ground exposures that the employer can demonstrate consist only of air across the approach distance (gap),
0.01 for phase-to-phase exposures if the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap, or
0.011 otherwise
VL-G = phase-to-ground rms voltage, in kV
T = maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage; for phase-to-ground exposures, T equals TL-G, the maximum per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, determined by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(ii) of this section; for phase-to-phase exposures, T equals 1.35TL-G + 0.45
A = altitude correction factor from Table R-5
M = 0.31 m, the inadvertent movement factor
a = saturation factor, as follows:

Phase-to-Ground Exposures

VPeak = TL-GVL-G√2 ..... a	635 kV or less 0	635.1 to 915 kV (VPeak-635)/140,000	915.1 to 1,050 kV (VPeak-645)/135,000	More than 1,050 kV (VPeak-675)/125,000	
Phase-to-Phase Exposures 3					
VPeak = (1.35TL-G + 0.45)VL-G√2 ..... a	630 kV or less 0	630.1 to 848 kV (VPeak-630)/155,000	848.1 to 1,131 kV (VPeak-633.6)/152,207	1,131.1 to 1,485 kV (VPeak-628)/153,846	More than 1,485 kV (VPeak-350.5)/203,666

1 Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table R-6. If the worksite is at an elevation of more than 900 meters (3,000 feet), see footnote 1 to Table R-6.
2 Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table R-7, except that the employer may not use the minimum approach distances in Table R-7 for phase-to-phase exposures if an insulated tool spans the gap or if any large conductive object is in the gap. If the worksite is at an elevation of more than 900 meters (3,000 feet), see footnote 1 to Table R-7. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 6 through Table 13 in Appendix B to this section, which calculated MAD for various values of T, provided the employer follows the notes to those tables.

3 Use the equations for phase-to-ground exposures (with VPeak for phase-to-phase exposures) unless the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap.
4 Until March 31, 2015, employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 6 through Table 13 in Appendix B to this section.

TABLE R-4-ELECTRICAL COMPONENT OF THE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE AT 5.1 TO 72.5 KV
[D; In meters]

Nominal voltage (kV) phase-to-phase	Phase-to-ground exposure D (m)	Phase-to-phase exposure D (m)
5.1 to 15.0	0.04	0.07
15.1 to 36.0	0.16	0.28
36.1 to 46.0	0.23	0.37
46.1 to 72.5	0.39	0.59

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1,801 to 2,100	1.11
2,101 to 2,400	1.14
2,401 to 2,700	1.17
2,701 to 3,000	1.20
3,001 to 3,600	1.25
3,601 to 4,200	1.30
4,201 to 4,800	1.35
4,801 to 5,400	1.39
5,401 to 6,000	1.44

TABLE R-6-ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES FOR VOLTAGES OF 72.5 KV AND LESS 1
[In meters or feet and inches]

Nominal voltage (kV) phase-to-phase	Distance			
	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
0.50 to 0.300 2	Avoid Contact		Avoid Contact	
0.301 to 0.750 2	0.33	1.09	0.33	1.09
0.751 to 5.0	0.63	2.07	0.63	2.07
5.1 to 15.0	0.65	2.14	0.68	2.24
15.1 to 36.0	0.77	2.53	0.89	2.92
36.1 to 46.0	0.84	2.76	0.98	3.22
46.1 to 72.5	1.00	3.29	1.20	3.94

1 Employers may use the minimum approach distances in this table provided the worksite is at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table R-5 corresponding to the altitude of the work.
2 For single-phase systems, use voltage-to-ground.

TABLE R-7-ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES FOR VOLTAGES OF MORE THAN 72.5 KV 1 2 3
[In meters or feet and inches]

Voltage range phase to phase (kV)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
72.6 to 121.0	1.13	3.71	1.42	4.66
121.1 to 145.0	1.30	4.27	1.64	5.38
145.1 to 169.0	1.46	4.79	1.94	6.36
169.1 to 242.0	2.01	6.59	3.08	10.10
242.1 to 362.0	3.41	11.19	5.52	18.11
362.1 to 420.0	4.25	13.94	6.81	22.34
420.1 to 550.0	5.07	16.63	8.24	27.03
550.1 to 800.0	6.88	22.57	11.38	37.34

1 Employers may use the minimum approach distances in this table provided the worksite is at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table R-5 corresponding to the altitude of the work.
2 Employers may use the phase-to-phase minimum approach distances in this table provided that no insulated tool spans the gap and no large conductive object is in the gap.
3 The clear live-line tool distance shall equal or exceed the values for the indicated voltage ranges.

TABLE R-8-DC LIVE-LINE MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR 1
[In meters]

Maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage	Distance (m) maximum line-to-ground voltage (kV)				
	250	400	500	600	750
1.5 or less	1.12	1.60	2.06	2.62	3.61
1.6	1.17	1.69	2.24	2.86	3.98
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1.8	1.28	1.95	2.62	3.39	4.79

1 The distances specified in this table are for air, bare-hand, and live-line tool conditions. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table R-5 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

TABLE R-9-ASSUMED MAXIMUM PER-UNIT TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGE

Voltage range (kV)	Type of current (ac or dc)	Assumed maximum per-unit transient overvoltage
72.6 to 420.0	ac	3.5
420.1 to 550.0	ac	3.0
550.1 to 800.0	ac	2.5
250 to 750	dc	1.8

(m) Deenergizing lines and equipment for employee protection.

(1) Application. Paragraph (m) of this section applies to the deenergizing of transmission and distribution lines and equipment for the purpose of protecting employees. See paragraph (d) of this section for requirements on the control of hazardous energy sources used in the generation of electric energy. Conductors and parts of electric equipment that have been deenergized under procedures other than those required by paragraph (d) or (m) of this section, as applicable, shall be treated as energized.

(2) General.

(i) If a system operator is in charge of the lines or equipment and their means of disconnection, the employer shall designate one employee in the crew to be in charge of the clearance and shall comply with all of the requirements of paragraph (m)(3) of this section in the order specified.

(ii) If no system operator is in charge of the lines or equipment and their means of disconnection, the employer shall designate one employee in the crew to be in charge of the clearance and to perform the functions that the system operator would otherwise perform under paragraph (m) of this section. All of the requirements of paragraph (m)(3) of this section apply, in the order specified, except as provided in paragraph (m)(2)(iii) of this section.

(iii) If only one crew will be working on the lines or equipment and if the means of disconnection is accessible and visible to, and under the sole control of, the employee in charge of the clearance, paragraphs (m)(3)(i), (m)(3)(iii), and (m)(3)(v) of this section do not apply. Additionally, the employer does not need to use the tags required by the remaining provisions of paragraph (m)(3) of this section.

(iv) If two or more crews will be working on the same lines or equipment, then:

(A) The crews shall coordinate their activities under paragraph (m) of this section with a single employee in charge of the clearance for all of the crews and follow the requirements of paragraph (m) of this section as if all of the employees formed a single crew, or

(B) Each crew shall independently comply with paragraph (m) of this section and, if there is no system operator in charge of the lines or equipment, shall have separate tags and coordinate deenergizing and reenergizing the lines and equipment with the other crews.

(v) The employer shall render any disconnecting means that are accessible to individuals outside the employer's control (for example, the general public) inoperable while the disconnecting means are open for the purpose of protecting employees.

(3) Deenergizing lines and equipment.

(i) The employee that the employer designates pursuant to paragraph (m)(2) of this section as being in charge of the clearance shall make a request of the system operator to deenergize the particular section of line or equipment. The designated employee becomes the employee in charge (as this term is used in paragraph (m)(3) of this section) and is responsible for the clearance.

437-002-2326 Clearance Requestor. The system operator must obtain the name of the person requesting clearance and be assured that the person is qualified to receive such clearance. The person requesting the clearance must state exactly what circuit or equipment they want de-energized and the reason. The system operator must repeat the request for clearance and be certain that the request is fully understood. The circuit or equipment must be considered as energized until notification from the system operator to the contrary is received.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2327 Verification of Clearance. Before considering any circuit or equipment de-energized, the system operator must be assured that all switches that could possibly energize the circuit or equipment in question have been opened, all phases checked, tagged with "protective" tags, and locked or blocked in the open position.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(ii) The employer shall ensure that all switches, disconnectors, jumpers, taps, and other means through which known sources of electric energy may be supplied to the particular lines and equipment to be deenergized are open. The employer shall render such means inoperable, unless its design does not so permit, and then ensure that such means are tagged to indicate that employees are at work.

(iii) The employer shall ensure that automatically and remotely controlled switches that could cause the opened disconnecting means to close are also tagged at the points of control. The employer shall render the automatic or remote control feature inoperable, unless its design does not so permit.

(iv) The employer need not use the tags mentioned in paragraphs (m)(3)(ii) and (m)(3)(iii) of this section on a network protector for work on the primary feeder for the network protector's associated network transformer when the employer can demonstrate all of the following conditions:

(A) Every network protector is maintained so that it will immediately trip open if closed when a primary conductor is deenergized;

(B) Employees cannot manually place any network protector in a closed position without the use of tools, and any manual override position is blocked, locked, or otherwise disabled; and

(C) The employer has procedures for manually overriding any network protector that incorporate provisions for determining, before anyone places a network protector in a closed position, that: The line connected to the network protector is not deenergized for the protection of any employee working on the line; and (if the line connected to the network protector is not deenergized for the protection of any employee working on the line) the primary conductors for the network protector are energized.

(v) Tags shall prohibit operation of the disconnecting means and shall indicate that employees are at work.

(vi) After the applicable requirements in paragraphs (m)(3)(i) through (m)(3)(v) of this section have been followed and the system operator gives a clearance to the employee in charge, the employer shall ensure that the lines and equipment are deenergized by testing the lines and equipment to be worked with a device designed to detect voltage.

(vii) The employer shall ensure the installation of protective grounds as required by paragraph (n) of this section.

(viii) After the applicable requirements of paragraphs (m)(3)(i) through (m)(3)(vii) of this section have been followed, the lines and equipment involved may be considered deenergized.

437-002-2328 Required Precautions. Guards or barriers must be erected as necessary to prevent approach or contact with adjacent energized lines or equipment.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(ix) To transfer the clearance, the employee in charge (or the employee's supervisor if the employee in charge must leave the worksite due to illness or other emergency) shall inform the system operator and employees in the crew; and the new employee in charge shall be responsible for the clearance.

(x) To release a clearance, the employee in charge shall:

(A) Notify each employee under that clearance of the pending release of the clearance;

(B) Ensure that all employees under that clearance are clear of the lines and equipment;

(C) Ensure that all protective grounds protecting employees under that clearance have been removed; and

(D) Report this information to the system operator and then release the clearance.

(xi) Only the employee in charge who requested the clearance may release the clearance, unless the employer transfers responsibility under paragraph (m)(3)(ix) of this section.

(xii) No one may remove tags without the release of the associated clearance as specified under paragraphs (m)(3)(x) and (m)(3)(xi) of this section.

(xiii) The employer shall ensure that no one initiates action to reenergize the lines or equipment at a point of disconnection until all protective grounds have been removed, all crews working on the lines or equipment release their clearances, all employees are clear

of the lines and equipment, and all protective tags are removed from that point of disconnection.

(n) Grounding for the protection of employees.

(1) Application. Paragraph (n) of this section applies to grounding of generation, transmission, and distribution lines and equipment for the purpose of protecting employees. Paragraph (n)(4) of this section also applies to protective grounding of other equipment as required elsewhere in this section.

Note to paragraph (n)(1): This paragraph covers grounding of generation, transmission, and distribution lines and equipment when this section requires protective grounding and whenever the employer chooses to ground such lines and equipment for the protection of employees.

(2) General. For any employee to work transmission and distribution lines or equipment as deenergized, the employer shall ensure that the lines or equipment are deenergized under the provisions of paragraph (m) of this section and shall ensure proper grounding of the lines or equipment as specified in paragraphs (n)(3) through (n)(8) of this section. However, if the employer can demonstrate that installation of a ground is impracticable or that the conditions resulting from the installation of a ground would present greater hazards to employees than working without grounds, the lines and equipment may be treated as deenergized provided that the employer establishes that all of the following conditions apply:

(i) The employer ensures that the lines and equipment are deenergized under the provisions of paragraph (m) of this section.

(ii) There is no possibility of contact with another energized source.

(iii) The hazard of induced voltage is not present.

(3) Equipotential zone. Temporary protective grounds shall be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent each employee from being exposed to hazardous differences in electric potential.

Note to paragraph (n)(3): Appendix C to this section contains guidelines for establishing the equipotential zone required by this paragraph. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will deem grounding practices meeting these guidelines as complying with paragraph (n)(3) of this section.

437-002-2329 Worker's Presence. Grounding must be verified if a worker requests it.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2330 Multi-Phase Line. While working on circuits de-energized under clearance conditions with multi-phase lines, shorts and grounds must be established at the lowest impedance available. Workers may perform work on one phase of a multi-phase line after establishing an equipotential zone that includes the phase being directly worked on. The phases outside the equipotential zone are to be treated as energized with minimum approach distance observed, unless they become part of the equipotential zone.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(4) Protective grounding equipment.

(i) Protective grounding equipment shall be capable of conducting the maximum fault current that could flow at the point of grounding for the time necessary to clear the fault.

(ii) Protective grounding equipment shall have an ampacity greater than or equal to that of No. 2 AWG copper.

(iii) Protective grounds shall have an impedance low enough so that they do not delay the operation of protective devices in case of accidental energizing of the lines or equipment.

Note to paragraph (n)(4): American Society for Testing and Materials Standard Specifications for Temporary Protective Grounds to Be Used on De-Energized Electric Power Lines and Equipment, ASTM F855-09, contains guidelines for protective grounding equipment. The Institute of Electrical Engineers Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines, IEEE Std 1048-2003, contains guidelines for selecting and installing protective grounding equipment.

(5) Testing. The employer shall ensure that, unless a previously installed ground is present, employees test lines and equipment and verify the absence of nominal voltage before employees install any ground on those lines or that equipment.

(6) Connecting and removing grounds.

(i) The employer shall ensure that, when an employee attaches a ground to a line or to equipment, the employee attaches the ground-end connection first and then attaches the other end by means of a live-line tool. For lines or equipment operating at 600 volts or less, the employer may permit the employee to use insulating equipment other than a live-line tool if the employer ensures that the line or equipment is not energized at the time the ground is connected or if the employer can demonstrate that each employee is protected from hazards that may develop if the line or equipment is energized.

(ii) The employer shall ensure that, when an employee removes a ground, the employee removes the grounding device from the line or equipment using a live-line tool before he or she removes the ground-end connection. For lines or equipment operating at 600 volts or less, the employer may permit the employee to use insulating equipment other than a live-line tool if the employer ensures that the line or equipment is not energized at the time the ground is disconnected or if the employer can demonstrate that each employee is protected from hazards that may develop if the line or equipment is energized.

(7) Additional precautions. The employer shall ensure that, when an employee performs work on a cable at a location remote from the cable terminal, the cable is not grounded at the cable terminal if there is a possibility of hazardous transfer of potential should a fault occur.

(8) Removal of grounds for test. The employer may permit employees to remove grounds temporarily during tests. During the test procedure, the employer shall ensure that each employee uses insulating equipment, shall isolate each employee from any hazards involved, and shall implement any additional measures necessary to protect each exposed employee in case the previously grounded lines and equipment become energized.

(o) Testing and test facilities.

(1) Application. Paragraph (o) of this section provides for safe work practices for high-voltage and high-power testing performed in laboratories, shops, and substations, and in the field and on electric transmission and distribution lines and equipment. It applies only to testing involving interim measurements using high voltage, high power, or combinations of high voltage and high power, and not to testing involving continuous measurements as in routine metering, relaying, and normal line work.

Note to paragraph (o)(1): OSHA considers routine inspection and maintenance measurements made by qualified employees to be routine line work not included in the scope of paragraph (o) of this section, provided that the hazards related to the use of intrinsic high-voltage or high-power sources require only the normal precautions associated with routine work specified in the other paragraphs of this section. Two typical examples of such excluded test work procedures are "phasing-out" testing and testing for a "no-voltage" condition.

(2) General requirements.

(i) The employer shall establish and enforce work practices for the protection of each worker from the hazards of high-voltage or high-power testing at all test areas, temporary and permanent. Such work practices shall include, as a minimum, test area safeguarding, grounding, the safe use of measuring and control circuits, and a means providing for periodic safety checks of field test areas.

(ii) The employer shall ensure that each employee, upon initial assignment to the test area, receives training in safe work practices, with retraining provided as required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(3) Safeguarding of test areas.

(i) The employer shall provide safeguarding within test areas to control access to test equipment or to apparatus under test that could become energized as part of the testing by either direct or inductive coupling and to prevent accidental employee contact with energized parts.

(ii) The employer shall guard permanent test areas with walls, fences, or other barriers designed to keep employees out of the test areas.

(iii) In field testing, or at a temporary test site not guarded by permanent fences and gates, the employer shall ensure the use of one of the following means to prevent employees without authorization from entering:

(A) Distinctively colored safety tape supported approximately waist high with safety signs attached to it,

(B) A barrier or barricade that limits access to the test area to a degree equivalent, physically and visually, to the barricade specified in paragraph (o)(3)(iii)(A) of this section, or

(C) One or more test observers stationed so that they can monitor the entire area.

(iv) The employer shall ensure the removal of the safeguards required by paragraph (o)(3)(iii) of this section when employees no longer need the protection afforded by the safeguards.

(4) Grounding practices.

(i) The employer shall establish and implement safe grounding practices for the test facility.

(A) The employer shall maintain at ground potential all conductive parts accessible to the test operator while the equipment is operating at high voltage.

(B) Wherever ungrounded terminals of test equipment or apparatus under test may be present, they shall be treated as energized until tests demonstrate that they are deenergized.

(ii) The employer shall ensure either that visible grounds are applied automatically, or that employees using properly insulated tools manually apply visible grounds, to the high-voltage circuits after they are deenergized and before any employee performs work on the circuit or on the item or apparatus under test. Common ground connections shall be solidly connected to the test equipment and the apparatus under test.

(iii) In high-power testing, the employer shall provide an isolated ground-return conductor system designed to prevent the intentional passage of current, with its attendant voltage rise, from occurring in the ground grid or in the earth. However, the employer need not provide an isolated ground-return conductor if the employer can demonstrate that both of the following conditions exist:

(A) The employer cannot provide an isolated ground-return conductor due to the distance of the test site from the electric energy source, and

(B) The employer protects employees from any hazardous step and touch potentials that may develop during the test.

Note to paragraph (o)(4)(iii)(B): See Appendix C to this section for information on measures that employers can take to protect employees from hazardous step and touch potentials.

(iv) For tests in which using the equipment grounding conductor in the equipment power cord to ground the test equipment would result in greater hazards to test personnel or prevent the taking of satisfactory measurements, the employer may use a ground clearly indicated in the test set-up if the employer can demonstrate that this ground affords protection for employees equivalent to the protection afforded by an equipment grounding conductor in the power supply cord.

(v) The employer shall ensure that, when any employee enters the test area after equipment is deenergized, a ground is placed on the high-voltage terminal and any other exposed terminals.

(A) Before any employee applies a direct ground, the employer shall discharge high capacitance equipment through a resistor rated for the available energy.

(B) A direct ground shall be applied to the exposed terminals after the stored energy drops to a level at which it is safe to do so.

(vi) If the employer uses a test trailer or test vehicle in field testing, its chassis shall be grounded. The employer shall protect each employee against hazardous touch potentials with respect to the vehicle, instrument panels, and other conductive parts accessible to employees with bonding, insulation, or isolation.

(5) Control and measuring circuits.

(i) The employer may not run control wiring, meter connections, test leads, or cables from a test area unless contained in a grounded metallic sheath and terminated in a grounded metallic enclosure or unless the employer takes other precautions that it can demonstrate will provide employees with equivalent safety.

(ii) The employer shall isolate meters and other instruments with accessible terminals or parts from test personnel to protect against hazards that could arise should such terminals and parts become energized during testing. If the employer provides this isolation by locating test equipment in metal compartments with viewing windows, the employer shall provide interlocks to interrupt the power supply when someone opens the compartment cover.

(iii) The employer shall protect temporary wiring and its connections against damage, accidental interruptions, and other hazards. To the maximum extent possible, the employer shall keep signal, control, ground, and power cables separate from each other.

(iv) If any employee will be present in the test area during testing, a test observer shall be present. The test observer shall be capable of implementing the immediate deenergizing of test circuits for safety purposes.

(6) Safety check.

(i) Safety practices governing employee work at temporary or field test areas shall provide, at the beginning of each series of tests, for a routine safety check of such test areas.

(ii) The test operator in charge shall conduct these routine safety checks before each series of tests and shall verify at least the following conditions:

(A) Barriers and safeguards are in workable condition and placed properly to isolate hazardous areas;

(B) System test status signals, if used, are in operable condition;

(C) Clearly marked test-power disconnects are readily available in an emergency;

(D) Ground connections are clearly identifiable;

(E) Personal protective equipment is provided and used as required by Subpart I of this part and by this section; and

(F) Proper separation between signal, ground, and power cables.

(p) Mechanical equipment.

(1) General requirements.

(i) The critical safety components of mechanical elevating and rotating equipment shall receive a thorough visual inspection before use on each shift.

Note to paragraph (p)(1)(i): Critical safety components of mechanical elevating and rotating equipment are components for which failure would result in free fall or free rotation of the boom.

(ii) No motor vehicle or earthmoving or compacting equipment having an obstructed view to the rear may be operated on off-highway jobsites where any employee is exposed to the hazards created by the moving vehicle, unless:

(A) The vehicle has a reverse signal alarm audible above the surrounding noise level, or

(B) The vehicle is backed up only when a designated employee signals that it is safe to do so.

(iii) Rubber-tired self-propelled scrapers, rubber-tired front-end loaders, rubber-tired dozers, wheel-type agricultural and industrial tractors, crawler-type tractors, crawler-type loaders, and motor graders, with or without attachments, shall have rollover protective structures that meet the requirements of Subpart W of Part 1926 of this chapter.

(iv) The operator of an electric line truck may not leave his or her position at the controls while a load is suspended, unless the employer can demonstrate that no employee (including the operator) is endangered.

(2) Outriggers.

(i) Mobile equipment, if provided with outriggers, shall be operated with the outriggers extended and firmly set, except as provided in paragraph (p)(2)(iii) of this section.

(ii) Outriggers may not be extended or retracted outside of the clear view of the operator unless all employees are outside the range of possible equipment motion.

(iii) If the work area or the terrain precludes the use of outriggers, the equipment may be operated only within its maximum load ratings specified by the equipment manufacturer for the particular configuration of the equipment without outriggers.

(3) Applied loads. Mechanical equipment used to lift or move lines or other material shall be used within its maximum load rating and other design limitations for the conditions under which the mechanical equipment is being used.

(4) Operations near energized lines or equipment.

(i) Mechanical equipment shall be operated so that the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section, are maintained from exposed energized lines and equipment. However, the insulated portion of an aerial lift operated by a qualified employee in the lift is exempt from this requirement if the applicable minimum approach distance is maintained between the uninsulated portions of the aerial lift and exposed objects having a different electrical potential.

(ii) A designated employee other than the equipment operator shall observe the approach distance to exposed lines and equipment and provide timely warnings before the minimum approach distance required by paragraph (p)(4)(i) of this section is reached, unless the employer can demonstrate that the operator can accurately determine that the minimum approach distance is being maintained.

(iii) If, during operation of the mechanical equipment, that equipment could become energized, the operation also shall comply with at least one of paragraphs (p)(4)(iii)(A) through (p)(4)(iii)(C) of this section.

(A) The energized lines or equipment exposed to contact shall be covered with insulating protective material that will withstand the type of contact that could be made during the operation.

(B) The mechanical equipment shall be insulated for the voltage involved. The mechanical equipment shall be positioned so that its uninsulated portions cannot approach the energized lines or equipment any closer than the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section.

(C) Each employee shall be protected from hazards that could arise from mechanical equipment contact with energized lines or equipment. The measures used shall ensure that employees will not be exposed to hazardous differences in electric potential. Unless the employer can demonstrate that the methods in use protect each employee from the hazards that could arise if the mechanical equipment contacts the energized line or equipment, the measures used shall include all of the following techniques:

(*1*) Using the best available ground to minimize the time the lines or electric equipment remain energized,

(*2*) Bonding mechanical equipment together to minimize potential differences,

(*3*) Providing ground mats to extend areas of equipotential, and

(*4*) Employing insulating protective equipment or barricades to guard against any remaining hazardous electrical potential differences.

Note to paragraph (p)(4)(iii)(C): Appendix C to this section contains information on hazardous step and touch potentials and on methods of protecting employees from hazards resulting from such potentials.

(q) Overhead lines and live-line barehand work. This paragraph provides additional requirements for work performed on or near overhead lines and equipment and for live-line barehand work.

NOTE: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

437-002-2331 Guards/Barriers. Suitable guards and barriers must be erected so that workers or tools and equipment will not fall into or accidentally contact energized conductors or equipment.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2332 Materials and Tools. Materials and tools other than belt tools for which the body belt is designed:
(1) Must be raised or lowered by means of a suitable container or handline.
(2) Must not be thrown to or from linemen working on poles or structures. When field conditions prevent the use of a handline or alternative method from being done safely, a designated drop zone must be established. Clear communication must occur to prevent employees from entering the zone while material is being dropped in a controlled manner.
(3) Must not be carried up or down poles or structures in belts.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(1) General.

(i) Before allowing employees to subject elevated structures, such as poles or towers, to such stresses as climbing or the installation or removal of equipment may impose, the employer shall ascertain that the structures are capable of sustaining the additional or unbalanced stresses. If the pole or other structure cannot withstand the expected loads, the employer shall brace or otherwise support the pole or structure so as to prevent failure.

Note to paragraph (q)(1)(i): Appendix D to this section contains test methods that employers can use in ascertaining whether a wood pole is capable of sustaining the forces imposed by an employee climbing the pole. This paragraph also requires the employer to ascertain that the pole can sustain all other forces imposed by the work employees will perform.

Raising Poles, Towers, Fixtures

437-002-2333 Wire Rope. Conductive rigging (wire rope) must not be used to raise poles, transformers, and other equipment except when such rigging is below, protected, or at a sufficient distance from energized high voltage conductors to prevent hazardous contact.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2334 Qualified Supervision. Raising poles, towers, or fixtures close to high voltage conductors must be done under the supervision of a worker qualified for this work.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(ii) When a pole is set, moved, or removed near an exposed energized overhead conductor, the pole may not contact the conductor.

(iii) When a pole is set, moved, or removed near an exposed energized overhead conductor, the employer shall ensure that each employee wears electrical protective equipment or uses insulated devices when handling the pole and that no employee contacts the pole with uninsulated parts of his or her body.

(iv) To protect employees from falling into holes used for placing poles, the employer shall physically guard the holes, or ensure that employees attend the holes, whenever anyone is working nearby.

(2) Installing and removing overhead lines. The following provisions apply to the installation and removal of overhead conductors or cable (overhead lines).

(i) When lines that employees are installing or removing can contact energized parts, the employer shall use the tension-stringing method, barriers, or other equivalent measures to minimize the possibility that conductors and cables the employees are installing or removing will contact energized power lines or equipment.

Stringing or Removing De-energized Conductors

437-002-2335 Replacing Conductors. When replacing a conductor with a new or larger conductor, the conductor being removed must not be used to pull in the new one unless the one being removed has been carefully inspected for its entire length and then adjudged to have adequate strength.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2336 Pulling. Each pull must be snubbed or dead ended at both ends before subsequent pulls.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2337 Stringing Conductors. Conductors being strung must not be allowed to slack enough to be in reach of traffic or pedestrians, unless guarded by flaggers or other suitable safeguards.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2338 Sleeves. When stringing or removing conductors under tension, sleeves must not be pulled through the bull wheel or the puller on the tension machine unless appropriate safeguards are taken.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(ii) For conductors, cables, and pulling and tensioning equipment, the employer shall provide the protective measures required by paragraph (p)(4)(iii) of this section when employees are installing or removing a conductor or cable close enough to energized conductors that any of the following failures could energize the pulling or tensioning equipment or the conductor or cable being installed or removed:

(A) Failure of the pulling or tensioning equipment,

(B) Failure of the conductor or cable being pulled, or

(C) Failure of the previously installed lines or equipment.

(iii) If the conductors that employees are installing or removing cross over energized conductors in excess of 600 volts and if the design of the circuitinterrupting devices protecting the lines so permits, the employer shall render inoperable the automatic-reclosing feature of these devices.

(iv) Before employees install lines parallel to existing energized lines, the employer shall make a determination of the approximate voltage to be induced in the new lines, or work shall proceed on the assumption that the induced voltage is hazardous. Unless the employer can demonstrate that the lines that employees are installing are not subject to the induction of a hazardous voltage or unless the lines are treated as energized, temporary protective grounds shall be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent exposure of each employee to hazardous differences in electric potential.

Note 1 to paragraph (q)(2)(iv): If the employer takes no precautions to protect employees from hazards associated with involuntary reactions from electric shock, a hazard exists if the induced voltage is sufficient to pass a current of 1 milliampere through a 500-ohm resistor. If the employer protects employees from injury due to involuntary reactions from electric shock, a hazard exists if the resultant current would be more than 6 milliamperes.

Note 2 to paragraph (q)(2)(iv): Appendix C to this section contains guidelines for protecting employees from hazardous differences in electric potential as required by this paragraph.

437-002-2339 Reel Tender. A lineman or experienced person under the supervision of a lineman must be placed in charge of the reels as the reel tender.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-002-2340 Equipment Secured. Reel handling equipment, including pulling, braking, and sagging equipment must be firmly anchored or secured during operations.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(v) Reel-handling equipment, including pulling and tensioning devices, shall be in safe operating condition and shall be leveled and aligned.

(vi) The employer shall ensure that employees do not exceed load ratings of stringing lines, pulling lines, conductor grips, load-bearing hardware and accessories, rigging, and hoists.

(vii) The employer shall repair or replace defective pulling lines and accessories.

(viii) The employer shall ensure that employees do not use conductor grips on wire rope unless the manufacturer specifically designed the grip for this application.

(ix) The employer shall ensure that employees maintain reliable communications, through two-way radios or other equivalent means, between the reel tender and the pullingrig operator.

(x) Employees may operate the pulling rig only when it is safe to do so.

Note to paragraph (q)(2)(x): Examples of unsafe conditions include: employees in locations prohibited by paragraph (q)(2)(xi) of this section, conductor and pulling line hang-ups, and slipping of the conductor grip.

(xi) While a power-driven device is pulling the conductor or pulling line and the conductor or pulling line is in motion, the employer shall ensure that employees are not directly under overhead operations or on the crossarm, except as necessary for the employees to guide the stringing sock or board over or through the stringing sheave.

Note: Oregon OSHA did not adopt 1910.269(q)(3)(i)-(viii).

NOTE: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(3) [~~Live-line barehand work. In addition to other applicable provisions contained in this section, the following requirements apply to live-line barehand work:~~

~~(i) Before an employee uses or supervises the use of the live-line barehand technique on energized circuits, the employer shall ensure that the employee completes training conforming to paragraph (a)(2) of this section in the technique and in the safety requirements of paragraph (q)(3) of this section.~~

~~(ii) Before any employee uses the liveline barehand technique on energized high-voltage conductors or parts, the employer shall ascertain the following information in addition to information about other existing conditions required by paragraph (a)(4) of this section:~~

~~(A) The nominal voltage rating of the circuit on which employees will perform the work,~~

~~(B) The clearances to ground of lines and other energized parts on which employees will perform the work, and~~

~~(C) The voltage limitations of equipment employees will use.~~

~~(iii) The employer shall ensure that the insulated equipment, insulated tools, and aerial devices and platforms used by employees are designed, tested, and made for live-line barehand work.~~

~~(iv) The employer shall ensure that employees keep tools and equipment clean and dry while they are in use.~~

~~(v) The employer shall render inoperable the automatic-reclosing feature of circuit-interrupting devices protecting the lines if the design of the devices permits.~~

~~(vi) The employer shall ensure that employees do not perform work when adverse weather conditions would make the work hazardous even after the employer implements the work practices required by this section. Additionally, employees may not perform work when winds reduce the phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground clearances at the work location below the minimum approach distances specified in paragraph (q)(3)(xiv) of this section, unless insulating guards cover the grounded objects and other lines and equipment.~~

~~Note to paragraph (q)(3)(vi): Thunderstorms in the vicinity, high winds, snow storms, and ice storms are examples of adverse weather conditions that make liveline barehand work too hazardous to perform safely even after the employer implements the work practices required by this section.~~

~~(vii) The employer shall provide and ensure that employees use a conductive bucket liner or other conductive device for bonding the insulated aerial device to the energized line or equipment.~~

~~(A) The employee shall be connected to the bucket liner or other conductive device by the use of conductive shoes, leg clips, or other means.~~

~~(B) Where differences in potentials at the worksite pose a hazard to employees, the employer shall provide electrostatic shielding designed for the voltage being worked.~~

~~(viii) The employer shall ensure that, before the employee contacts the energized part, the employee bonds the conductive bucket liner or other conductive device to the energized conductor by means of a positive connection. This connection shall remain attached to the energized conductor until the employee completes the work on the energized circuit.~~]

Note: The following rules apply in Oregon.

(ix) Aerial lifts used for live-line barehand work shall have dual controls (lower and upper) as follows:

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(A) The upper controls shall be within easy reach of the employee in the bucket. On a two-bucket-type lift, access to the controls shall be within easy reach of both buckets.

(B) The lower set of controls shall be near the base of the boom and shall be designed so that they can override operation of the equipment at any time.

437-002-2341 Inadvertent Contact Protection. Controls must be placed and guarded so that the equipment cannot be activated by inadvertent contact by the operator, tools, equipment, lines, or foreign objects.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(x) Lower (ground-level) lift controls may not be operated with an employee in the lift except in case of emergency.

(xi) The employer shall ensure that, before employees elevate an aerial lift into the work position, the employees check all controls (ground level and bucket) to determine that they are in proper working condition.

(xii) The employer shall ensure that, before employees elevate the boom of an aerial lift, the employees ground the body of the truck or barricade the body of the truck and treat it as energized.

(xiii) The employer shall ensure that employees perform a boom-current test before starting work each day, each time during the day when they encounter a higher voltage, and when changed conditions indicate a need for an additional test.

(A) This test shall consist of placing the bucket in contact with an energized source equal to the voltage to be encountered for a minimum of 3 minutes.

(B) The leakage current may not exceed 1 microampere per kilovolt of nominal phase-to-ground voltage.

(C) The employer shall immediately suspend work from the aerial lift when there is any indication of a malfunction in the equipment.

(xiv) The employer shall ensure that employees maintain the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section, from all grounded objects and from lines and equipment at a potential different from that to which the live-line barehand equipment is bonded, unless insulating guards cover such grounded objects and other lines and equipment.

NOTE: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(xv) The employer shall ensure that, while an employee is approaching, leaving, or bonding to an energized circuit, the employee maintains the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section, between

the employee and any grounded parts, including the lower boom and portions of the truck and between the employee and conductive objects energized at different potentials.

(xvi) While the bucket is alongside an energized bushing or insulator string, the employer shall ensure that employees maintain the phase-to ground minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section, between all parts of the bucket and the grounded end of the bushing or insulator string or any other grounded surface.

(xvii) The employer shall ensure that employees do not use handlines between the bucket and the boom or between the bucket and the ground. However, employees may use nonconductive-type handlines from conductor to ground if not supported from the bucket. The employer shall ensure that no one uses ropes used for live-line barehand work for other purposes.

NOTE: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(xviii) The employer shall ensure that employees do not pass uninsulated equipment or material between a pole or structure and an aerial lift while an employee working from the bucket is bonded to an energized part.

(xix) A nonconductive measuring device shall be readily accessible to employees performing live-line barehand work to assist them in maintaining the required minimum approach distance.

NOTE: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(4) Towers and structures. The following requirements apply to work performed on towers or other structures that support overhead lines.

(i) The employer shall ensure that no employee is under a tower or structure while work is in progress, except when the employer can demonstrate that such a working position is necessary to assist employees working above.

(ii) The employer shall ensure that employees use tag lines or other similar devices to maintain control of tower sections being raised or positioned, unless the employer can demonstrate that the use of such devices would create a greater hazard to employees.

(iii) The employer shall ensure that employees do not detach the loadline from a member or section until they safely secure the load.

(iv) The employer shall ensure that, except during emergency restoration procedures, employees discontinue work when adverse weather conditions would make the work hazardous in spite of the work practices required by this section.

Note to paragraph (q)(4)(iv): Thunderstorms in the vicinity, high winds, snow storms, and ice storms are examples of adverse weather conditions that make this work too hazardous to perform even after the employer implements the work practices required by this section.

(r) Line-clearance tree trimming operations. This paragraph provides additional requirements for line-clearance tree-trimming operations and for equipment used in these operations.

(1) Electrical hazards. This paragraph does not apply to qualified employees.

(i) Before an employee climbs, enters, or works around any tree, a determination shall be made of the nominal voltage of electric power lines posing a hazard to employees. However, a determination of the maximum nominal voltage to which an employee will be exposed may be made instead, if all lines are considered as energized at this maximum voltage.

(ii) There shall be a second line-clearance tree trimmer within normal (that is, unassisted) voice communication under any of the following conditions:

(A) If a line-clearance tree trimmer is to approach more closely than 3.05 meters (10 feet) to any conductor or electric apparatus energized at more than 750 volts or

(B) If branches or limbs being removed are closer to lines energized at more than 750 volts than the distances listed in Table R-5, Table R-6, Table R-7, and Table R-8 or

(C) If roping is necessary to remove branches or limbs from such conductors or apparatus.

(iii) Line-clearance tree trimmers shall maintain the minimum approach distances from energized conductors given in Table R-5, Table R-6, Table R-7, and Table R-8.

(iv) Branches that are contacting exposed energized conductors or equipment or that are within the distances specified in Table R-5, Table R-6, Table R-7, and Table R-8 may be removed only through the use of insulating equipment.

Note to paragraph (r)(1)(iv): A tool constructed of a material that the employer can demonstrate has insulating qualities meeting paragraph (j)(1) of this section is considered as insulated under paragraph (r)(1)(iv) of this section if the tool is clean and dry.

(v) Ladders, platforms, and aerial devices may not be brought closer to an energized part than the distances listed in Table R-5, Table R-6, Table R-7, and Table R-8.

(vi) Line-clearance tree-trimming work may not be performed when adverse weather conditions make the work hazardous in spite of the work practices required by this section. Each employee performing line-clearance tree trimming work in the aftermath of a storm or under similar emergency conditions shall be trained in the special hazards related to this type of work.

Note to paragraph (r)(1)(vi): Thunderstorms in the immediate vicinity, high winds, snow storms, and ice storms are examples of adverse weather conditions that are presumed to make line-clearance tree trimming work too hazardous to perform safely.

(2) Brush chippers.

(i) Brush chippers shall be equipped with a locking device in the ignition system.

(ii) Access panels for maintenance and adjustment of the chipper blades and associated drive train shall be in place and secure during operation of the equipment.

(iii) Brush chippers not equipped with a mechanical infeed system shall be equipped with an infeed hopper of length sufficient to prevent employees from contacting the blades or knives of the machine during operation.

(iv) Trailer chippers detached from trucks shall be chocked or otherwise secured.

(v) Each employee in the immediate area of an operating chipper feed table shall wear personal protective equipment as required by Subpart I of this part.

(3) Sprayers and related equipment.

(i) Walking and working surfaces of sprayers and related equipment shall be covered with slip-resistant material. If slipping hazards cannot be eliminated, slip-resistant footwear or handrails and stair rails meeting the requirements of Subpart D of this part may be used instead of slip-resistant material.

(ii) Equipment on which employees stand to spray while the vehicle is in motion shall be equipped with guardrails around the working area. The guardrail shall be constructed in accordance with Subpart D of this part.

(4) Stump cutters.

(i) Stump cutters shall be equipped with enclosures or guards to protect employees.

(ii) Each employee in the immediate area of stump grinding operations including the stump cutter operator) shall wear personal protective equipment as required by Subpart I of this part.

(5) Gasoline-engine power saws. Gasoline-engine power saw operations shall meet the requirements of § 1910.266(e) and the following:

(i) Each power saw weighing more than 6.8 kilograms (15 pounds, service weight) that is used in trees shall be supported by a separate line, except when work is performed from an aerial lift and except during topping or removing operations where no supporting limb will be available.

(ii) Each power saw shall be equipped with a control that will return the saw to idling speed when released.

(iii) Each power saw shall be equipped with a clutch and shall be so adjusted that the clutch will not engage the chain drive at idling speed.

(iv) A power saw shall be started on the ground or where it is otherwise firmly supported. Drop starting of saws over 6.8 kilograms (15 pounds), other than chain saws, is permitted outside of the bucket of an aerial lift only if the area below the lift is clear of personnel.

Note to paragraph (r)(5)(iv): Paragraph (e)(2)(vi) of § 1910.266 prohibits drop starting of chain saws.

(v) A power saw engine may be started and operated only when all employees other than the operator are clear of the saw.

(vi) A power saw may not be running when the saw is being carried up into a tree by an employee.

(vii) Power saw engines shall be stopped for all cleaning, refueling, adjustments, and repairs to the saw or motor, except as the manufacturer's servicing procedures require otherwise.

(6) Backpack power units for use in pruning and clearing.

(i) While a backpack power unit is running, no one other than the operator may be within 3.05 meters (10 feet) of the cutting head of a brush saw.

(ii) A backpack power unit shall be equipped with a quick shutoff switch readily accessible to the operator.

(iii) Backpack power unit engines shall be stopped for all cleaning, refueling, adjustments, and repairs to the saw or motor, except as the manufacturer's servicing procedures require otherwise.

(7) Rope.

(i) Climbing ropes shall be used by employees working aloft in trees. These ropes shall have a minimum diameter of 12 millimeters (0.5 inch) with a minimum breaking strength of 10.2 kilonewtons (2,300 pounds). Synthetic rope shall have elasticity of not more than 7 percent.

(ii) Rope shall be inspected before each use and, if unsafe (for example, because of damage or defect), may not be used.

(iii) Rope shall be stored away from cutting edges and sharp tools. Rope contact with corrosive chemicals, gas, and oil shall be avoided.

(iv) When stored, rope shall be coiled and piled, or shall be suspended, so that air can circulate through the coils.

(v) Rope ends shall be secured to prevent their unraveling.

(vi) Climbing rope may not be spliced to effect repair.

(vii) A rope that is wet, that is contaminated to the extent that its insulating capacity is impaired, or that is otherwise not considered to be insulated for the voltage involved may not be used near exposed energized lines.

(8) Fall protection. Each employee shall be tied in with a climbing rope and safety saddle when the employee is working above the ground in a tree, unless he or she is ascending into the tree.

(s) Communication facilities.

(1) Microwave transmission.

(i) The employer shall ensure that no employee looks into an open waveguide or antenna connected to an energized microwave source.

(ii) If the electromagnetic-radiation level within an accessible area associated with microwave communications systems exceeds the radiation-protection guide specified by §

1910.97(a)(2), the employer shall post the area with warning signs containing the warning symbol described in § 1910.97(a)(3). The lower half of the warning symbol shall include the following statements, or ones that the employer can demonstrate are equivalent: "Radiation in this area may exceed hazard limitations and special precautions are required. Obtain specific instruction before entering."

(iii) When an employee works in an area where the electromagnetic radiation could exceed the radiationprotection guide, the employer shall institute measures that ensure that the employee's exposure is not greater than that permitted by that guide. Such measures may include administrative and engineering controls and personal protective equipment.

(2) Power-line carrier. The employer shall ensure that employees perform power-line carrier work, including work on equipment used for coupling carrier current to power line conductors, in accordance with the requirements of this section pertaining to work on energized lines.

(t) Underground electrical installations. This paragraph provides additional requirements for work on underground electrical installations.

(1) Access. The employer shall ensure that employees use a ladder or other climbing device to enter and exit a manhole or subsurface vault exceeding 1.22 meters (4 feet) in depth. No employee may climb into or out of a manhole or vault by stepping on cables or hangers.

(2) Lowering equipment into manholes.

(i) Equipment used to lower materials and tools into manholes or vaults shall be capable of supporting the weight to be lowered and shall be checked for defects before use.

(ii) Before anyone lowers tools or material into the opening for a manhole or vault, each employee working in the manhole or vault shall be clear of the area directly under the opening.

(3) Attendants for manholes and vaults.

(i) While work is being performed in a manhole or vault containing energized electric equipment, an employee with first-aid training shall be available on the surface in the immediate vicinity of the manhole or vault entrance to render emergency assistance.

(ii) Occasionally, the employee on the surface may briefly enter a manhole or vault to provide nonemergency assistance.

Note 1 to paragraph (t)(3)(ii): Paragraph (e)(7) of this section may also require an attendant and does not permit this attendant to enter the manhole or vault.

Note 2 to paragraph (t)(3)(ii): Paragraph (l)(1)(ii) of this section requires employees entering manholes or vaults containing unguarded, uninsulated energized lines or parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more to be qualified.

(iii) For the purpose of inspection, housekeeping, taking readings, or similar work, an employee working alone may enter, for brief periods of time, a manhole or vault where energized cables or equipment are in service if the employer can demonstrate that the employee will be protected from all electrical hazards.

(iv) The employer shall ensure that employees maintain reliable communications, through two-way radios or other equivalent means, among all employees involved in the job.

(4) Duct rods. The employer shall ensure that, if employees use duct rods, the employees install the duct rods in the direction presenting the least hazard to employees. The employer shall station an employee at the far end of the duct line being rodded to ensure that the employees maintain the required minimum approach distances.

(5) Multiple cables. When multiple cables are present in a work area, the employer shall identify the cable to be worked by electrical means, unless its identity is obvious by reason of distinctive appearance or location or by other readily apparent means of identification. The employer shall protect cables other than the one being worked from damage.

IDENTIFICATION OF LINES, CABLES AND EQUIPMENT

437-002-2342 Both Ends Identified. All primary cables must be permanently and plainly identified by tags or other methods at both ends.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(6) Moving cables. Except when paragraph (t)(7)(ii) of this section permits employees to perform work that could cause a fault in an energized cable in a manhole or vault, the employer shall ensure that employees inspect energized cables to be moved for abnormalities.

(7) Protection against faults.

(i) Where a cable in a manhole or vault has one or more abnormalities that could lead to a fault or be an indication of an impending fault, the employer shall deenergize the cable with the abnormality before any employee may work in the manhole or vault, except when service-load conditions and a lack of feasible alternatives require that the cable remain energized. In that case, employees may enter the manhole or vault provided the employer protects them from the possible effects of a failure using shields or other devices that are capable of containing the adverse effects of a fault. The employer shall treat the following abnormalities as indications of impending faults unless the employer can demonstrate that the conditions could not lead to a fault: Oil or compound leaking from cable or joints, broken cable sheaths or joint sleeves, hot localized surface temperatures of cables or joints, or joints swollen beyond normal tolerance.

(ii) If the work employees will perform in a manhole or vault could cause a fault in a cable, the employer shall deenergize that cable before any employee works in the manhole or vault, except when service-load conditions and a lack of feasible alternatives require that the cable remain energized. In that case, employees may enter the manhole or vault provided the employer protects them from the possible effects of a failure using shields or other devices that are capable of containing the adverse effects of a fault.

(8) Sheath continuity. When employees perform work on buried cable or on cable in a manhole or vault, the employer shall maintain metallic-sheath continuity, or the cable sheath shall be treated as energized.

(u) Substations. This paragraph provides additional requirements for substations and for work performed in them.

(1) Access and working space. The employer shall provide and maintain sufficient access and working space about electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment by employees.

Note to paragraph (u)(1): American National Standard National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2012 contains guidelines for the dimensions of access and working space about electric equipment in substations. Installations meeting the ANSI provisions comply with paragraph (u)(1) of this section. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will determine whether an installation that does not conform to this ANSI standard complies with paragraph (u)(1) of this section based on the following criteria:

(*1*) Whether the installation conforms to the edition of ANSI C2 that was in effect when the installation was made,

(*2*) Whether the configuration of the installation enables employees to maintain the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section, while the employees are working on exposed, energized parts, and

(*3*) Whether the precautions taken when employees perform work on the installation provide protection equivalent to the protection provided by access and working space meeting ANSI/IEEE C2-2012.

(2) Draw-out-type circuit breakers. The employer shall ensure that, when employees remove or insert draw-out-type circuit breakers, the breaker is in the open position. The employer shall also render the control circuit inoperable if the design of the equipment permits.

(3) Substation fences. Conductive fences around substations shall be grounded. When a substation fence is expanded or a section is removed, fence sections shall be isolated, grounded, or bonded as necessary to protect employees from hazardous differences in electric potential.

Note to paragraph (u)(3): IEEE Std 80-2000, IEEE Guide for Safety in AC Substation Grounding, contains guidelines for protection against hazardous differences in electric potential.

(4) Guarding of rooms and other spaces containing electric supply equipment.

(i) Rooms and other spaces in which electric supply lines or equipment are installed shall meet the requirements of paragraphs (u)(4)(ii) through (u)(4)(v) of this section under the following conditions:

(A) If exposed live parts operating at 50 to 150 volts to ground are within 2.4 meters (8 feet) of the ground or other working surface inside the room or other space,

(B) If live parts operating at 151 to 600 volts to ground and located within 2.4 meters (8 feet) of the ground or other working surface inside the room or other space are guarded only by location, as permitted under paragraph (u)(5)(i) of this section, or

(C) If live parts operating at more than 600 volts to ground are within the room or other space, unless:

(*1*) The live parts are enclosed within grounded, metal-enclosed equipment whose only openings are designed so that foreign objects inserted in these openings will be deflected from energized parts, or

(*2*) The live parts are installed at a height, above ground and any other working surface, that provides protection at the voltage on the live parts corresponding to the protection provided by a 2.4-meter (8-foot) height at 50 volts.

(ii) Fences, screens, partitions, or walls shall enclose the rooms and other spaces so as to minimize the possibility that unqualified persons will enter.

437-002-2343 Use of Barrier. A qualified safety watcher must be provided for all other work being performed in any energized substation yard except when the work is separated from all energized equipment by a suitable and adequate barrier.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(iii) Unqualified persons may not enter the rooms or other spaces while the electric supply lines or equipment are energized.

(iv) The employer shall display signs at entrances to the rooms and other spaces warning unqualified persons to keep out.

437-002-2344 Designation and Posting. Proper identification and warning signs must be posted at all entrances to battery rooms or compartments.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(v) The employer shall keep each entrance to a room or other space locked, unless the entrance is under the observation of a person who is attending the room or other space for the purpose of preventing unqualified employees from entering.

(5) Guarding of energized parts.

(i) The employer shall provide guards around all live parts operating at more than 150 volts to ground without an insulating covering unless the location of the live parts gives sufficient clearance (horizontal, vertical, or both) to minimize the possibility of accidental employee contact.

Note to paragraph (u)(5)(i): American National Standard National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2002 contains guidelines for the dimensions of clearance distances about electric equipment in substations. Installations meeting the ANSI provisions comply with paragraph (u)(5)(i) of this section. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will

determine whether an installation that does not conform to this ANSI standard complies with paragraph (u)(5)(i) of this section based on the following criteria:

(*1*) Whether the installation conforms to the edition of ANSI C2 that was in effect when the installation was made,

(*2*) Whether each employee is isolated from energized parts at the point of closest approach; and

(*3*) Whether the precautions taken when employees perform work on the installation provide protection equivalent to the protection provided by horizontal and vertical clearances meeting ANSI/IEEE C2-2002.

(ii) Except for fuse replacement and other necessary access by qualified persons, the employer shall maintain guarding of energized parts within a compartment during operation and maintenance functions to prevent accidental contact with energized parts and to prevent dropped tools or other equipment from contacting energized parts.

(iii) Before guards are removed from energized equipment, the employer shall install barriers around the work area to prevent employees who are not working on the equipment, but who are in the area, from contacting the exposed live parts.

(6) Substation entry.

437-002-2345 Nonelectrical Workers. As an exception to OAR 437-003-0145, certain nonelectrical workers will be allowed to work in substations without barriers and without a safety watcher if all the following conditions are observed:
(1) Permission to enter must be obtained from the substation operator or other authorized person.
(2) The worker must not get off the ground without the specific approval of the person responsible for control of entry except to operate such equipment as light motor vehicles, which have no equipment or loads that can project above the cab.
(3) The worker must be qualified as having sufficient experience and knowledge to protect themself against electrical hazards.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(i) Upon entering an attended substation, each employee, other than employees regularly working in the station, shall report his or her presence to the employee in charge of substation activities to receive information on special system conditions affecting employee safety.

(ii) The job briefing required by paragraph (c) of this section shall cover information on special system conditions affecting employee safety, including the location of energized equipment in or adjacent to the work area and the limits of any deenergized work area.

(v) Power generation. This paragraph provides additional requirements and related work practices for power generating plants.

(1) Interlocks and other safety devices.

(i) Interlocks and other safety devices shall be maintained in a safe, operable condition.

(ii) No interlock or other safety device may be modified to defeat its function, except for test, repair, or adjustment of the device.

(2) Changing brushes. Before exciter or generator brushes are changed while the generator is in service, the exciter or generator field shall be checked to determine whether a ground condition exists. The brushes may not be changed while the generator is energized if a ground condition exists.

(3) Access and working space. The employer shall provide and maintain sufficient access and working space about electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment by employees.

Note to paragraph (v)(3) of this section: American National Standard National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2012 contains guidelines for the dimensions of access and working space about electric equipment in substations. Installations meeting the ANSI provisions comply with paragraph (v)(3) of this section. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will determine whether an installation that does not conform to this ANSI standard complies with paragraph (v)(3) of this section based on the following criteria:

(*1*) Whether the installation conforms to the edition of ANSI C2 that was in effect when the installation was made;

(*2*) Whether the configuration of the installation enables employees to maintain the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section, while the employees are working on exposed, energized parts, and;

(*3*) Whether the precautions taken when employees perform work on the installation provide protection equivalent to the protection provided by access and working space meeting ANSI/IEEE C2-2012.

(4) Guarding of rooms and other spaces containing electric supply equipment.

(i) Rooms and other spaces in which electric supply lines or equipment are installed shall meet the requirements of paragraphs (v)(4)(ii) through (v)(4)(v) of this section under the following conditions:

(A) If exposed live parts operating at 50 to 150 volts to ground are within 2.4 meters (8 feet) of the ground or other working surface inside the room or other space,

(B) If live parts operating at 151 to 600 volts to ground and located within 2.4 meters (8 feet) of the ground or other working surface inside the room or other space are guarded only by location, as permitted under paragraph (v)(5)(i) of this section, or

(C) If live parts operating at more than 600 volts to ground are within the room or other space, unless:

(*1*) The live parts are enclosed within grounded, metal-enclosed equipment whose only openings are designed so that foreign objects inserted in these openings will be deflected from energized parts, or

(*2*) The live parts are installed at a height, above ground and any other working surface, that provides protection at the voltage on the live parts corresponding to the protection provided by a 2.4-meter (8-foot) height at 50 volts.

(ii) Fences, screens, partitions, or walls shall enclose the rooms and other spaces so as to minimize the possibility that unqualified persons will enter.

(iii) Unqualified persons may not enter the rooms or other spaces while the electric supply lines or equipment are energized.

(iv) The employer shall display signs at entrances to the rooms and other spaces warning unqualified persons to keep out.

(v) The employer shall keep each entrance to a room or other space locked, unless the entrance is under the observation of a person who is attending the room or other space for the purpose of preventing unqualified employees from entering.

(5) Guarding of energized parts.

(i) The employer shall provide guards around all live parts operating at more than 150 volts to ground without an insulating covering unless the location of the live parts gives sufficient clearance (horizontal, vertical, or both) to minimize the possibility of accidental employee contact.

Note to paragraph (v)(5)(i): American National Standard National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2002 contains guidelines for the dimensions of clearance distances about electric equipment in substations. Installations meeting the ANSI provisions comply with paragraph (v)(5)(i) of this section. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will determine whether an installation that does not conform to this ANSI standard complies with paragraph (v)(5)(i) of this section based on the following criteria:

(*1*) Whether the installation conforms to the edition of ANSI C2 that was in effect when the installation was made;

(*2*) Whether each employee is isolated from energized parts at the point of closest approach; and

(*3*) Whether the precautions taken when employees perform work on the installation provide protection equivalent to the protection provided by horizontal and vertical clearances meeting ANSI/IEEE C2-2002.

(ii) Except for fuse replacement and other necessary access by qualified persons, the employer shall maintain guarding of energized parts within a compartment during operation and maintenance functions to prevent accidental contact with energized parts and to prevent dropped tools or other equipment from contacting energized parts.

(iii) Before guards are removed from energized equipment, the employer shall install barriers around the work area to prevent employees who are not working on the equipment, but who are in the area, from contacting the exposed live parts.

(6) Water or steam spaces. The following requirements apply to work in water and steam spaces associated with boilers:

(i) A designated employee shall inspect conditions before work is permitted and after its completion. Eye protection, or full face protection if necessary, shall be worn at all times when condenser, heater, or boiler tubes are being cleaned.

(ii) Where it is necessary for employees to work near tube ends during cleaning, shielding shall be installed at the tube ends.

(7) Chemical cleaning of boilers and pressure vessels. The following requirements apply to chemical cleaning of boilers and pressure vessels:

(i) Areas where chemical cleaning is in progress shall be cordoned off to restrict access during cleaning. If flammable liquids, gases, or vapors or combustible materials will be used or might be produced during the cleaning process, the following requirements also apply:

(A) The area shall be posted with signs restricting entry and warning of the hazards of fire and explosion; and

(B) Smoking, welding, and other possible ignition sources are prohibited in these restricted areas.

(ii) The number of personnel in the restricted area shall be limited to those necessary to accomplish the task safely.

(iii) There shall be ready access to water or showers for emergency use.

Note to paragraph (v)(7)(iii): See § 1910.141 for requirements that apply to the water supply and to washing facilities.

(iv) Employees in restricted areas shall wear protective equipment meeting the requirements of Subpart I of this part and including, but not limited to, protective clothing, boots, goggles, and gloves.

(8) Chlorine systems.

(i) Chlorine system enclosures shall be posted with signs restricting entry and warning of the hazard to health and the hazards of fire and explosion.

Note to paragraph (v)(8)(i): See Subpart Z of this part for requirements necessary to protect the health of employees from the effects of chlorine.

(ii) Only designated employees may enter the restricted area. Additionally, the number of personnel shall be limited to those necessary to accomplish the task safely.

(iii) Emergency repair kits shall be available near the shelter or enclosure to allow for the prompt repair of leaks in chlorine lines, equipment, or containers.

(iv) Before repair procedures are started, chlorine tanks, pipes, and equipment shall be purged with dry air and isolated from other sources of chlorine.

(v) The employer shall ensure that chlorine is not mixed with materials that would react with the chlorine in a dangerously exothermic or other hazardous manner.

(9) Boilers.

(i) Before internal furnace or ash hopper repair work is started, overhead areas shall be inspected for possible falling objects. If the hazard of falling objects exists, overhead protection such as planking or nets shall be provided.

(ii) When opening an operating boiler door, employees shall stand clear of the opening of the door to avoid the heat blast and gases which may escape from the boiler.

(10) Turbine generators.

(i) Smoking and other ignition sources are prohibited near hydrogen or hydrogen sealing systems, and signs warning of the danger of explosion and fire shall be posted.

(ii) Excessive hydrogen makeup or abnormal loss of pressure shall be considered as an emergency and shall be corrected immediately.

(iii) A sufficient quantity of inert gas shall be available to purge the hydrogen from the largest generator.

(11) Coal and ash handling.

(i) Only designated persons may operate railroad equipment.

(ii) Before a locomotive or locomotive crane is moved, a warning shall be given to employees in the area.

(iii) Employees engaged in switching or dumping cars may not use their feet to line up drawheads.

(iv) Drawheads and knuckles may not be shifted while locomotives or cars are in motion.

(v) When a railroad car is stopped for unloading, the car shall be secured from displacement that could endanger employees.

(vi) An emergency means of stopping dump operations shall be provided at railcar dumps.

(vii) The employer shall ensure that employees who work in coal- or ash-handling conveyor areas are trained and knowledgeable in conveyor operation and in the requirements of paragraphs (v)(11)(viii) through (v)(11)(xii) of this section.

(viii) Employees may not ride a coal or ash-handling conveyor belt at any time. Employees may not cross over the conveyor belt, except at walkways, unless the conveyor's energy source has been deenergized and has been locked out or tagged in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section

(ix) A conveyor that could cause injury when started may not be started until personnel in the area are alerted by a signal or by a designated person that the conveyor is about to start.

(x) If a conveyor that could cause injury when started is automatically controlled or is controlled from a remote location, an audible device shall be provided that sounds an alarm that will be recognized by each employee as a warning that the conveyor will start and that can be clearly heard at all points along the conveyor where personnel may be present. The warning device shall be actuated by the device starting the conveyor and shall continue for a period of time before the conveyor starts that is long enough to allow employees to move clear of the conveyor system. A visual warning may be used in place of the audible device if the employer can demonstrate that it will provide an equally effective warning in the particular circumstances involved. However if the employer can demonstrate that the system's function would be seriously hindered by the required time delay, warning signs may be provided in place of the audible warning device. If the system was installed before January 31, 1995, warning signs may be provided in place of the audible warning device until such time as the conveyor or its control system is rebuilt or rewired. These warning signs shall be clear, concise, and legible and shall indicate that conveyors and allied equipment may be started at any time, that danger exists, and that personnel must keep clear. These warning signs shall be provided along the conveyor at areas not guarded by position or location.

(xi) Remotely and automatically controlled conveyors, and conveyors that have operating stations which are not manned or which are beyond voice and visual contact from drive areas, loading areas, transfer points, and other locations on the conveyor path not guarded by location, position, or guards shall be furnished with emergency stop buttons, pull cords, limit switches, or similar emergency stop devices. However, if the employer can demonstrate that the design, function, and operation of the conveyor do not expose an employee to hazards, an emergency stop device is not required.

(A) Emergency stop devices shall be easily identifiable in the immediate vicinity of such locations.

(B) An emergency stop device shall act directly on the control of the conveyor involved and may not depend on the stopping of any other equipment.

(C) Emergency stop devices shall be installed so that they cannot be overridden from other locations.

(xii) Where coal-handling operations may produce a combustible atmosphere from fuel sources or from flammable gases or dust, sources of ignition shall be eliminated or safely controlled to prevent ignition of the combustible atmosphere.

Note to paragraph (v)(11)(xii): Locations that are hazardous because of the presence of combustible dust are classified as Class II hazardous locations. See § 1910.307.

(xiii) An employee may not work on or beneath overhanging coal in coal bunkers, coal silos, or coal storage areas, unless the employee is protected from all hazards posed by shifting coal.

(xiv) An employee entering a bunker or silo to dislodge the contents shall wear a body harness with lifeline attached. The lifeline shall be secured to a fixed support outside the bunker and shall be attended at all times by an employee located outside the bunker or facility.

(12) Hydroplants and equipment. Employees working on or close to water gates, valves, intakes, forebays, flumes, or other locations where increased or decreased water flow or levels may pose

a significant hazard shall be warned and shall vacate such dangerous areas before water flow changes are made.

(w) Special conditions.

(1) Capacitors. The following additional requirements apply to work on capacitors and on lines connected to capacitors.

Note to paragraph (w)(1): See paragraphs (m) and (n) of this section for requirements pertaining to the deenergizing and grounding of capacitor installations.

(i) Before employees work on capacitors, the employer shall disconnect the capacitors from energized sources and short circuit the capacitors. The employer shall ensure that the employee short circuiting the capacitors waits at least 5 minutes from the time of disconnection before applying the short circuit,

(ii) Before employees handle the units, the employer shall short circuit each unit in series-parallel capacitor banks between all terminals and the capacitor case or its rack. If the cases of capacitors are on ungrounded substation racks, the employer shall bond the racks to ground.

(iii) The employer shall short circuit any line connected to capacitors before the line is treated as deenergized.

(2) Current transformer secondaries. The employer shall ensure that employees do not open the secondary of a current transformer while the transformer is energized. If the employer cannot deenergize the primary of the current transformer before employees perform work on an instrument, a relay, or other section of a current transformer secondary circuit, the employer shall bridge the circuit so that the current transformer secondary does not experience an open-circuit condition.

(3) Series streetlighting.

(i) If the open-circuit voltage exceeds 600 volts, the employer shall ensure that employees work on series streetlighting circuits in accordance with paragraph (q) or (t) of this section, as appropriate.

(ii) Before any employee opens a series loop, the employer shall deenergize the streetlighting transformer and isolate it from the source of supply or shall bridge the loop to avoid an open-circuit condition.

(4) Illumination. The employer shall provide sufficient illumination to enable the employee to perform the work safely.

(5) Protection against drowning.

(i) Whenever an employee may be pulled or pushed, or might fall, into water where the danger of drowning exists, the employer shall provide the employee with, and shall ensure that the employee uses, a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

(ii) The employer shall maintain each personal flotation device in safe condition and shall inspect each personal flotation device frequently enough to ensure that it does not have

rot, mildew, water saturation, or any other condition that could render the device unsuitable for use.

(iii) An employee may cross streams or other bodies of water only if a safe means of passage, such as a bridge, is available.

(6) Employee protection in public work areas.

(i) Traffic-control signs and traffic-control devices used for the protection of employees shall meet § 1926.200(g)(2) of this chapter.

(ii) Before employees begin work in the vicinity of vehicular or pedestrian traffic that may endanger them, the employer shall place warning signs or flags and other traffic-control devices in conspicuous locations to alert and channel approaching traffic.

(iii) The employer shall use barricades where additional employee protection is necessary.

(iv) The employer shall protect excavated areas with barricades.

(v) The employer shall display warning lights prominently at night.

(7) Backfeed. When there is a possibility of voltage backfeed from sources of cogeneration or from the secondary system (for example, backfeed from more than one energized phase feeding a common load), the requirements of paragraph (l) of this section apply if employees will work the lines or equipment as energized, and the requirements of paragraphs (m) and (n) of this section apply if employees will work the lines or equipment as deenergized.

(8) Lasers. The employer shall install, adjust, and operate laser equipment in accordance with § 1926.54 of this chapter.

(9) Hydraulic fluids. Hydraulic fluids used for the insulated sections of equipment shall provide insulation for the voltage involved.

(x) Definitions.

Affected employee. An employee whose job requires him or her to operate or use a machine or equipment on which servicing or maintenance is being performed under lockout or tagout, or whose job requires him or her to work in an area in which such servicing or maintenance is being performed.

Attendant. An employee assigned to remain immediately outside the entrance to an enclosed or other space to render assistance as needed to employees inside the space.

Authorized employee. An employee who locks out or tags out machines or equipment in order to perform servicing or maintenance on that machine or equipment. An affected employee becomes an authorized employee when that employee's duties include performing servicing or maintenance covered under this section.

Automatic circuit recloser. A self-controlled device for automatically interrupting and reclosing an alternating-current circuit, with a predetermined sequence of opening and reclosing followed by resetting, hold closed, or lockout.

Barricade. A physical obstruction such as tapes, cones, or A-frame type wood or metal structures that provides a warning about, and limits access to, a hazardous area.

Barrier. A physical obstruction that prevents contact with energized lines or equipment or prevents unauthorized access to a work area.

Bond. The electrical interconnection of conductive parts designed to maintain a common electric potential.

Bus. A conductor or a group of conductors that serve as a common connection for two or more circuits.

Bushing. An insulating structure that includes a through conductor or that provides a passageway for such a conductor, and that, when mounted on a barrier, insulates the conductor from the barrier for the purpose of conducting current from one side of the barrier to the other.

Cable. A conductor with insulation, or a stranded conductor with or without insulation and other coverings (singleconductor cable), or a combination of conductors insulated from one another (multiple-conductor cable).

Cable sheath. A conductive protective covering applied to cables.

Note to the definition of "cable sheath": A cable sheath may consist of multiple layers one or more of which is conductive.

Circuit. A conductor or system of conductors through which an electric current is intended to flow.

Clearance (between objects). The clear distance between two objects measured surface to surface.

Clearance (for work). Authorization to perform specified work or permission to enter a restricted area.

437-002-2346 Additional Definitions. Oregon-initiated definitions (1)-(4) in italics are additional to those found in 29 CFR 1910.269:

(1) Clearance (electrical) – notification from an authorized person that all necessary actions have been taken to de-energize a circuit, line, or equipment and the line or equipment is safe to be worked, so that workers may be authorized to proceed with intended operations.

Communication lines. (See Lines; (1) Communication lines.)

Conductor. A material, usually in the form of a wire, cable, or bus bar, used for carrying an electric current.

Contract employer. An employer, other than a host employer, that performs work covered by this section under contract.

Covered conductor. A conductor covered with a dielectric having no rated insulating strength or having a rated insulating strength less than the voltage of the circuit in which the conductor is used.

Current-carrying part. A conducting part intended to be connected in an electric circuit to a source of voltage. Non-current-carrying parts are those not intended to be so connected.

Deenergized. Free from any electrical connection to a source of potential difference and from electric charge; not having a potential that is different from the potential of the earth.

Note to the definition of "deenergized": The term applies only to current-carrying parts, which are sometimes energized (alive).

Designated employee (designated person). An employee (or person) who is assigned by the employer to perform specific duties under the terms of this section and who has sufficient knowledge of the construction and operation of the equipment, and the hazards involved, to perform his or her duties safely.

Electric line truck. A truck used to transport personnel, tools, and material for electric supply line work.

Electric supply equipment. Equipment that produces, modifies, regulates, controls, or safeguards a supply of electric energy.

Electric supply lines. (See Lines; (2) Electric supply lines.)

Electric utility. An organization responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of an electric supply system.

Enclosed space. A working space, such as a manhole, vault, tunnel, or shaft, that has a limited means of egress or entry, that is designed for periodic employee entry under normal operating conditions, and that, under normal conditions, does not contain a hazardous atmosphere, but may contain a hazardous atmosphere under abnormal conditions.

Note to the definition of "enclosed space": The Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not consider spaces that are enclosed but not designed for employee entry under normal operating conditions to be enclosed spaces for the purposes of this section. Similarly, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not consider spaces that are enclosed and that are expected to contain a hazardous atmosphere to be enclosed spaces for the purposes of this section. Such spaces meet the definition of permit spaces in § 1910.146, and entry into them must conform to that standard.

Energized (alive, live). Electrically connected to a source of potential difference, or electrically charged so as to have a potential significantly different from that of earth in the vicinity.

Energy isolating device. A physical device that prevents the transmission or release of energy, including, but not limited to, the following: a manually operated electric circuit breaker, a disconnect switch, a manually operated switch, a slide gate, a slip blind, a line valve, blocks, and any similar device with a visible indication of the position of the device. (Push buttons, selector switches, and other control-circuit-type devices are not energy isolating devices.)

Energy source. Any electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, nuclear, thermal, or other energy source that could cause injury to employees.

Entry (as used in paragraph (e) of this section). The action by which a person passes through an opening into an enclosed space. Entry includes ensuing work activities in that space and is considered to have occurred as soon as any part of the entrant's body breaks the plane of an opening into the space.

Equipment (electric). A general term including material, fittings, devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus, and the like used as part of or in connection with an electrical installation.

Exposed, Exposed to contact (as applied to energized parts). Not isolated or guarded.

Fall restraint system. A fall protection system that prevents the user from falling any distance.

First-aid training. Training in the initial care, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (which includes chest compressions, rescue breathing, and, as appropriate, other heart and lung resuscitation techniques), performed by a person who is not a medical practitioner, of a sick or injured person until definitive medical treatment can be administered.

Ground. A conducting connection, whether planned or unplanned, between an electric circuit or equipment and the earth, or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

Grounded. Connected to earth or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

Guarded. Covered, fenced, enclosed, or otherwise protected, by means of suitable covers or casings, barrier rails or screens, mats, or platforms, designed to minimize the possibility, under normal conditions, of dangerous approach or inadvertent contact by persons or objects.

Note to the definition of "guarded": Wires that are insulated, but not otherwise protected, are not guarded.

Hazardous atmosphere. An atmosphere that may expose employees to the risk of death, incapacitation, impairment of ability to self-rescue (that is, escape unaided from an enclosed space), injury, or acute illness from one or more of the following causes:

(1) Flammable gas, vapor, or mist in excess of 10 percent of its lower flammable limit (LFL);

(2) Airborne combustible dust at a concentration that meets or exceeds its LFL;

Note to the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" (2): This concentration may be approximated as a condition in which the dust obscures vision at a distance of 1.52 meters (5 feet) or less.

(3) Atmospheric oxygen concentration below 19.5 percent or above 23.5 percent;

(4) Atmospheric concentration of any substance for which a dose or a permissible exposure limit is published in Subpart G, Occupational Health and Environmental Control, or in Subpart Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances, of this part and which could result in employee exposure in excess of its dose or permissible exposure limit;

Note to the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" (4): An atmospheric concentration of any substance that is not capable of causing death, incapacitation, impairment of ability to self-rescue, injury, or acute illness due to its health effects is not covered by this provision.

(5) Any other atmospheric condition that is immediately dangerous to life or health.

Note to the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" (5): For air contaminants for which the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has not determined a dose or permissible exposure limit, other sources of information, such as Material Safety Data Sheets that comply with the Hazard Communication Standard, § 1910.1200, published information, and internal documents can provide guidance in establishing acceptable atmospheric conditions.

High-power tests. Tests in which the employer uses fault currents, load currents, magnetizing currents, and linedropping currents to test equipment, either at the equipment's rated voltage or at lower voltages.

High-voltage tests. Tests in which the employer uses voltages of approximately 1,000 volts as a practical minimum and in which the voltage source has sufficient energy to cause injury.

High wind. A wind of such velocity that one or more of the following hazards would be present:

(1) The wind could blow an employee from an elevated location,

(2) The wind could cause an employee or equipment handling material to lose control of the material, or

(3) The wind would expose an employee to other hazards not controlled by the standard involved.

Note to the definition of "high wind": The Occupational Safety and Health Administration normally considers winds exceeding 64.4 kilometers per hour (40 miles per hour), or 48.3 kilometers per hour (30 miles per hour) if the work involves material handling, as meeting this criteria, unless the employer takes precautions to protect employees from the hazardous effects of the wind.

Host employer. An employer that operates, or that controls the operating procedures for, an electric power generation, transmission, or distribution installation on which a contract employer is performing work covered by this section.

Note to the definition of "host employer": The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will treat the electric utility or the owner of the installation as the host employer if it operates or controls operating procedures for the installation. If the electric utility or installation owner neither operates nor controls operating procedures for the installation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will treat the employer that the utility or owner has contracted with to operate or control the operating procedures for the installation as the host employer. In no case will there be more than one host employer.

Immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH). Any condition that poses an immediate or delayed threat to life or that would cause irreversible adverse health effects or that would interfere with an individual's ability to escape unaided from a permit space.

Note to the definition of "immediately dangerous to life or health": Some materials-hydrogen fluoride gas and cadmium vapor, for example-may produce immediate transient effects that, even if severe, may pass without medical attention, but are followed by sudden, possibly fatal collapse 12-72 hours after exposure. The victim "feels normal" from recovery from transient effects until collapse. Such materials in hazardous quantities are considered to be "immediately" dangerous to life or health.

Insulated. Separated from other conducting surfaces by a dielectric (including air space) offering a high resistance to the passage of current.

Note to the definition of "insulated": When any object is said to be insulated, it is understood to be insulated for the conditions to which it normally is subjected. Otherwise, it is, for the purpose of this section, uninsulated.

Insulation (cable). Material relied upon to insulate the conductor from other conductors or conducting parts or from ground.

Isolated. Not readily accessible to persons unless special means for access are used.

Line-clearance tree trimmer. An employee who, through related training or on-the-job experience or both, is familiar with the special techniques and hazards involved in line-clearance tree trimming.

Note 1 to the definition of "line-clearance tree trimmer": An employee who is regularly assigned to a line-clearance tree-trimming crew and who is undergoing on-the-job training and who, in the course of such training, has demonstrated an ability to perform duties safely at his or her level of

training and who is under the direct supervision of a line-clearance tree trimmer is considered to be a line-clearance tree trimmer for the performance of those duties.

Note 2 to the definition of "line-clearance tree trimmer": A line-clearance tree trimmer is not considered to be a "qualified employee" under this section unless he or she has the training required for a qualified employee under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section. However, under the electrical safety-related work practices standard in Subpart S of this part, a line-clearance tree trimmer is considered to be a "qualified employee". Tree trimming performed by such "qualified employees" is not subject to the electrical safety-related work practice requirements contained in §§ 1910.331 through 1910.335 of this part. (See also the note following § 1910.332(b)(3) of this part for information regarding the training an employee must have to be considered a qualified employee under §§ 1910.331 through 1910.335 of this part.)

Line-clearance tree trimming. The pruning, trimming, repairing, maintaining, removing, or clearing of trees, or the cutting of brush, that is within the following distance of electric supply lines and equipment:

(1) For voltages to ground of 50 kilovolts or less-3.05 meters (10 feet);

(2) For voltages to ground of more than 50 kilovolts-3.05 meters (10 feet) plus 0.10 meters (4 inches) for every 10 kilovolts over 50 kilovolts.

Lines.

(1) Communication lines. The conductors and their supporting or containing structures which are used for public or private signal or communication service, and which operate at potentials not exceeding 400 volts to ground or 750 volts between any two points of the circuit, and the transmitted power of which does not exceed 150 watts. If the lines are operating at less than 150 volts, no limit is placed on the transmitted power of the system. Under certain conditions, communication cables may include communication circuits exceeding these limitations where such circuits are also used to supply power solely to communication equipment.

Note to the definition of "communication lines": Telephone, telegraph, railroad signal, data, clock, fire, police alarm, cable television, and other systems conforming to this definition are included. Lines used for signaling purposes, but not included under this definition, are considered as electric supply lines of the same voltage.

(2) Electric supply lines. Conductors used to transmit electric energy and their necessary supporting or containing structures. Signal lines of more than 400 volts are always supply lines within this section, and those of less than 400 volts are considered as supply lines, if so run and operated throughout.

Manhole. A subsurface enclosure that personnel may enter and that is used for installing, operating, and maintaining submersible equipment or cable.

Minimum approach distance. The closest distance an employee may approach an energized or a grounded object.

Note to the definition of "minimum approach distance": Paragraph (l)(3)(i) of this section requires employers to establish minimum approach distances.

Personal fall arrest system. A system used to arrest an employee in a fall from a working level.

Qualified employee (qualified person). An employee (person) knowledgeable in the construction and operation of the electric power generation, transmission, and distribution equipment involved, along with the associated hazards.

Note 1 to the definition of "qualified employee (qualified person)": An employee must have the training required by (a)(2)(ii) of this section to be a qualified employee.

Note 2 to the definition of "qualified employee (qualified person)": Except under (g)(2)(iv)(C)(2) and (g)(2)(iv)(C)(3) of this section, an employee who is undergoing on-the-job training and who has demonstrated, in the course of such training, an ability to perform duties safely at his or her level of training and who is under the direct supervision of a qualified person is a qualified person for the performance of those duties.

Statistical sparkover voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 97.72-percent probability of sparkover (that is, two standard deviations above the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

Statistical withstand voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 0.14-percent probability of sparkover (that is, three standard deviations below the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

Switch. A device for opening and closing or for changing the connection of a circuit. In this section, a switch is manually operable, unless otherwise stated.

System operator. A qualified person designated to operate the system or its parts.

(2) System operator – a qualified person who has been designated by the employer to have authority over switching, clearances, and operation of the system and its parts.

Vault. An enclosure, above or below ground, that personnel may enter and that is used for installing, operating, or maintaining equipment or cable.

Vented vault. A vault that has provision for air changes using exhaust flue stacks and low-level air intakes operating on pressure and temperature differentials that provide for airflow that precludes a hazardous atmosphere from developing.

Voltage. The effective (root mean square, or rms) potential difference between any two conductors or between a conductor and ground. This section expresses voltages in nominal values, unless otherwise indicated. The nominal voltage of a system or circuit is the value assigned to a system or circuit of a given voltage class for the purpose of convenient designation. The operating voltage of the system may vary above or below this value.

(3) Voltage (low) – any voltage of less than 600 volts phase to phase.

(4) Voltage (high) – any voltage between 600 and 230,000 volts inclusive phase to phase.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Work-positioning equipment. A body belt or body harness system rigged to allow an employee to be supported on an elevated vertical surface, such as a utility pole or tower leg, and work with both hands free while leaning.

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Appendix A to §1910.269 -- Flow Charts

This appendix presents information, in the form of flow charts, that illustrates the scope and application of § 1910.269. This appendix addresses the interface between § 1910.269 and Subpart S of this Part (Electrical), between § 1910.269 and § 1910.146 (Permitrequired confined spaces), and between § 1910.269 and § 1910.147 (The control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout)). These flow charts provide guidance for employers trying to implement the requirements of § 1910.269 in combination with other General Industry Standards contained in Part 1910. Employers should always consult the relevant standards, in conjunction with this appendix, to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements.

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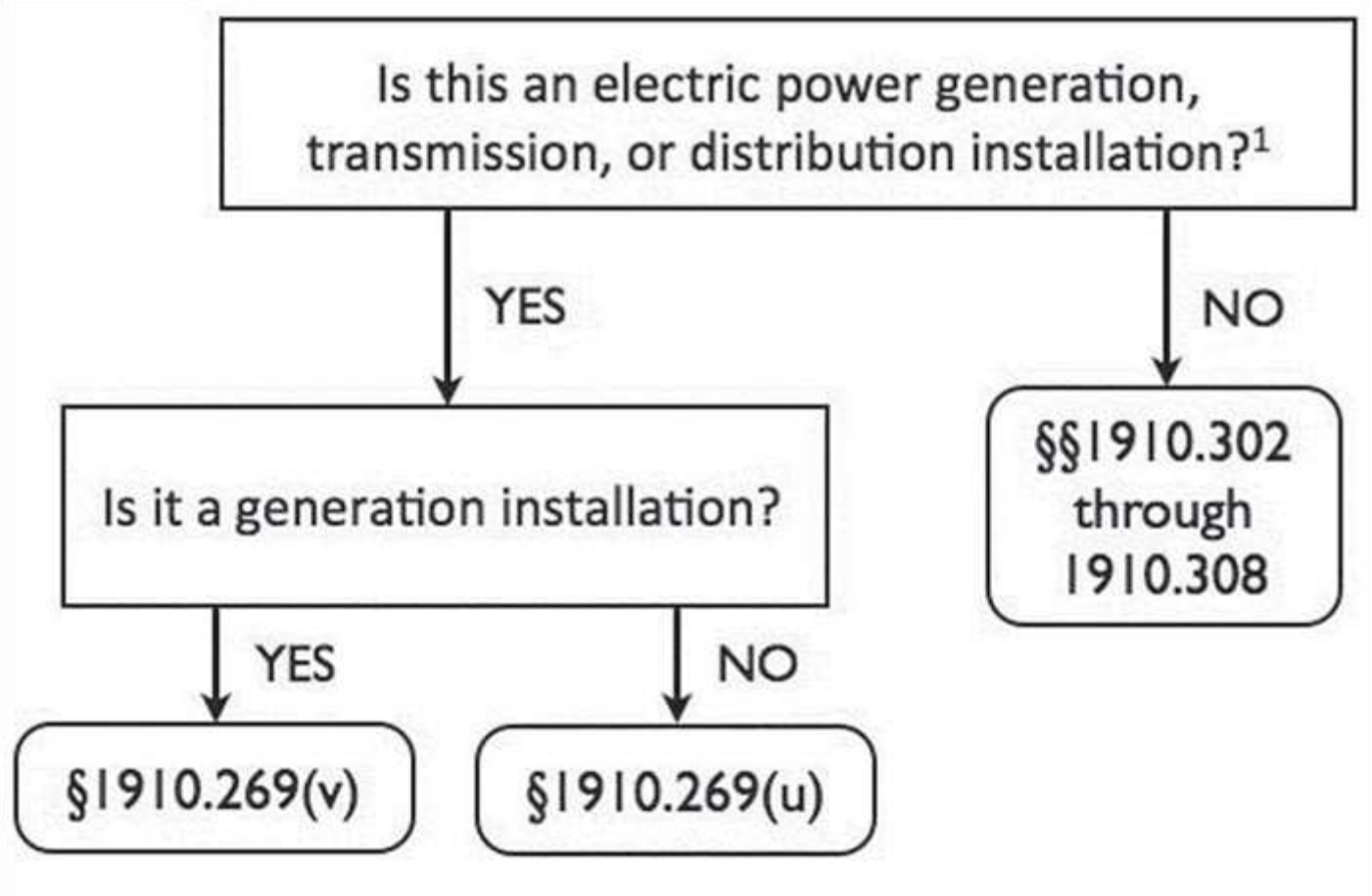
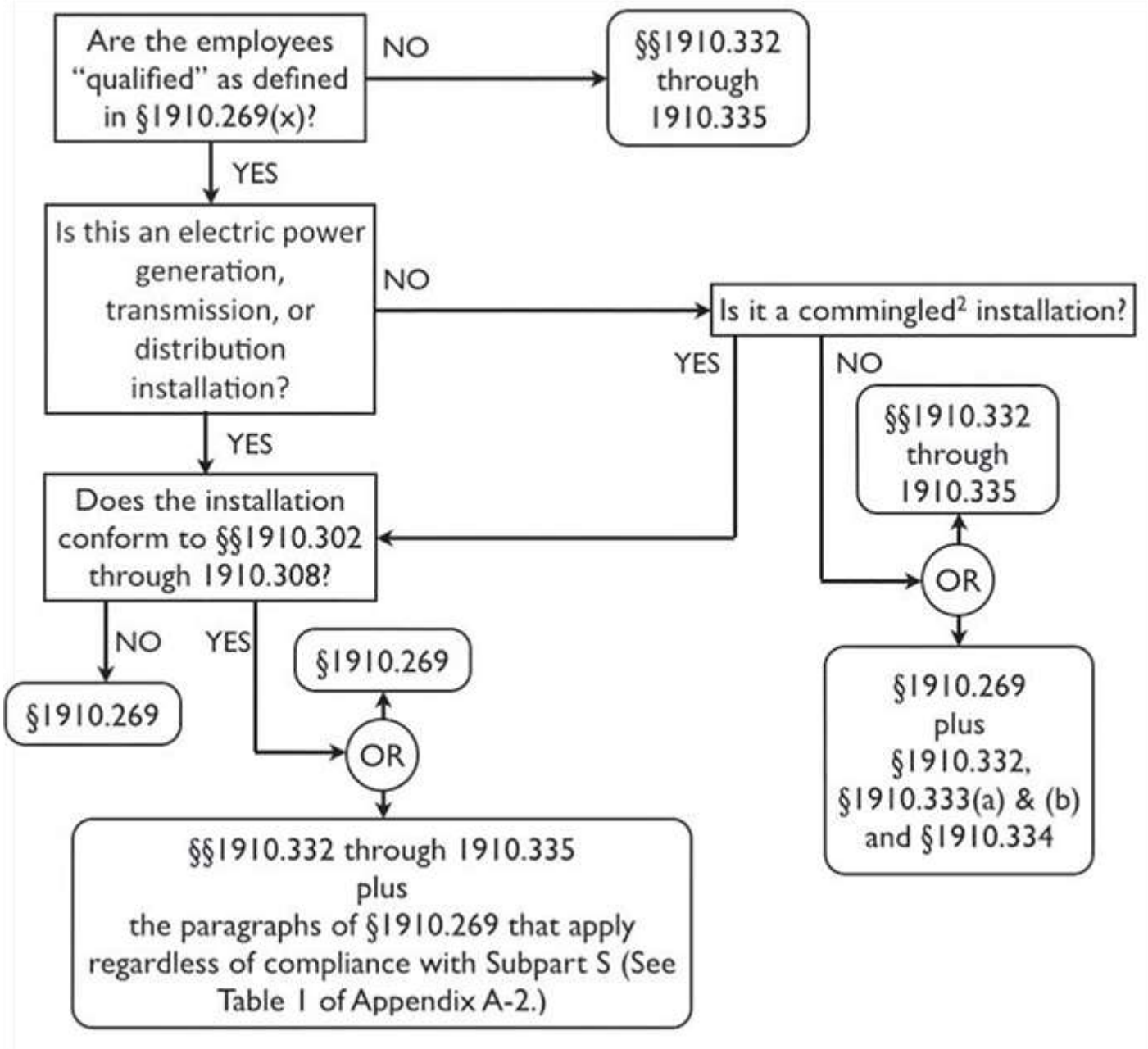
Appendix A-1 to §1910.269 -- Application of §1910.269 and Subpart S of this Part to Electrical Installations.



[1] This chart applies to electrical installation desgin requirements only. See Appendix A-2 for electrical safety-related work practices. Supplementary electric generating equipment that is used to supply a workplace for emergency, standby, or simialr purposed only is not considered an electric power generation installation.

Appendix A-2 to §1910.269 -- Application of §1910.269 and Subpart S of this Part to Electrical Safety-Related Work Practices[1].



[1] This flowchart applies only to the electrical safety-related work practice and traning requirements in §1910.269 and §§ 1910.332 through 1910.335.

[2] This means commingled to the extent that the electric power generation, transmission, or distribution installation poses the greater hazard.

Table 1. -- Electrical Safety-Related Work Practices in §1910.269

Complaince with Subpart S Will comply with These Paragraphs of §1910.269[1]

(d), electric-shock hazards only

(h)(3)

(i)(2)

(k)

(l)(1) through (l)(4), (l)(6)(i), and (l)(8) trough (l)(10)

(m)

(p)(4)

(s)(2)

(u)(1)and (u)(3) through (u)(5)

(v)(3) through (v)(5)

(w)(1) and (w)(7)

Paragraphs that Apply Regardless of Compliance with Subpart S[2]

(a)(2) and (a) (3)

(b)

(c)

(d), for other than electric-shock hazards

(e)

(f)

(g)

(h)(1) and (h)(2)

(i)(3) and (i)(4)

(j)

(l)(5), (l)(6)(ii), (l)(6)(iii), (l)(7), and (l)(11)

(n)

(o)

(p)(1) through (p)(3)

(q)

(r)

(s)(1)

(t)

(u)(2) and (u)(6)

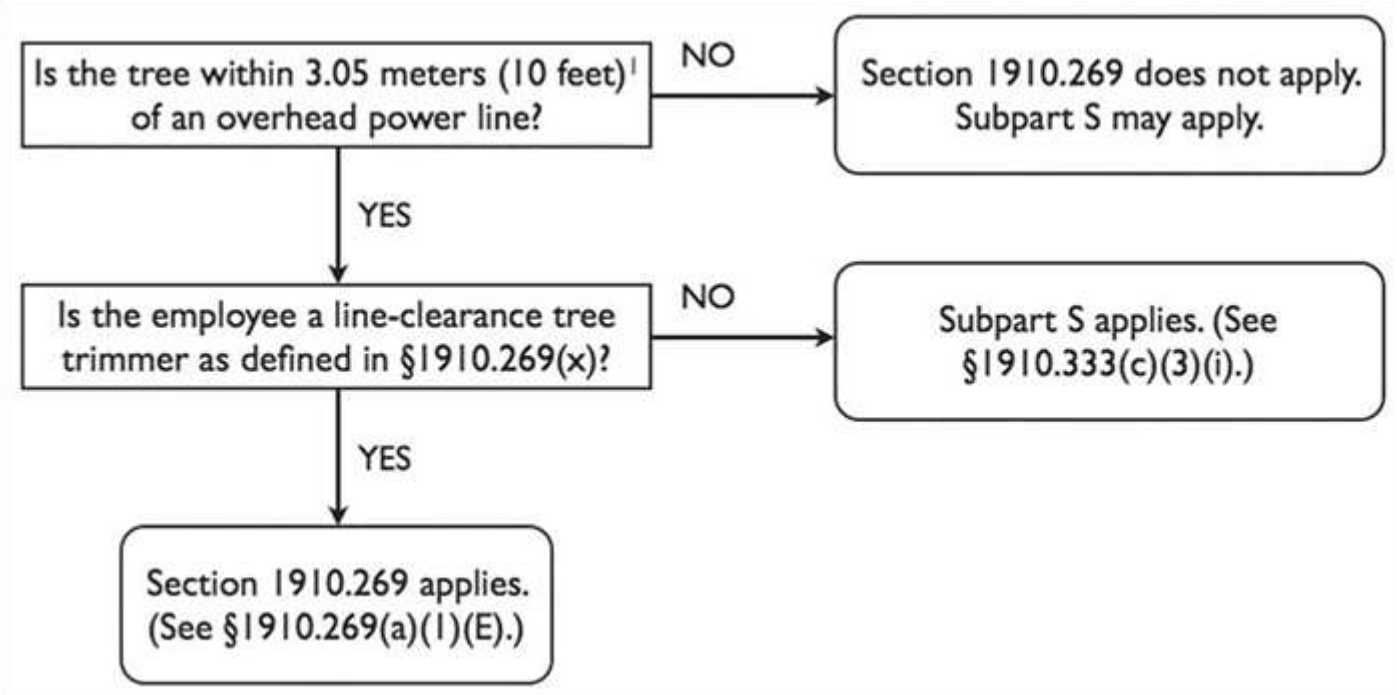
(v)(1), (v)(2), and (v)(6) through (v)(12)

(w)(2) through (w)(6), (w)(8), and (w)(9)

[1] If the electrical installation meets the requirements of §§ 1910.302 through 1910.308 of this part, the the electrical installation and any associated electrical safety-related work practices conforming to §§ 1910.332 through 1910.335 of this part are considered to comply with these proviisions of § 1910.269 of this part.

[2] These provisions include electical safety and other requirements that must be met regardless of compliance with Subpart S of this part.

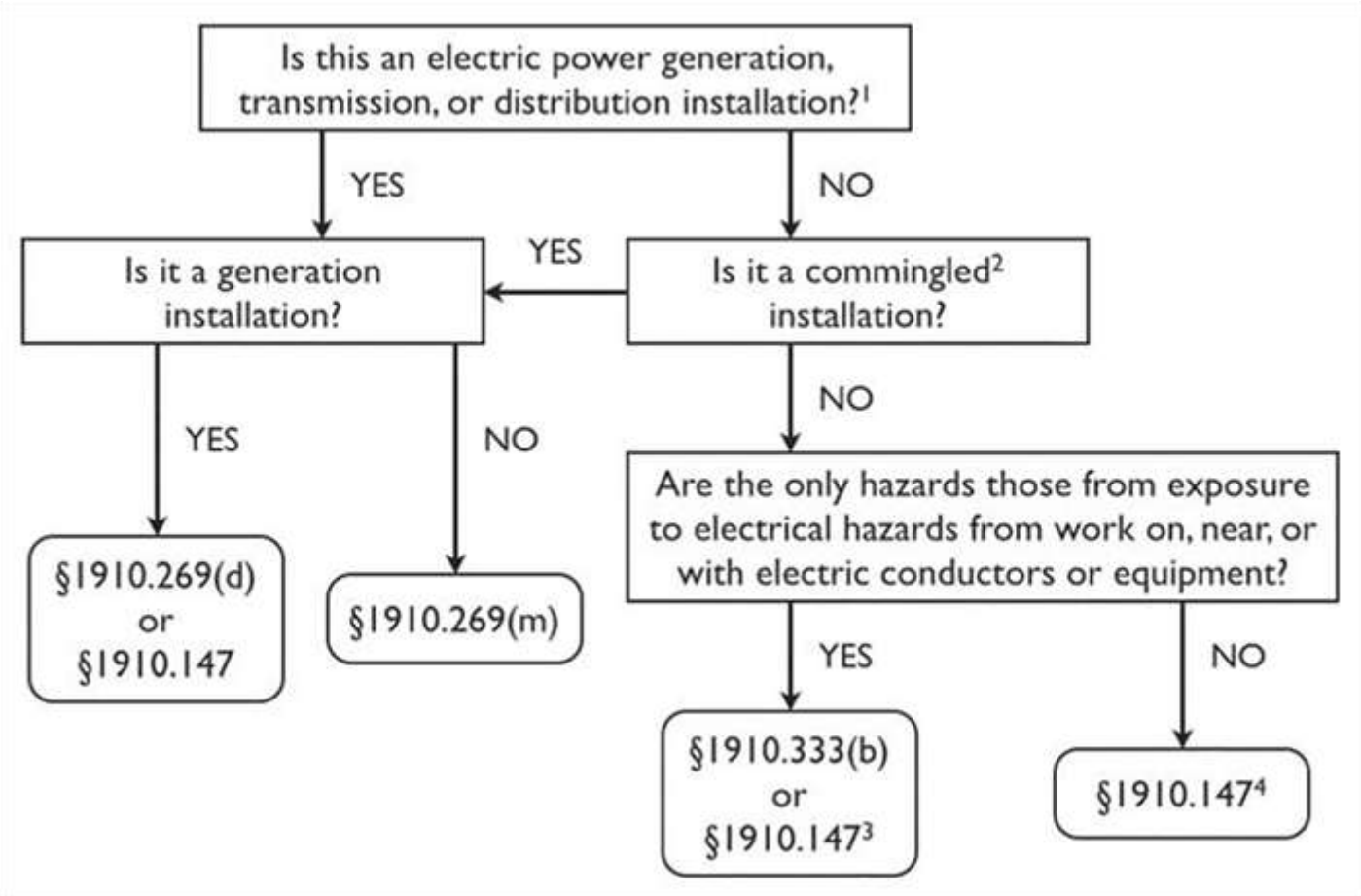
Appendix A-3 to §1910.269 -- Application of §1910.269 and SubpartS of this Part to Tree-Trimming Operations.



[1] 3.05 meters (10 feet) plus 0.10 meters (4 inches for every 10 kilovolts over 50 kilovolts.

Note: Paragraph (t) of § 1910.269 contains additional requirements for work in manholes and underground vaults.

Appendix A-4 to §1910.269 -- Application of §§1910.147, 1910.269 and 1910.333 to Hazardous Energy Control Procedures (Lockout/Tagout).



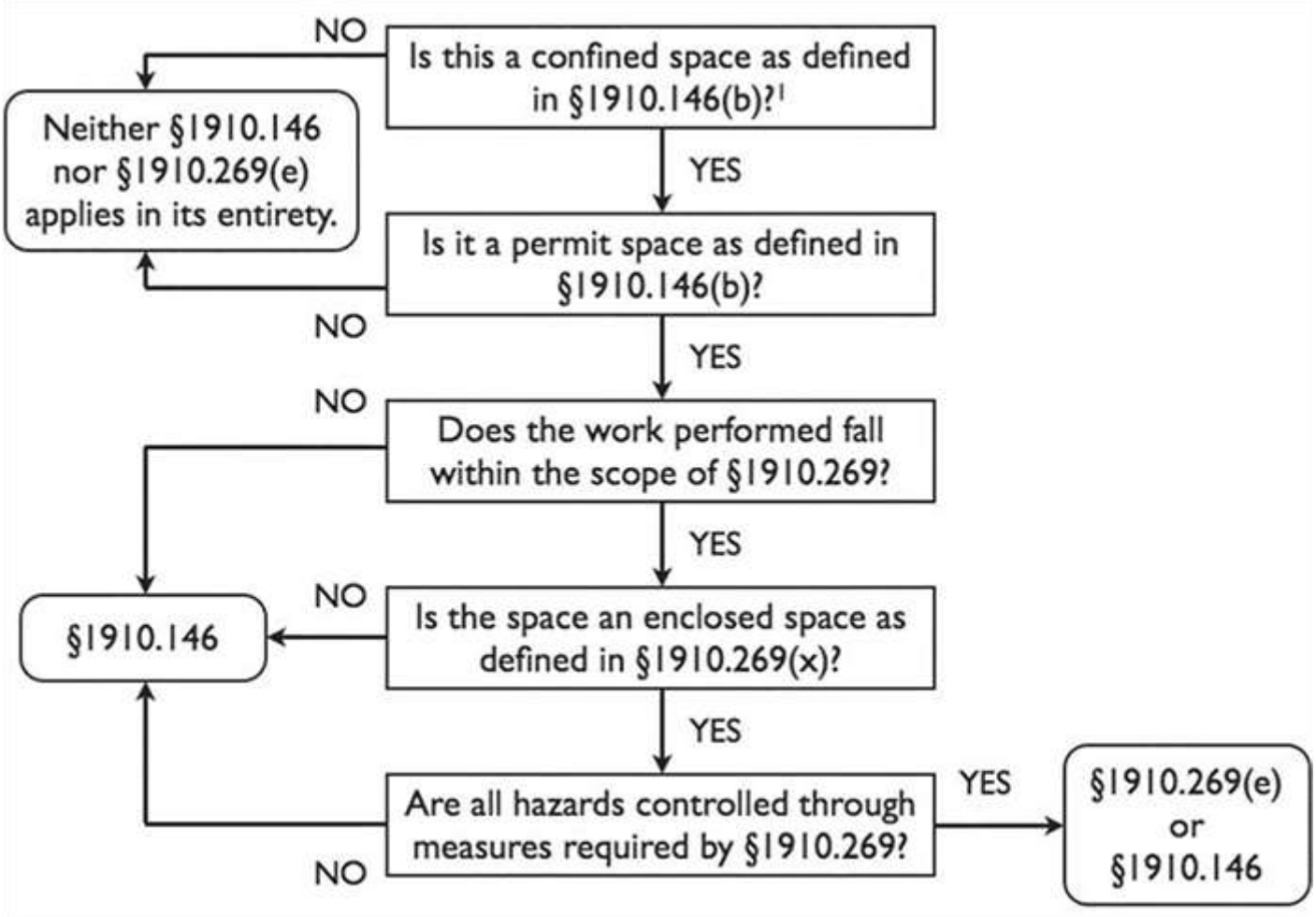
[1] If a generation, transmission, or distribution installation conforms to §§ 1910.302 through 1910.308, the lockout and tagging procedures of § 1910.333(b) may be followed for electrick-shock hazards.

[2] This means commingled to the extent that the electric power generation, transmission, or distribution installation poses the greater hazard.

[3] Paragraphs (b)(2)(iii)(D) and (b)(2)(iv)(B) of § 1910.333 still apply.

[4] Paragraph (b) of § 1910.333 applies to any electrical hazards from work on, near, or with electric conductiors and equipment.

Appendix A-5 to §1910.269 -- Application of §§1910.146 and 1910.269 to Permit-Required Confined Spaces.



[1] See § 1910.146(c) for general nonentry requirements that apply to all confined spaces.

Appendix B to §1910.269 -- Working on Exposed Energized Parts

I. Introduction

Electric utilities design electric power generation, transmission, and distribution installations to meet National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), ANSI C2, requirements. Electric utilities also design transmission and distribution lines to limit line outages as required by system reliability criteria 1 and to withstand the maximum overvoltages impressed on the system. Conditions such as switching surges, faults, and lightning can cause overvoltages. Electric utilities generally select insulator design and lengths and the clearances to structural parts so as to prevent outages from contaminated line insulation and during storms. Line insulator lengths and structural clearances have, over the years, come closer to the minimum approach distances used by workers. As minimum approach distances and structural clearances converge, it is increasingly important that system designers and system operating and maintenance personnel understand the concepts underlying minimum approach distances.

The information in this appendix will assist employers in complying with the minimum approach-distance requirements contained in § 1910.269(l)(3) and (q)(3). Employers must use the technical criteria and methodology presented in this appendix in establishing minimum approach distances in accordance with § 1910.269(l)(3)(i) and Table R-3 and Table R-8. This appendix provides essential background information and technical criteria for the calculation of the required minimum approach distances for live-line work on electric power generation, transmission, and distribution installations.

Unless an employer is using the maximum transient overvoltages specified in Table R-9 for voltages over 72.5 kilovolts, the employer must use persons knowledgeable in the techniques discussed in this appendix, and competent in the field of electric transmission and distribution system design, to determine the maximum transient overvoltage.

II. General

A. Definitions. The following definitions from § 1910.269(x) relate to work on or near electric power generation, transmission, and distribution lines and equipment and the electrical hazards they present.

Exposed. . . . Not isolated or guarded.

Guarded. Covered, fenced, enclosed, or otherwise protected, by means of suitable covers or casings, barrier rails or screens, mats, or platforms, designed to minimize the possibility, under normal conditions, of dangerous approach or inadvertent contact by persons or objects.

Note to the definition of "guarded": Wires that are insulated, but not otherwise protected, are not guarded.

Insulated. Separated from other conducting surfaces by a dielectric (including air space) offering a high resistance to the passage of current.

Note to the definition of "insulated": When any object is said to be insulated, it is understood to be insulated for the conditions to which it normally is subjected. Otherwise, it is, for the purpose of this section, uninsulated.

Isolated. Not readily accessible to persons unless special means for access are used.

Statistical sparkover voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 97.72-percent probability of sparkover (that is, two standard deviations above the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

Statistical withstand voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 0.14-percent probability of sparkover (that is, three standard deviations below the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

B. Installations energized at 50 to 300 volts. The hazards posed by installations energized at 50 to 300 volts are the same as those found in many other workplaces. That is not to say that there is no hazard, but the complexity of electrical protection required does not compare to that required for highvoltage systems. The employee must avoid contact with the exposed parts, and the protective equipment used (such as rubber insulating gloves) must provide insulation for the voltages involved.

C. Exposed energized parts over 300 volts AC. Paragraph (l)(3)(i) of § 1910.269 requires the employer to establish minimum approach distances no less than the distances computed by Table R-3 for ac systems so that employees can work safely without risk of sparkover.2

Unless the employee is using electrical protective equipment, air is the insulating medium between the employee and energized parts. The distance between the employee and an energized part must be sufficient for the air to withstand the maximum transient overvoltage that can reach the worksite under the working conditions and practices the employee is using. This distance is the minimum air insulation distance, and it is equal to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

Normal system design may provide or include a means (such as lightning arrestors) to control maximum anticipated transient overvoltages, or the employer may use temporary devices (portable protective gaps) or measures (such as preventing automatic circuit breaker reclosing) to achieve the same result. Paragraph (l)(3)(ii) of § 1910.269 requires the employer to determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table R-9, which specifies the following maximums for ac systems:

72.6 to 420.0 kilovolts-3.5 per unit

420.1 to 550.0 kilovolts-3.0 per unit

550.1 to 800.0 kilovolts-2.5 per unit

See paragraph IV.A.2, later in this appendix, for additional discussion of maximum transient overvoltages.

D. Types of exposures. Employees working on or near energized electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems face two kinds of exposures: Phaseto-ground and phase-to-phase. The exposure is phase-to-ground: (1) With respect to an energized part, when the employee is at ground potential or (2) with respect to ground, when an employee is at the potential of the energized part during live-line barehand work. The exposure is phase-tophase, with respect to an energized part, when an employee is at the potential of another energized part (at a different potential) during live-line barehand work.

III. Determination of Minimum Approach Distances for AC Voltages Greater Than 300 Volts

A. Voltages of 301 to 5,000 volts. Test data generally forms the basis of minimum air insulation distances. The lowest voltage for which sufficient test data exists is 5,000 volts, and these data indicate that the minimum air insulation distance at that voltage is 20 millimeters (1 inch). Because the minimum air insulation distance increases with increasing voltage, and, conversely, decreases with decreasing voltage, an assumed minimum air insulation distance of 20 millimeters will protect against sparkover at voltages of 301 to 5,000 volts. Thus, 20 millimeters is the electrical component of the minimum approach distance for these voltages.

B. Voltages of 5.1 to 72.5 kilovolts. For voltages from 5.1 to 72.5 kilovolts, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration bases the methodology for calculating the electrical component of the minimum approach distance on Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standard 4-1995, Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing. Table 1 lists the critical sparkover distances from that standard as listed in IEEE Std 516-2009, IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines.

TABLE 1-SPARKOVER DISTANCE FOR ROD-TO-ROD GAP

60 Hz Rod-to-Rod sparkover (kV peak)	Gap spacing from IEEE Std 4-1995 (cm)
25	2
36	3
46	4
53	5
60	6
70	8
79	10
86	12
95	14

104	16
112	18
120	20
143	25
167	30
192	35
218	40
243	45
270	50
322	60

Source: IEEE Std 516-2009.

To use this table to determine the electrical component of the minimum approach distance, the employer must determine the peak phase-to-ground transient overvoltage and select a gap from the table that corresponds to that voltage as a withstand voltage rather than a critical sparkover voltage. To calculate the electrical component of the minimum approach distance for voltages between 5 and 72.5 kilovolts, use the following procedure:

1. Divide the phase-to-phase voltage by the square root of 3 to convert it to a phase-to-ground voltage.
2. Multiply the phase-to-ground voltage by the square root of 2 to convert the rms value of the voltage to the peak phase-to-ground voltage.
3. Multiply the peak phase-to-ground voltage by the maximum per-unit transient overvoltage, which, for this voltage range, is 3.0, as discussed later in this appendix. This is the maximum phase-to-ground transient overvoltage, which corresponds to the withstand voltage for the relevant exposure.3
4. Divide the maximum phase-to-ground transient overvoltage by 0.85 to determine the corresponding critical sparkover voltage. (The critical sparkover voltage is 3 standard deviations (or 15 percent) greater than the withstand voltage.)
5. Determine the electrical component of the minimum approach distance from Table 1 through interpolation.

Table 2 illustrates how to derive the electrical component of the minimum approach distance for voltages from 5.1 to 72.5 kilovolts, before the application of any altitude correction factor, as explained later.

TABLE 2-CALCULATING THE ELECTRICAL COMPONENT OF MAD 751 V TO 72.5 KV

Step	Maximum system phase-to-phase voltage (kV)			
	15	36	46	72.5
1. Divide by √3	8.7	20.8	26.6	41.9
2. Multiply by √2	12.2	29.4	37.6	59.2
3. Multiply by 3.0	36.7	88.2	112.7	177.6
4. Divide by 0.85	43.2	103.7	132.6	208.9
5. Interpolate from Table 1	3+(7.2/10)*1	14+(8.7/9)*2	20+(12.6/23)*5	35+(16.9/26)*5
Electrical component of MAD (cm)	3.72	15.93	22.74	38.25

C. Voltages of 72.6 to 800 kilovolts. For voltages of 72.6 kilovolts to 800 kilovolts, this section bases the electrical component of minimum approach distances, before the application of any altitude correction factor, on the following formula:

Equation 1-For Voltages of 72.6 kV to 800 kV

D = 0.3048(C + a) VL-GT

Where:

D = Electrical component of the minimum approach distance in air in meters;

C = a correction factor associated with the variation of gap sparkover with voltage;

a = A factor relating to the saturation of air at system voltages of 345 kilovolts or higher; 4

VL-G = Maximum system line-to-ground rms voltage in kilovolts-it should be the "actual" maximum, or the normal highest voltage for the range (for example, 10 percent above the nominal voltage); and

T = Maximum transient overvoltage factor in per unit.

In Equation 1, C is 0.01: (1) For phase-to-ground exposures that the employer can demonstrate consist only of air across the approach distance (gap) and (2) for phase-tophase exposures if the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap. Otherwise, C is 0.011.

In Equation 1, the term a varies depending on whether the employee's exposure is phase-to-ground or phase-to-phase and on whether objects are in the gap. The employer must use the equations in Table 3 to calculate a. Sparkover test data with insulation spanning the gap form the basis for the equations for phase-to-ground exposures, and sparkover test data with only air in the gap form the basis for the equations for phase-tophase exposures. The phase-to-ground equations result in slightly higher values of a, and, consequently, produce larger minimum approach distances, than the phase-to-phase equations for the same value of VPeak.

TABLE 3-EQUATIONS FOR CALCULATING THE SURGE FACTOR, a

Phase-to-ground exposures			
VPeak = TL-GVL-G √2 ..... a	635 kV or less 0	635.1 to 915 kV (VPeak-635)/140,000	915.1 to 1,050 kV (VPeak-645)/135,000
VPeak = TL-GVL-G√2 ..... a	More than 1,050 kV (VPeak-675)/125,000		
Phase-to-phase exposures 1			
VPeak = (1.35TL-G + 0.45)VL-G√2 ..... a	630 kV or less 0	630.1 to 848 kV (VPeak-630)/155,000	848.1 to 1,131 kV (VPeak-633.6)/152,207
VPeak = (1.35TL-G + 0.45)VL-G√2 ..... a	1,131.1 to 1,485 kV (VPeak-628)/153,846	More than 1,485 kV (VPeak-350.5)/203,666	

1 Use the equations for phase-to-ground exposures (with VPeak for phase-to-phase exposures) unless the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap.

In Equation 1, T is the maximum transient overvoltage factor in per unit. As noted earlier, § 1910.269(l)(3)(ii) requires the employer to determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient

overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table R-9. For phase-to-ground exposures, the employer uses this value, called TL-G, as T in Equation 1. IEEE Std 516-2009 provides the following formula to calculate the phase-to-phase maximum transient overvoltage, TL-L, from TL-G:

TL-L = 1.35TL-G + 0.45

For phase-to-phase exposures, the employer uses this value as T in Equation 1.

D. Provisions for inadvertent movement. The minimum approach distance must include an "adder" to compensate for the inadvertent movement of the worker relative to an energized part or the movement of the part relative to the worker. This "adder" must account for this possible inadvertent movement and provide the worker with a comfortable and safe zone in which to work. Employers must add the distance for inadvertent movement (called the "ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance") to the electrical component to determine the total safe minimum approach distances used in live-line work.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration based the ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance on response time-distance analysis. This technique uses an estimate of the total response time to a hazardous incident and converts that time to the distance traveled. For example, the driver of a car takes a given amount of time to respond to a "stimulus" and stop the vehicle. The elapsed time involved results in the car's traveling some distance before coming to a complete stop. This distance depends on the speed of the car at the time the stimulus appears and the reaction time of the driver.

In the case of live-line work, the employee must first perceive that he or she is approaching the danger zone. Then, the worker responds to the danger and must decelerate and stop all motion toward the energized part. During the time it takes to stop, the employee will travel some distance. This is the distance the employer must add to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance to obtain the total safe minimum approach distance.

At voltages from 751 volts to 72.5 kilovolts,5 the electrical component of the minimum approach distance is smaller than the ergonomic component. At 72.5 kilovolts, the electrical component is only a little more than 0.3 meters (1 foot). An ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance must provide for all the worker's unanticipated movements. At these voltages, workers generally use rubber insulating gloves; however, these gloves protect only a worker's hands and arms. Therefore, the energized object must be at a safe approach distance to protect the worker's face. In this case, 0.61 meters (2 feet) is a sufficient and practical ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance.

For voltages between 72.6 and 800 kilovolts, employees must use different work practices during energized line work. Generally, employees use live-line tools (hot sticks) to perform work on energized equipment. These tools, by design, keep the energized part at a constant distance from the employee and, thus, maintain the appropriate minimum approach distance automatically.

The location of the worker and the type of work methods the worker is using also influence the length of the ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance. In this higher voltage range, the employees use work methods that more tightly control their movements than when the workers perform work using rubber insulating gloves. The worker, therefore, is farther from the energized line or equipment and must be more precise in his or her movements just to perform the work. For these reasons, this section adopts an ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance of 0.31 m (1 foot) for voltages between 72.6 and 800 kilovolts.

Table 4 summarizes the ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance for various voltage ranges.

TABLE 4-ERGONOMIC COMPONENT OF MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE

Voltage range (kV)	Distance	
	m	ft
0.301 to 0.750	0.31	1.0
0.751 to 72.5	0.61	2.0

72.6 to 800 ..... 0.31 1.0

Note: The employer must add this distance to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance to obtain the full minimum approach distance.

The ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance accounts for errors in maintaining the minimum approach distance (which might occur, for example, if an employee misjudges the length of a conductive object he or she is holding), and for errors in judging the minimum approach distance. The ergonomic component also accounts for inadvertent movements by the employee, such as slipping. In contrast, the working position selected to properly maintain the minimum approach distance must account for all of an employee's reasonably likely movements and still permit the employee to adhere to the applicable minimum approach distance. (See Figure 1.) Reasonably likely movements include an employee's adjustments to tools, equipment, and working positions and all movements needed to perform the work. For example, the employee should be able to perform all of the following actions without straying into the minimum approach distance:

Adjust his or her hardhat,

maneuver a tool onto an energized part with a reasonable amount of overreaching or underreaching,

reach for and handle tools, material, and equipment passed to him or her, and

adjust tools, and replace components on them, when necessary during the work procedure.

The training of qualified employees required under § 1910.269(a)(2), and the job planning and briefing required under § 1910.269(c), must address selection of a proper working position.

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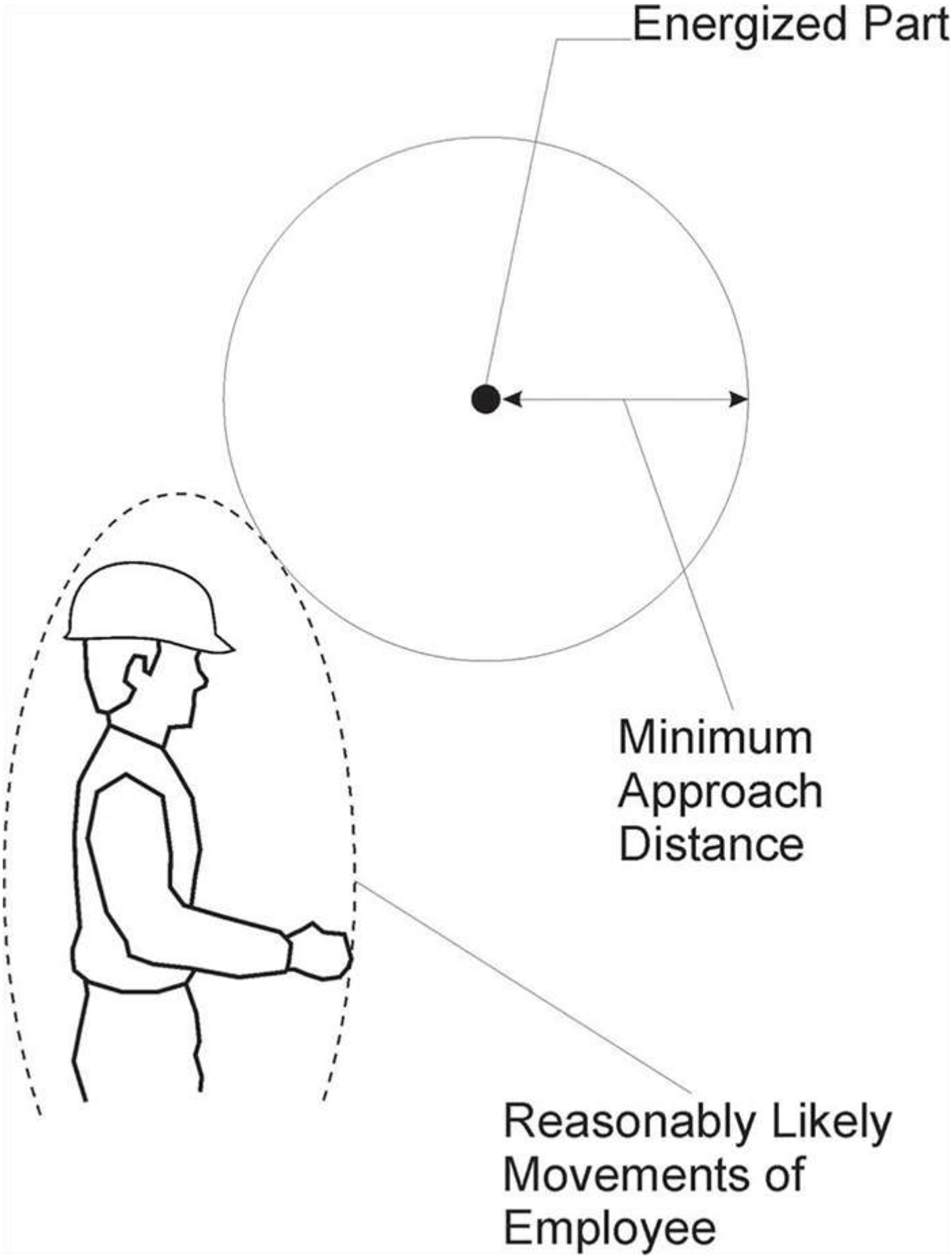
Energized Part
Minimum Approach Distance
Reasonably Likely Movements of Employee

Figure 1 - Maintaining the Minimum Approach Distance
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E. Miscellaneous correction factors. Changes in the air medium that forms the insulation influences the strength of an air gap. A brief discussion of each factor follows.
1. Dielectric strength of air. The dielectric strength of air in a uniform electric field at standard atmospheric conditions is approximately 3 kilovolts per millimeter.6
The pressure, temperature, and humidity of the air, the shape, dimensions, and separation of the electrodes, and the characteristics of the applied voltage (wave shape) affect the disruptive gradient.
2. Atmospheric effect. The empirically determined electrical strength of a given gap is normally applicable at standard atmospheric conditions (20 °C, 101.3 kilopascals, 11 grams/cubic centimeter humidity). An increase in the density (humidity) of the air inhibits sparkover for a given air gap. The combination of temperature and air pressure that results in the lowest gap sparkover voltage is high temperature and low pressure. This combination of conditions is not likely to occur. Low air pressure, generally associated with high humidity, causes increased electrical strength. An average air pressure generally correlates with low humidity. Hot and dry working conditions normally result in reduced electrical strength. The equations for minimum approach distances in Table R-3 assume standard atmospheric conditions.
3. Altitude. The reduced air pressure at high altitudes causes a reduction in the electrical strength of an air gap. An employer must increase the minimum approach distance by about 3 percent per 300 meters (1,000 feet) of increased altitude for altitudes above 900 meters (3,000 feet). Table R-5 specifies the altitude correction factor that the employer must use in calculating minimum approach distances.
IV. Determining Minimum Approach Distances
A. Factors Affecting Voltage Stress at the Worksite
1. System voltage (nominal). The nominal system voltage range determines the voltage for purposes of calculating minimum approach distances. The employer selects the range in which the nominal system voltage falls, as given in the relevant table, and uses the highest value within that range in perunit calculations.
2. Transient overvoltages. Operation of switches or circuit breakers, a fault on a line or circuit or on an adjacent circuit, and similar activities may generate transient overvoltages on an electrical system. Each overvoltage has an associated transient voltage wave shape. The wave shape arriving at the site and its magnitude vary considerably.
In developing requirements for minimum approach distances, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration considered the most common wave shapes and the magnitude of transient overvoltages found on electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems. The equations in Table R-3 for minimum approach distances use per-unit maximum transient overvoltages, which are relative to the nominal maximum voltage of the system. For example, a maximum transient overvoltage value of 3.0 per unit indicates that the highest transient overvoltage is 3.0 times the nominal maximum system voltage.
3. Typical magnitude of overvoltages. Table 5 lists the magnitude of typical transient overvoltages.
TABLE 5-MAGNITUDE OF TYPICAL TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGES

Cause	Magnitude (per unit)
Energized 200-mile line without closing resistors	3.5
Energized 200-mile line with one-step closing resistor	2.1
Energized 200-mile line with multistep resistor	2.5
Reclosing with trapped charge one-step resistor	2.2

Opening surge with single restrike	3.0
Fault initiation unfaulted phase	2.1
Fault initiation adjacent circuit	2.5
Fault clearing	1.7 to 1.9

4. Standard deviation-air-gap withstand. For each air gap length under the same atmospheric conditions, there is a statistical variation in the breakdown voltage. The probability of breakdown against voltage has a normal (Gaussian) distribution. The standard deviation of this distribution varies with the wave shape, gap geometry, and atmospheric conditions. The withstand voltage of the air gap is three standard deviations (3s) below the critical sparkover voltage. (The critical sparkover voltage is the crest value of the impulse wave that, under specified conditions, causes sparkover 50 percent of the time. An impulse wave of three standard deviations below this value, that is, the withstand voltage, has a probability of sparkover of approximately 1 in 1,000.)

5. Broken Insulators. Tests show reductions in the insulation strength of insulator strings with broken skirts. Broken units may lose up to 70 percent of their withstand capacity. Because an employer cannot determine the insulating capability of a broken unit without testing it, the employer must consider damaged units in an insulator to have no insulating value. Additionally, the presence of a live-line tool alongside an insulator string with broken units may further reduce the overall insulating strength. The number of good units that must be present in a string for it to be "insulated" as defined by § 1910.269(x) depends on the maximum overvoltage possible at the worksite.

B. Minimum Approach Distances Based on Known, Maximum-Anticipated Per-Unit Transient Overvoltages

1. Determining the minimum approach distance for AC systems. Under § 1910.269(l)(3)(ii), the employer must determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or must assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table R-9. When the employer conducts an engineering analysis of the system and determines that the maximum transient overvoltage is lower than specified by Table R-9, the employer must ensure that any conditions assumed in the analysis, for example, that employees block reclosing on a circuit or install portable protective gaps, are present during energized work. To ensure that these conditions are present, the employer may need to institute new livework procedures reflecting the conditions and limitations set by the engineering analysis.

2. Calculation of reduced approach distance values. An employer may take the following steps to reduce minimum approach distances when the maximum transient overvoltage on the system (that is, the maximum transient overvoltage without additional steps to control overvoltages) produces unacceptably large minimum approach distances:

Step 1. Determine the maximum voltage (with respect to a given nominal voltage range) for the energized part.

Step 2. Determine the technique to use to control the maximum transient overvoltage. (See paragraphs IV.C and IV.D of this appendix.) Determine the maximum transient overvoltage that can exist at the worksite with that form of control in place and with a confidence level of 3s. This voltage is the withstand voltage for the purpose of calculating the appropriate minimum approach distance.

Step 3. Direct employees to implement procedures to ensure that the control technique is in effect during the course of the work.

Step 4. Using the new value of transient overvoltage in per unit, calculate the required minimum approach distance from Table R-3.

C. Methods of Controlling Possible Transient Overvoltage Stress Found on a System

1. Introduction. There are several means of controlling overvoltages that occur on transmission systems. For example, the employer can modify the operation of circuit breakers or other switching devices to reduce switching transient overvoltages. Alternatively, the employer can hold the overvoltage to an acceptable level by installing surge arresters or portable protective gaps on the system. In addition, the employer can change the transmission system to minimize the effect of switching operations. Section 4.8 of IEEE Std 516-2009 describes various ways of controlling, and thereby reducing, maximum transient overvoltages.

2. Operation of circuit breakers.7 The maximum transient overvoltage that can reach the worksite is often the result of switching on the line on which employees are working. Disabling automatic reclosing during energized line work, so that the line will not be reenergized after being opened for any reason, limits the maximum switching surge overvoltage to the larger of the opening surge or the greatest possible fault-generated surge, provided that the devices (for example, insertion resistors) are operable and will function to limit the transient overvoltage and that circuit breaker restrikes do not occur. The employer must ensure the proper functioning of insertion resistors and other overvoltage-limiting devices when the employer's engineering analysis assumes their proper operation to limit the overvoltage level. If the employer cannot disable the reclosing feature (because of system operating conditions), other methods of controlling the switching surge level may be necessary.

Transient surges on an adjacent line, particularly for double circuit construction, may cause a significant overvoltage on the line on which employees are working. The employer's engineering analysis must account for coupling to adjacent lines.

3. Surge arresters. The use of modern surge arresters allows a reduction in the basic impulse-insulation levels of much transmission system equipment. The primary function of early arresters was to protect the system insulation from the effects of lightning. Modern arresters not only dissipate lightning-caused transients, but may also control many other system transients caused by switching or faults.

The employer may use properly designed arresters to control transient overvoltages along a transmission line and thereby reduce the requisite length of the insulator string and possibly the maximum transient overvoltage on the line.8

4. Switching Restrictions. Another form of overvoltage control involves establishing switching restrictions, whereby the employer prohibits the operation of circuit breakers until certain system conditions are present. The employer restricts switching by using a tagging system, similar to that used for a permit, except that the common term used for this activity is a "hold-off" or "restriction." These terms indicate that the restriction does not prevent operation, but only modifies the operation during the livework activity.

D. Minimum Approach Distance Based on Control of Maximum Transient Overvoltage at the Worksite

When the employer institutes control of maximum transient overvoltage at the worksite by installing portable protective gaps, the employer may calculate the minimum approach distance as follows:

Step 1. Select the appropriate withstand voltage for the protective gap based on system requirements and an acceptable probability of gap sparkover.9

Step 2. Determine a gap distance that provides a withstand voltage 10 greater than or equal to the one selected in the first step.11

Step 3. Use 110 percent of the gap's critical sparkover voltage to determine the phase-to-ground peak voltage at gap sparkover (VPPG Peak).

Step 4. Determine the maximum transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, at the worksite from the following formula:

$$T = \frac{V_{PPG\,Peak}}{V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}}.$$

Step 5. Use this value of T12 in the equation in Table R-3 to obtain the minimum approach distance. If the worksite is no more than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above sea level, the employer may use this value of T to determine the minimum approach distance from Table 14 through Table 21.

Note: All rounding must be to the next higher value (that is, always round up).

Sample protective gap calculations.

Problem: Employees are to perform work on a 500-kilovolt transmission line at sea level that is subject to transient overvoltages of 2.4 p.u. The maximum operating voltage of the line is 550 kilovolts. Determine the length of the protective gap that will provide the minimum practical safe approach distance. Also, determine what that minimum approach distance is

Step 1. Calculate the smallest practical maximum transient overvoltage (1.25 times the crest phase-to-ground voltage): 13

$$550kV \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \times 1.25 = 561kV.$$

This value equals the withstand voltage of the protective gap.

Step 2. Using test data for a particular protective gap, select a gap that has a critical sparkover voltage greater than or equal to:

561kV ÷ 0.85 = 660kV

For example, if a protective gap with a 1.22-m (4.0-foot) spacing tested to a critical sparkover voltage of 665 kilovolts (crest), select this gap spacing.

Step 3. The phase-to-ground peak voltage at gap sparkover (VPPG Peak) is 110 percent of the value from the previous step:

665kV × 1.10 = 732kV

This value corresponds to the withstand voltage of the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

Step 4. Use this voltage to determine the worksite value of T:

$$T = \frac{732}{564} = 1.7\,p.u.$$

Step 5. Use this value of T in the equation in Table R-3 to obtain the minimum approach distance, or look up the minimum approach distance in Table 14 through Table 21:

MAD = 2.29m (7.6 ft).

E. Location of Protective Gaps

1. Adjacent structures. The employer may install the protective gap on a structure adjacent to the worksite, as this practice does not significantly reduce the protection afforded by the gap.

2. Terminal stations. Gaps installed at terminal stations of lines or circuits provide a level of protection; however, that level of protection may not extend throughout the length of the line to the worksite. The use of substation terminal gaps raises the possibility that separate surges could enter the line at opposite ends, each with low enough magnitude to pass the terminal gaps without sparkover. When voltage surges occur simultaneously at each end of a line and travel toward each other, the total voltage on the line at the point where they meet is the arithmetic sum of the two surges. A gap installed within 0.8 km (0.5 mile) of the worksite will protect against such intersecting waves. Engineering studies of a particular line or system may indicate that employers can adequately protect employees by installing gaps at even more distant locations. In any event, unless using the default values for T from Table R-9, the employer must determine T at the worksite.

3. Worksite. If the employer installs protective gaps at the worksite, the gap setting establishes the worksite impulse insulation strength. Lightning strikes as far as 6 miles from the worksite can cause a voltage surge greater than the gap withstand voltage, and a gap sparkover can occur. In addition, the gap can sparkover from overvoltages on the line that exceed the withstand voltage of the gap. Consequently, the employer must protect employees from hazards resulting from any sparkover that could occur.

F. Disabling automatic reclosing. There are two reasons to disable the automatic-reclosing feature of circuit-interrupting devices while employees are performing live-line work:

To prevent reenergization of a circuit faulted during the work, which could create a hazard or result in more serious injuries or damage than the injuries or damage produced by the original fault;

To prevent any transient overvoltage caused by the switching surge that would result if the circuit were reenergized.

However, due to system stability considerations, it may not always be feasible to disable the automatic-reclosing feature.

V. Minimum Approach-Distance Tables

A. Legacy tables. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 6 through Table 13 until March 31, 2015.

TABLE 6-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015

Voltage range phase to phase (kV)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
0.05 to 1.0	Avoid Contact		Avoid Contact	
1.1 to 15.0	2.10	0.64	2.20	0.66
15.1 to 36.0	2.30	0.72	2.60	0.77
36.1 to 46.0	2.60	0.77	2.80	0.85
46.1 to 72.5	3.00	0.90	3.50	1.05
72.6 to 121	3.20	0.95	4.30	1.29
138 to 145	3.60	1.09	4.90	1.50
161 to 169	4.00	1.22	5.70	1.71
230 to 242	5.30	1.59	7.50	2.27

345 to 362	8.50	2.59	12.50	3.80
500 to 550	11.30	3.42	18.10	5.50
765 to 800	14.90	4.53	26.00	7.91

Note: The clear live-line tool distance must equal or exceed the values for the indicated voltage ranges.

TABLE 7-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-72.6 TO 121.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
2.0	0.74	2.42	1.09	3.58
2.1	0.76	2.50	1.09	3.58
2.2	0.79	2.58	1.12	3.67
2.3	0.81	2.67	1.14	3.75
2.4	0.84	2.75	1.17	3.83
2.5	0.84	2.75	1.19	3.92
2.6	0.86	2.83	1.22	4.00
2.7	0.89	2.92	1.24	4.08
2.8	0.91	3.00	1.24	4.08
2.9	0.94	3.08	1.27	4.17
3.0	0.97	3.17	1.30	4.25

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)

Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

TABLE 8-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-121.1 TO 145.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
2.0	0.84	2.75	1.24	4.08
2.1	0.86	2.83	1.27	4.17
2.2	0.89	2.92	1.30	4.25
2.3	0.91	3.00	1.32	4.33
2.4	0.94	3.08	1.35	4.42
2.5	0.97	3.17	1.37	4.50
2.6	0.99	3.25	1.40	4.58
2.7	1.02	3.33	1.42	4.67

2.8	1.04	3.42	1.45	4.75
2.9	1.07	3.50	1.47	4.83
3.0	1.09	3.58	1.50	4.92

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)

Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

TABLE 9-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-145.1 TO 169.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-phase exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
2.0	0.91	3.00	1.42	4.67
2.1	0.97	3.17	1.45	4.75
2.2	0.99	3.25	1.47	4.83
2.3	1.02	3.33	1.50	4.92
2.4	1.04	3.42	1.52	5.00
2.5	1.07	3.50	1.57	5.17
2.6	1.12	3.67	1.60	5.25
2.7	1.14	3.75	1.63	5.33
2.8	1.17	3.83	1.65	5.42
2.9	1.19	3.92	1.68	5.50
3.0	1.22	4.00	1.73	5.67

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)

Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

TABLE 10-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-169.1 TO 242.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
2.0	1.17	3.83	1.85	6.08
2.1	1.22	4.00	1.91	6.25
2.2	1.24	4.08	1.93	6.33
2.3	1.30	4.25	1.98	6.50
2.4	1.35	4.42	2.01	6.58
2.5	1.37	4.50	2.06	6.75
2.6	1.42	4.67	2.11	6.92
2.7	1.47	4.83	2.13	7.00
2.8	1.50	4.92	2.18	7.17

2.9	1.55	5.08	2.24	7.33
3.0	1.60	5.25	2.29	7.50

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)

Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

TABLE 11-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-242.1 TO 362.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
2.0	1.60	5.25	2.62	8.58
2.1	1.65	5.42	2.69	8.83
2.2	1.75	5.75	2.79	9.17
2.3	1.85	6.08	2.90	9.50
2.4	1.93	6.33	3.02	9.92
2.5	2.03	6.67	3.15	10.33
2.6	2.16	7.08	3.28	10.75
2.7	2.26	7.42	3.40	11.17
2.8	2.36	7.75	3.53	11.58
2.9	2.49	8.17	3.68	12.08
3.0	2.59	8.50	3.81	12.50

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)

Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

TABLE 12-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-362.1 TO 552.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.83	6.00	2.24	7.33
1.6	1.98	6.50	2.67	8.75
1.7	2.13	7.00	3.10	10.17
1.8	2.31	7.58	3.53	11.58
1.9	2.46	8.08	4.01	13.17
2.0	2.67	8.75	4.52	14.83
2.1	2.84	9.33	4.75	15.58
2.2	3.02	9.92	4.98	16.33
2.3	3.20	10.50	5.23	17.17
2.4	3.43	11.25	5.51	18.08

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)
Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

TABLE 13-MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES UNTIL MARCH 31, 2015-552.1 TO 800.0 KV WITH OVERVOLTAGE FACTOR

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	2.95	9.67	3.68	12.08
1.6	3.25	10.67	4.42	14.50
1.7	3.56	11.67	5.23	17.17
1.8	3.86	12.67	6.07	19.92
1.9	4.19	13.75	6.99	22.92
2.0	4.55	14.92	7.92	26.00

Note 1: The employer may apply the distance specified in this table only where the employer determines the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage by engineering analysis. (Table 6 applies otherwise.)
Note 2: The distances specified in this table are the air, bare-hand, and live-line tool distances.

B. Alternative minimum approach distances. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 14 through Table 21 provided that the employer follows the notes to those tables.

TABLE 14-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-72.6 TO 121.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	0.67	2.2	0.84	2.8
1.6	0.69	2.3	0.87	2.9
1.7	0.71	2.3	0.90	3.0
1.8	0.74	2.4	0.93	3.1
1.9	0.76	2.5	0.96	3.1
2.0	0.78	2.6	0.99	3.2
2.1	0.81	2.7	1.01	3.3
2.2	0.83	2.7	1.04	3.4
2.3	0.85	2.8	1.07	3.5

2.4	0.88	2.9	1.10	3.6
2.5	0.90	3.0	1.13	3.7
2.6	0.92	3.0	1.16	3.8
2.7	0.95	3.1	1.19	3.9
2.8	0.97	3.2	1.22	4.0
2.9	0.99	3.2	1.24	4.1
3.0	1.02	3.3	1.27	4.2
3.1	1.04	3.4	1.30	4.3
3.2	1.06	3.5	1.33	4.4
3.3	1.09	3.6	1.36	4.5
3.4	1.11	3.6	1.39	4.6
3.5	1.13	3.7	1.42	4.7

TABLE 15-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-121.1 TO 145.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	0.74	2.4	0.95	3.1
1.6	0.76	2.5	0.98	3.2
1.7	0.79	2.6	1.02	3.3
1.8	0.82	2.7	1.05	3.4
1.9	0.85	2.8	1.08	3.5
2.0	0.88	2.9	1.12	3.7
2.1	0.90	3.0	1.15	3.8
2.2	0.93	3.1	1.19	3.9

2.3	0.96	3.1	1.22	4.0
2.4	0.99	3.2	1.26	4.1
2.5	1.02	3.3	1.29	4.2
2.6	1.04	3.4	1.33	4.4
2.7	1.07	3.5	1.36	4.5
2.8	1.10	3.6	1.39	4.6
2.9	1.13	3.7	1.43	4.7
3.0	1.16	3.8	1.46	4.8
3.1	1.19	3.9	1.50	4.9
3.2	1.21	4.0	1.53	5.0
3.3	1.24	4.1	1.57	5.2
3.4	1.27	4.2	1.60	5.2
3.5	1.30	4.3	1.64	5.4

TABLE 16-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-145.1 TO 169.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	0.81	2.7	1.05	3.4
1.6	0.84	2.8	1.09	3.6
1.7	0.87	2.9	1.13	3.7
1.8	0.90	3.0	1.17	3.8
1.9	0.94	3.1	1.21	4.0
2.0	0.97	3.2	1.25	4.1

2.1	1.00	3.3	1.29	4.2
2.2	1.03	3.4	1.33	4.4
2.3	1.07	3.5	1.37	4.5
2.4	1.10	3.6	1.41	4.6
2.5	1.13	3.7	1.45	4.8
2.6	1.17	3.8	1.49	4.9
2.7	1.20	3.9	1.53	5.0
2.8	1.23	4.0	1.57	5.2
2.9	1.26	4.1	1.61	5.3
3.0	1.30	4.3	1.65	5.4
3.1	1.33	4.4	1.70	5.6
3.2	1.36	4.5	1.76	5.8
3.3	1.39	4.6	1.82	6.0
3.4	1.43	4.7	1.88	6.2
3.5	1.46	4.8	1.94	6.4

TABLE 17-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-169.1 TO 242.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.02	3.3	1.37	4.5
1.6	1.06	3.5	1.43	4.7
1.7	1.11	3.6	1.48	4.9
1.8	1.16	3.8	1.54	5.1
1.9	1.21	4.0	1.60	5.2

2.0	1.25	4.1	1.66	5.4
2.1	1.30	4.3	1.73	5.7
2.2	1.35	4.4	1.81	5.9
2.3	1.39	4.6	1.90	6.2
2.4	1.44	4.7	1.99	6.5
2.5	1.49	4.9	2.08	6.8
2.6	1.53	5.0	2.17	7.1
2.7	1.58	5.2	2.26	7.4
2.8	1.63	5.3	2.36	7.7
2.9	1.67	5.5	2.45	8.0
3.0	1.72	5.6	2.55	8.4
3.1	1.77	5.8	2.65	8.7
3.2	1.81	5.9	2.76	9.1
3.3	1.88	6.2	2.86	9.4
3.4	1.95	6.4	2.97	9.7
3.5	2.01	6.6	3.08	10.1

TABLE 18-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-242.1 TO 362.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.37	4.5	1.99	6.5
1.6	1.44	4.7	2.13	7.0
1.7	1.51	5.0	2.27	7.4

1.8	1.58	5.2	2.41	7.9
1.9	1.65	5.4	2.56	8.4
2.0	1.72	5.6	2.71	8.9
2.1	1.79	5.9	2.87	9.4
2.2	1.87	6.1	3.03	9.9
2.3	1.97	6.5	3.20	10.5
2.4	2.08	6.8	3.37	11.1
2.5	2.19	7.2	3.55	11.6
2.6	2.29	7.5	3.73	12.2
2.7	2.41	7.9	3.91	12.8
2.8	2.52	8.3	4.10	13.5
2.9	2.64	8.7	4.29	14.1
3.0	2.76	9.1	4.49	14.7
3.1	2.88	9.4	4.69	15.4
3.2	3.01	9.9	4.90	16.1
3.3	3.14	10.3	5.11	16.8
3.4	3.27	10.7	5.32	17.5
3.5	3.41	11.2	5.52	18.1

TABLE 19-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-362.1 TO 420.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.53	5.0	2.40	7.9
1.6	1.62	5.3	2.58	8.5

1.7	1.70	5.6	2.75	9.0
1.8	1.78	5.8	2.94	9.6
1.9	1.88	6.2	3.13	10.3
2.0	1.99	6.5	3.33	10.9
2.1	2.12	7.0	3.53	11.6
2.2	2.24	7.3	3.74	12.3
2.3	2.37	7.8	3.95	13.0
2.4	2.50	8.2	4.17	13.7
2.5	2.64	8.7	4.40	14.4
2.6	2.78	9.1	4.63	15.2
2.7	2.93	9.6	4.87	16.0
2.8	3.07	10.1	5.11	16.8
2.9	3.23	10.6	5.36	17.6
3.0	3.38	11.1	5.59	18.3
3.1	3.55	11.6	5.82	19.1
3.2	3.72	12.2	6.07	19.9
3.3	3.89	12.8	6.31	20.7
3.4	4.07	13.4	6.56	21.5
3.5	4.25	13.9	6.81	22.3

TABLE 20-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-420.1 TO 550.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft

1.5	1.95	6.4	3.46	11.4
1.6	2.11	6.9	3.73	12.2
1.7	2.28	7.5	4.02	13.2
1.8	2.45	8.0	4.31	14.1
1.9	2.62	8.6	4.61	15.1
2.0	2.81	9.2	4.92	16.1
2.1	3.00	9.8	5.25	17.2
2.2	3.20	10.5	5.55	18.2
2.3	3.40	11.2	5.86	19.2
2.4	3.62	11.9	6.18	20.3
2.5	3.84	12.6	6.50	21.3
2.6	4.07	13.4	6.83	22.4
2.7	4.31	14.1	7.18	23.6
2.8	4.56	15.0	7.52	24.7
2.9	4.81	15.8	7.88	25.9
3.0	5.07	16.6	8.24	27.0

TABLE 21-AC MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCES-550.1 TO 800.0 KV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-ground exposure		Phase-to-ground exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	3.16	10.4	5.97	19.6
1.6	3.46	11.4	6.43	21.1
1.7	3.78	12.4	6.92	22.7
1.8	4.12	13.5	7.42	24.3

1.9	4.47	14.7	7.93	26.0
2.0	4.83	15.8	8.47	27.8
2.1	5.21	17.1	9.02	29.6
2.2	5.61	18.4	9.58	31.4
2.3	6.02	19.8	10.16	33.3
2.4	6.44	21.1	10.76	35.3
2.5	6.88	22.6	11.38	37.3

Notes to Table 14 through Table 21:
The employer must determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis, as required by § 1910.269(l)(3)(ii), or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table R-9.
For phase-to-phase exposures, the employer must demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap.
The worksite must be at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less above sea level.

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1 Federal, State, and local regulatory bodies and electric utilities set reliability requirements that limit the number and duration of system outages.
2 Sparkover is a disruptive electric discharge in which an electric arc forms and electric current passes through air.
3 The withstand voltage is the voltage at which sparkover is not likely to occur across a specified distance. It is the voltage taken at the 3s point below the sparkover voltage, assuming that the sparkover curve follows a normal distribution.
4 Test data demonstrates that the saturation factor is greater than 0 at peak voltages of about 630 kilovolts. Systems operating at 345 kilovolts (or maximum system voltages of 362 kilovolts) can have peak maximum transient overvoltages exceeding 630 kilovolts. Table R-3 sets equations for calculating a based on peak voltage.
5 For voltages of 50 to 300 volts, Table R-3 specifies a minimum approach distance of "avoid contact." The minimum approach distance for this voltage range contains neither an electrical component nor an ergonomic component.
6 For the purposes of estimating arc length, § 1910.269 generally assumes a more conservative dielectric strength of 10 kilovolts per 25.4 millimeters, consistent with assumptions made in consensus standards such as the National Electrical Safety Code (IEEE C2-2012). The more conservative value accounts for variables such as electrode shape, wave shape, and a certain amount of overvoltage.
7 The detailed design of a circuit interrupter, such as the design of the contacts, resistor insertion, and breaker timing control, are beyond the scope of this appendix. The design of the system generally accounts for these features. This appendix only discusses features that can limit the maximum switching transient overvoltage on a system.
8 Surge arrester application is beyond the scope of this appendix. However, if the employer installs the arrester near the work site, the application would be similar to the protective gaps discussed in paragraph IV.D of this appendix.

9 The employer should check the withstand voltage to ensure that it results in a probability of gap flashover that is acceptable from a system outage perspective. (In other words, a gap sparkover will produce a system outage. The employer should determine whether such an outage will impact overall system performance to an acceptable degree.) In general, the withstand voltage should be at least 1.25 times the maximum crest operating voltage.
10 The manufacturer of the gap provides, based on test data, the critical sparkover voltage for each gap spacing (for example, a critical sparkover voltage of 665 kilovolts for a gap spacing of 1.2 meters). The withstand voltage for the gap is equal to 85 percent of its critical sparkover voltage.
11 Switch steps 1 and 2 if the length of the protective gap is known.
12 IEEE Std 516-2009 states that most employers add 0.2 to the calculated value of T as an additional safety factor.
13 To eliminate sparkovers due to minor system disturbances, the employer should use a withstand voltage no lower than 1.25 p.u. Note that this is a practical, or operational, consideration only. It may be feasible for the employer to use lower values of withstand voltage.
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Appendix C to §1910.269 -- Protection From Step and Touch Potentials

I. Introduction

Current passing through an impedance impresses voltage across that impedance. Even conductors have some, albeit low, value of impedance. Therefore, if a "grounded" [14] object, such as a crane or deenergized and grounded power line, results in a ground fault on a power line, voltage is impressed on that grounded object. The voltage impressed on the grounded object depends largely on the voltage on the line, on the impedance of the faulted conductor, and on the impedance to "true," or "absolute," ground represented by the object. If the impedance of the object causing the fault is relatively large, the voltage impressed on the object is essentially the phase-to-ground system voltage. However, even faults to grounded power lines or to well grounded transmission towers or substation structures (which have relatively low values of impedance to ground) can result in hazardous voltages.[15] In all cases, the degree of the hazard depends on the magnitude of the current through the employee and the time of exposure. This appendix discusses methods of protecting workers against the possibility that grounded objects, such as cranes and other mechanical equipment, will contact energized power lines and that deenergized and grounded power lines will become accidentally energized.

II. Voltage-Gradient Distribution

A. *Voltage-gradient distribution curve*. Absolute, or true, ground serves as a reference and always has a voltage of 0 volts above ground potential. Because there is an impedance between a grounding electrode and absolute ground, there will be a voltage difference between the grounding electrode and absolute ground under ground-fault conditions. Voltage dissipates from the grounding electrode (or from the grounding point) and creates a ground potential gradient. The voltage decreases rapidly with increasing distance from the grounding electrode. A voltage drop associated with this dissipation of voltage is a ground potential. Figure 1 is a typical voltage-gradient distribution curve (assuming a uniform soil texture).

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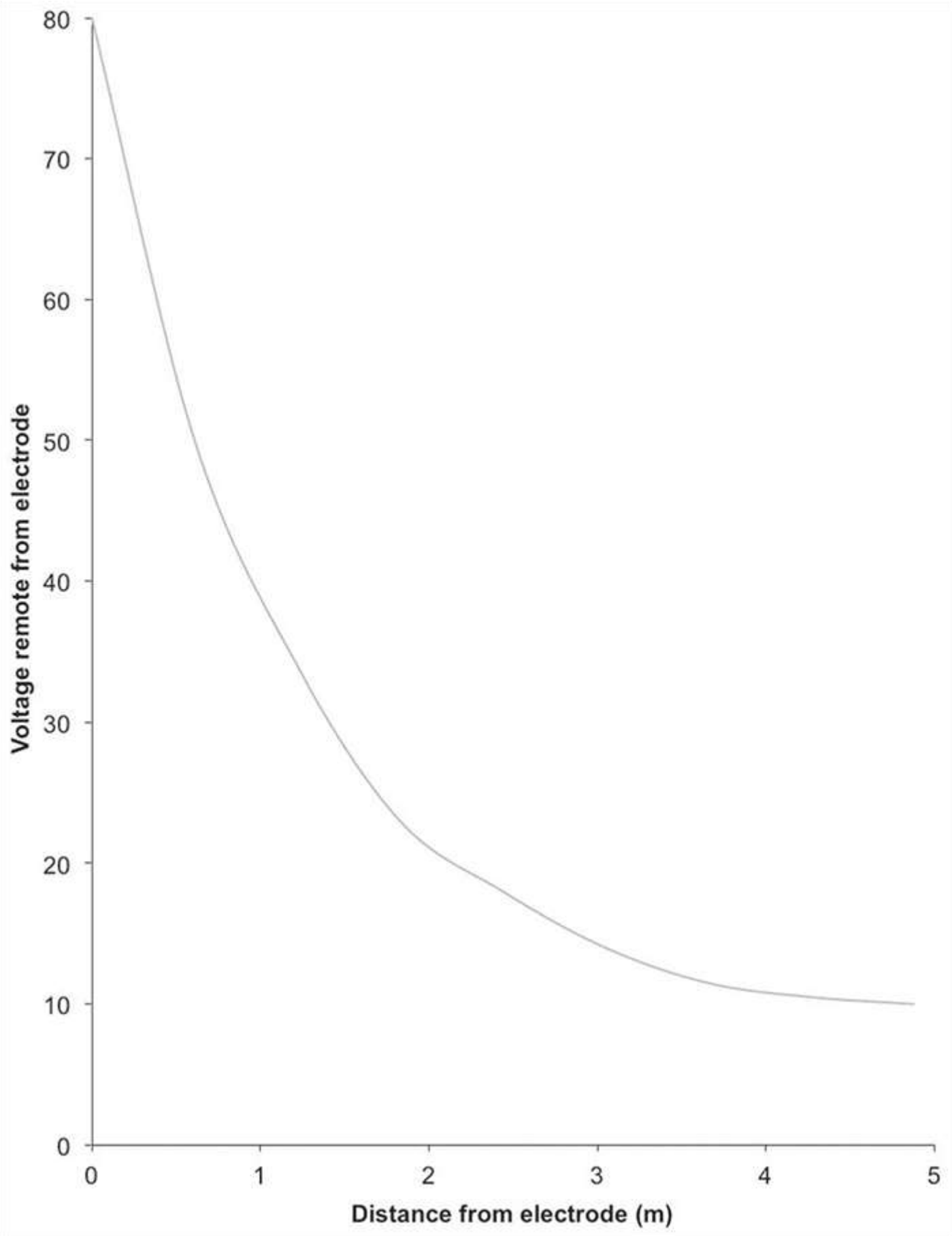
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Figure 1 - Typical Voltage - Grandiet Distribution Curve

B. *Step and touch potentials*. Figure 1 also shows that workers are at risk from step and touch potentials. Step potential is the voltage between the feet of a person standing near an energized grounded object (the electrode). In Figure 1, the step potential is equal to the difference in voltage between two points at different distances from the electrode (where the points represent the location of each foot in relation to the electrode). A person could be at risk of injury during a fault simply by standing near the object.

Touch potential is the voltage between the energized grounded object (again, the electrode) and the feet of a person in contact with the object. In Figure 1, the touch potential is equal to the difference in voltage between the electrode (which is at a distance of 0 meters) and a point some distance away from the electrode (where the point represents the location of the feet of the person in contact with the object). The touch potential could be nearly the full voltage across the grounded object if that object is grounded at a point remote from the place where the person is in contact with it. For example, a crane grounded to the system neutral and that contacts an energized line would expose any person in contact with the crane or its uninsulated load line to a touch potential nearly equal to the full fault voltage.

Figure 2 illustrates step and touch potentials.

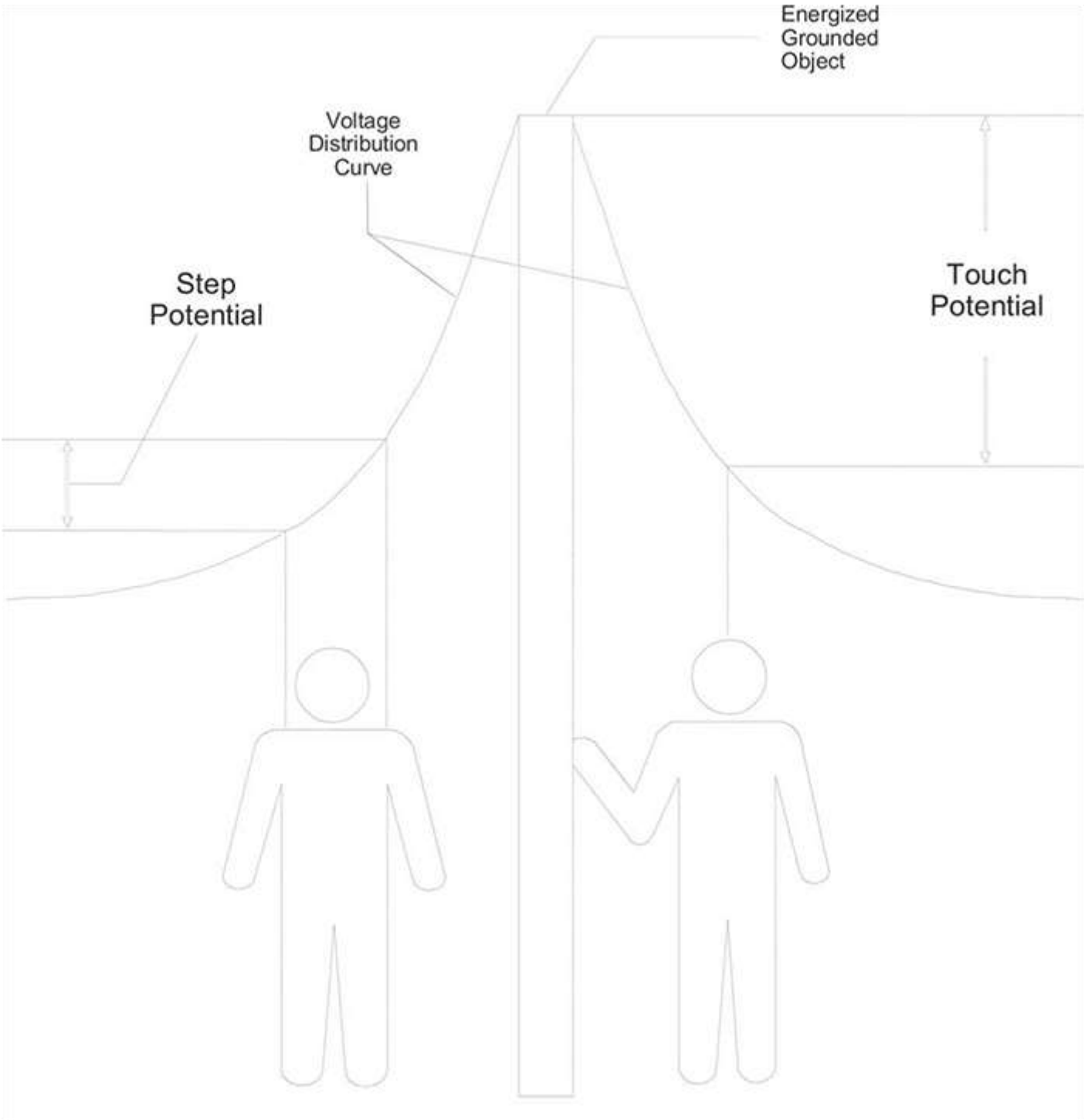


Figure 2 - Step and Touch Potentials

III. Protecting Workers From Hazardous Differences in Electrical Potential

A. *Definitions*. The following definitions apply to section III of this appendix:

Bond. The electrical interconnection of conductive parts designed to maintain a common electric potential.

Bonding cable (bonding jumper). A cable connected to two conductive parts to bond the parts together.

Cluster bar. A terminal temporarily attached to a structure that provides a means for the attachment and bonding of grounding and bonding cables to the structure.

Ground. A conducting connection between an electric circuit or equipment and the earth, or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

Grounding cable (grounding jumper). A cable connected between a deenergized part and ground. Note that grounding cables carry fault current and bonding cables generally do not. A cable that bonds two conductive parts but carries substantial fault current (for example, a jumper connected between one phase and a grounded phase) is a grounding cable.

Ground mat (grounding grid). A temporarily or permanently installed metallic mat or grating that establishes an equipotential surface and provides connection points for attaching grounds.

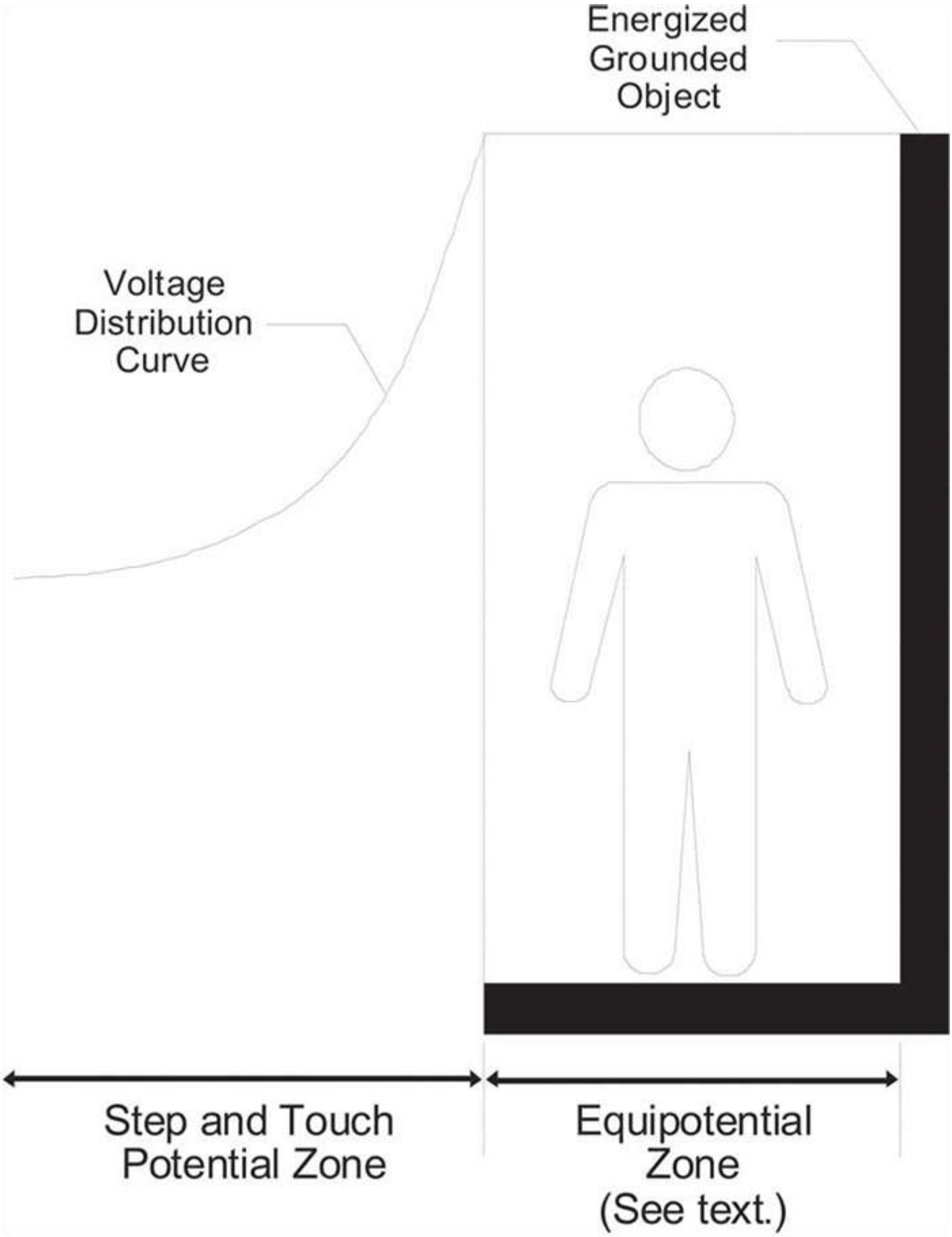
B. *Analyzing the hazard*. The employer can use an engineering analysis of the power system under fault conditions to determine whether hazardous step and touch voltages will develop. The analysis should determine the voltage on all conductive objects in the work area and the amount of time the voltage will be present. Based on the this analysis, the employer can select appropriate measures and protective equipment, including the measures and protective equipment outlined in Section III of this appendix, to protect each employee from hazardous differences in electric potential. For example, from the analysis, the employer will know the voltage remaining on conductive objects after employees install bonding and grounding equipment and will be able to select insulating equipment with an appropriate rating, as described in paragraph III.C.2 of this appendix.

C. *Protecting workers on the ground*. The employer may use several methods, including equipotential zones, insulating equipment, and restricted work areas, to protect employees on the ground from hazardous differences in electrical potential.

1. An equipotential zone will protect workers within it from hazardous step and touch potentials. (See Figure 3.) Equipotential zones will not, however, protect employees located either wholly or partially outside the protected area. The employer can establish an equipotential zone for workers on the ground, with respect to a grounded object, through the use of a metal mat connected to the grounded object. The employer can use a grounding grid to equalize the voltage within the grid or bond conductive objects in the immediate work area to minimize the potential between the objects and between each object and ground. (Bonding an object outside the work area can increase the touch potential to that object, however.) Section III.D of this appendix discusses equipotential zones for employees working on deenergized and grounded power lines.

2. Insulating equipment, such as rubber gloves, can protect employees handling grounded equipment and conductors from hazardous touch potentials. The insulating equipment must be rated for the highest voltage that can be impressed on the grounded objects under fault conditions (rather than for the full system voltage).

3. Restricting employees from areas where hazardous step or touch potentials could arise can protect employees not directly involved in performing the operation. The employer must ensure that employees on the ground in the vicinity of transmission structures are at a distance where step voltages would be insufficient to cause injury. Employees must not handle grounded conductors or equipment likely to become energized to hazardous voltages unless the employees are within an equipotential zone or protected by insulating equipment.


Energized
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Distribution
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Step and Touch
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Equipotential
Zone
(See text.)

Figure 3 - Protection from Ground-Potential Gradients

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D. *Protecting employees working on deenergized and grounded power lines*. This Section III.D of Appendix C establishes guidelines to help employers comply with requirements in § 1910.269(n) for using protective grounding to protect employees working on deenergized power lines. Paragraph (n) of § 1910.269 applies to grounding of transmission and distribution lines and equipment for the purpose of protecting workers. Paragraph (n)(3) of § 1910.269 requires temporary protective grounds to be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent exposure of each employee to hazardous differences in electric potential.[16] Sections III.D.1 and III.D.2 of this appendix provide guidelines that employers can use in making the demonstration required by § 1910.269(n)(3). Section III.D.1 of this appendix provides guidelines on how the employer can determine whether particular grounding practices expose employees to hazardous differences in electric potential. Section III.D.2 of this appendix describes grounding methods that the employer can use in lieu of an engineering analysis to make the demonstration required by § 1910.269(n)(3). The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider employers that comply with the criteria in this appendix as meeting § 1910.269(n)(3).

Finally, Section III.D.3 of this appendix discusses other safety considerations that will help the employer comply with other requirements in § 1910.269(n). Following these guidelines will protect workers from hazards that can occur when a deenergized and grounded line becomes energized.

1. *Determining safe body current limits*. This Section III.D.1 of Appendix C provides guidelines on how an employer can determine whether any differences in electric potential to which workers could be exposed are hazardous as part of the demonstration required by § 1910.269(n)(3).

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standard 1048-2003, IEEE Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines, provides the following equation for determining the threshold of ventricular fibrillation when the duration of the electric shock is limited:

$$I = \frac{116}{\sqrt{t}},$$

where I is the current through the worker's body, and t is the duration of the current in seconds. This equation represents the ventricular fibrillation threshold for 95.5 percent of the adult population with a mass of 50 kilograms (110 pounds) or more. The equation is valid for current durations between 0.0083 to 3.0 seconds.

To use this equation to set safe voltage limits in an equipotential zone around the worker, the employer will need to assume a value for the resistance of the worker's body. IEEE Std 1048-2003 states that "total body resistance is usually taken as 1000 Ω for determining . . . body current limits." However, employers should be aware that the impedance of a worker's body can be substantially less than that value. For instance, IEEE Std 1048-2003 reports a minimum hand-to-hand resistance of 610 ohms and an internal body resistance of 500 ohms. The internal resistance of the body better represents the minimum resistance of a worker's body when the skin resistance drops near zero, which occurs, for example, when there are breaks in the worker's skin, for instance, from cuts or from blisters formed as a result of the current from an electric shock, or when the worker is wet at the points of contact.

Employers may use the IEEE Std 1048-2003 equation to determine safe body current limits only if the employer protects workers from hazards associated with involuntary muscle reactions from electric shock (for example, the hazard to a worker from falling as a result of an electric shock). Moreover, the equation applies only when the duration of the electric shock is limited. If the precautions the employer takes, including those required by applicable standards, do not adequately protect employees from hazards associated with involuntary reactions from electric shock, a hazard exists if the induced voltage is sufficient to pass a current of 1 milliampere through a 500-ohm resistor. (The 500-ohm resistor represents the resistance of an employee. The 1-milliampere current is the threshold of perception.) Finally, if the employer protects employees from injury due to involuntary reactions from electric shock, but the duration of the electric shock is unlimited (that is, when the fault current at the work location will be insufficient to trip the devices protecting the circuit), a hazard exists if the resultant current would be more than 6 milliamperes (the recognized let-go threshold for workers [17]).

2. *Acceptable methods of grounding for employers that do not perform an engineering determination*. The grounding methods presented in this section of this appendix ensure that differences in electric potential are as low as possible and, therefore, meet § 1910.269(n)(3) without an engineering determination of the potential differences. These methods follow two principles: (i) The grounding method must ensure that the circuit opens in the fastest available clearing time, and (ii) the grounding method must ensure that the potential differences between conductive objects in the employee's work area are as low as possible.

Paragraph (n)(3) of § 1910.269 does not require grounding methods to meet the criteria embodied in these principles. Instead, the paragraph requires that protective grounds be "placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent exposure of each employee to hazardous differences in electric potential." However, when the employer's grounding practices do not follow these two principles, the employer will need to perform an engineering analysis to make the demonstration required by § 1910.269(n)(3).

i. *Ensuring that the circuit opens in the fastest available clearing time*. Generally, the higher the fault current, the shorter the clearing times for the same type of fault. Therefore, to ensure the fastest available clearing time, the grounding method must maximize the fault current with a low impedance connection to ground. The employer accomplishes this objective by grounding the circuit conductors to the best ground available at the worksite. Thus, the employer must ground to a grounded system neutral conductor, if one is present. A grounded system neutral has a direct connection to the system ground at the source, resulting in an extremely low impedance to ground. In a substation, the employer may instead ground to the substation grid, which also has an extremely low impedance to the system ground and, typically, is connected to a grounded system neutral when one is present. Remote system grounds, such as pole and tower grounds, have a higher impedance to the system ground than grounded system neutrals and substation grounding grids; however, the employer may use a remote ground when lower impedance grounds are not available. In the absence of a grounded system neutral, substation grid, and remote ground, the employer may use a temporary driven ground at the worksite.

In addition, if employees are working on a three-phase system, the grounding method must short circuit all three phases. Short circuiting all phases will ensure faster clearing and lower the current through the grounding cable connecting the deenergized line to ground, thereby lowering the voltage across that cable. The short circuit need not be at the worksite; however, the employer must treat any conductor that is not grounded at the worksite as energized because the ungrounded conductors will be energized at fault voltage during a fault.

ii. *Ensuring that the potential differences between conductive objects in the employee's work area are as low as possible*. To achieve as low a voltage as possible across any two conductive objects in the work area, the employer must bond all conductive objects in the work area. This section of this appendix discusses how to create a zone that minimizes differences in electric potential between conductive objects in the work area.

The employer must use bonding cables to bond conductive objects, except for metallic objects bonded through metal-to-metal contact. The employer must ensure that metal-to-metal contacts are tight and free of contamination, such as oxidation, that can increase the impedance across the connection. For example, a bolted connection between metal lattice tower members is acceptable if the connection is tight and free of corrosion and other contamination. Figure 4 shows how to create an equipotential zone for metal lattice towers.

Wood poles are conductive objects. The poles can absorb moisture and conduct electricity, particularly at distribution and transmission voltages. Consequently, the employer must either: (1) Provide a conductive platform, bonded to a grounding cable, on which the worker stands or (2) use cluster bars to bond wood poles to the grounding cable. The employer must ensure that employees install the cluster bar below, and close to, the worker's feet. The inner portion of the wood pole is more conductive than the outer shell, so it is important that the cluster bar be in conductive contact with a metal spike or nail that penetrates the wood to a depth greater than or equal to the depth the worker's climbing gaffs will penetrate the wood. For example, the employer could mount the cluster bar on a bare pole ground wire fastened to the pole with nails or staples that penetrate to the required depth. Alternatively, the employer may temporarily nail a conductive strap to the pole and connect the strap to the cluster bar. Figure 5 shows how to create an equipotential zone for wood poles.

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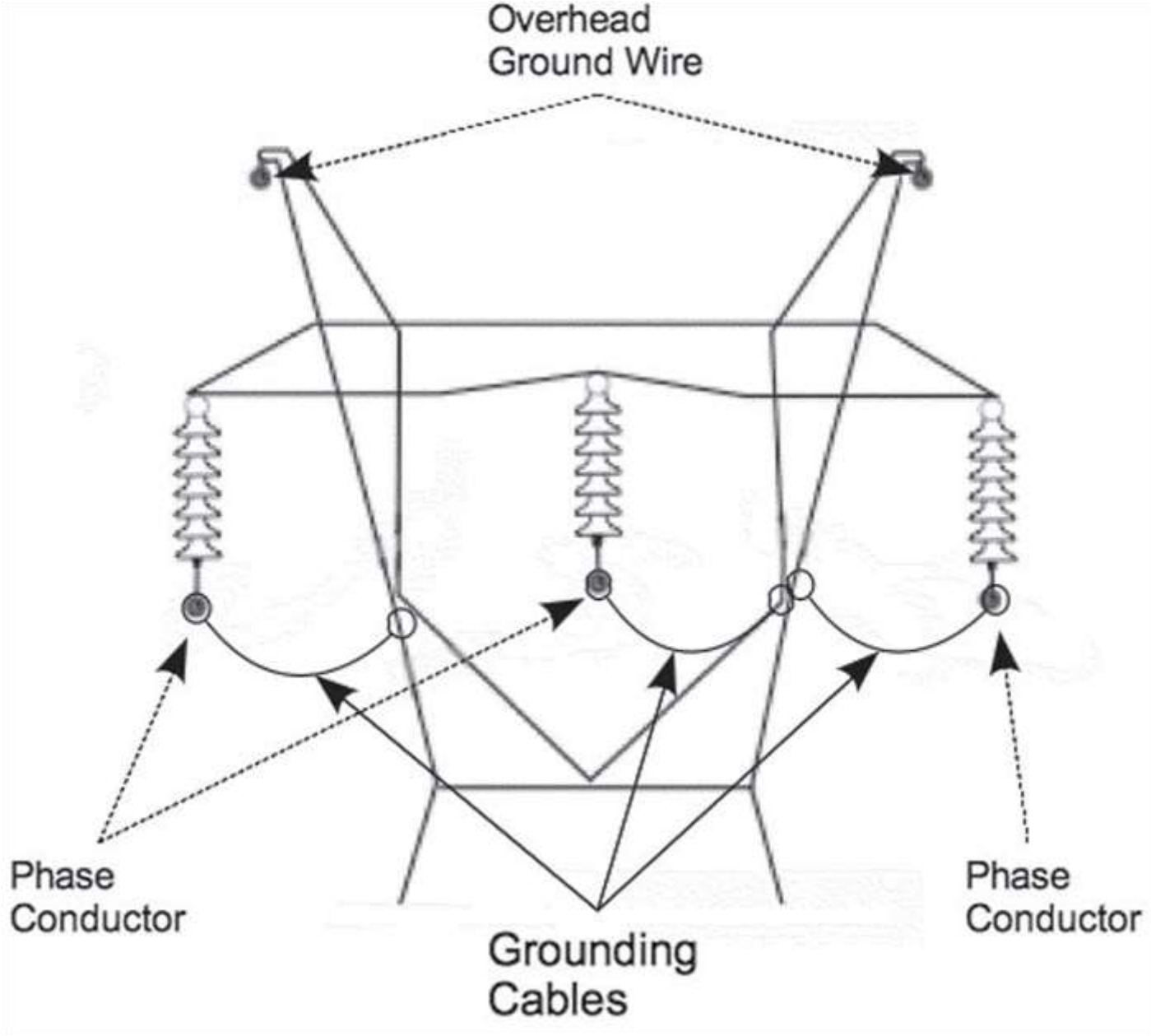

Notes:

1. Employers must ground overhead ground wires that are within reach of the employee.
2. The grounding cable must be as short as practicable; therefore, the attachment points between the grounding cable and the tower may be different from that shown in the figure.

Figure 4 - Equipotential Zone for Metal Lattice Tower

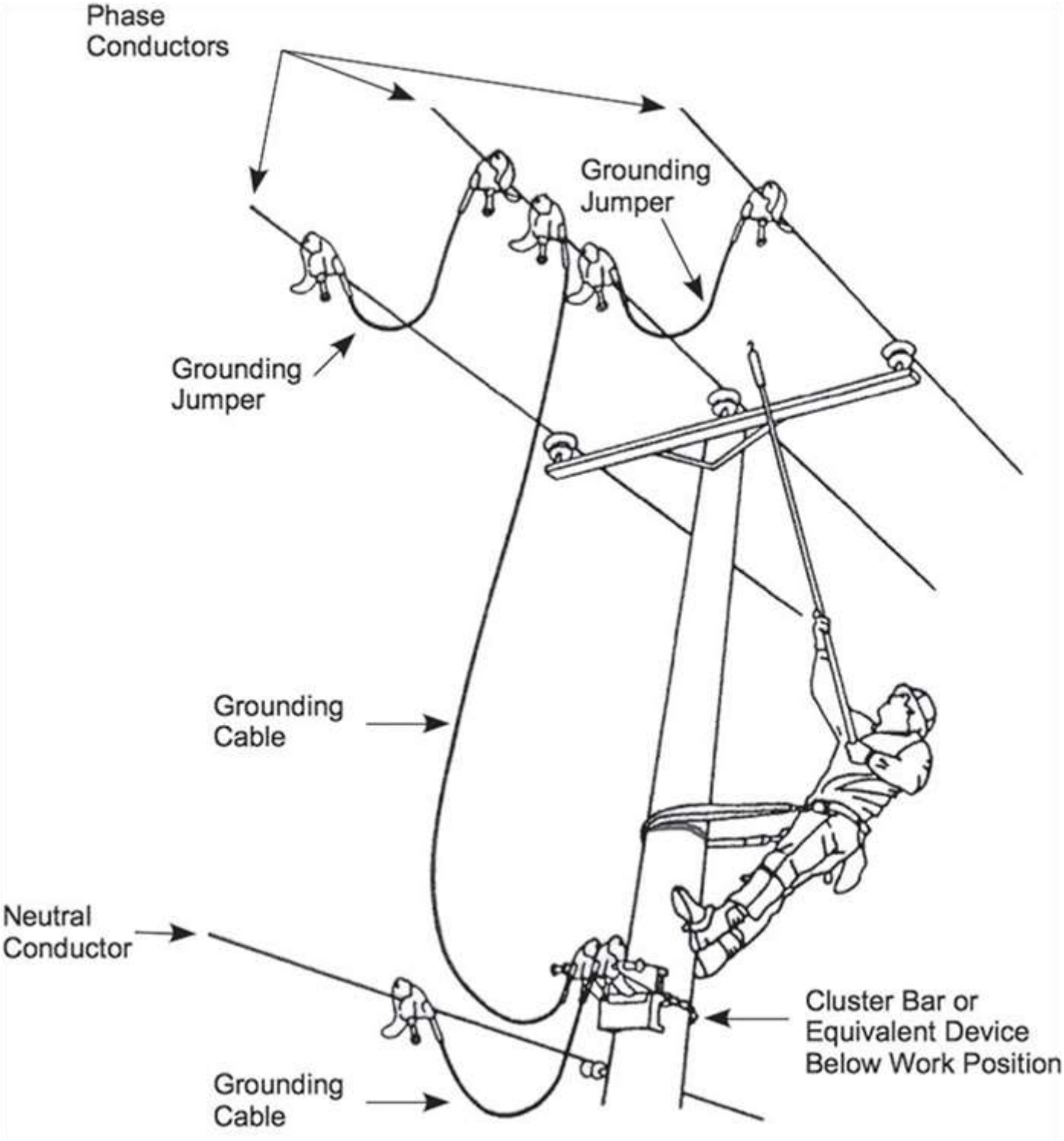

Figure 5 - Equipotential Grounding for Wood Poles

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For underground systems, employers commonly install grounds at the points of disconnection of the underground cables. These grounding points are typically remote from the manhole or underground vault where employees will be working on the cable. Workers in contact with a cable grounded at a remote location can experience hazardous potential differences if the cable becomes energized or if a fault occurs on a different, but nearby, energized cable. The fault current causes potential gradients in the earth, and a potential difference will exist between the earth where the worker is standing and the earth where the cable is grounded. Consequently, to create an equipotential zone for the worker, the employer must provide a means of connecting the deenergized cable to ground at the worksite by having the worker stand on a conductive mat bonded to the deenergized cable. If the cable is cut, the employer must install a bond across the opening in the cable or install one bond on each side of the opening to ensure that the separate cable ends are at the same potential. The employer must protect the worker from any hazardous differences in potential any time there is no bond between the mat and the cable (for example, before the worker installs the bonds).

3. *Other safety-related considerations*. To ensure that the grounding system is safe and effective, the employer should also consider the following factors: [18]

i. *Maintenance of grounding equipment*. It is essential that the employer properly maintain grounding equipment. Corrosion in the connections between grounding cables and clamps and on the clamp surface can increase the resistance of the cable, thereby increasing potential differences. In addition, the surface to which a clamp attaches, such as a conductor or tower member, must be clean and free of corrosion and oxidation to ensure a low-resistance connection. Cables must be free of damage that could reduce their current-carrying capacity so that they can carry the full fault current without failure. Each clamp must have a tight connection to the cable to ensure a low resistance and to ensure that the clamp does not separate from the cable during a fault.

ii. *Grounding cable length and movement*. The electromagnetic forces on grounding cables during a fault increase with increasing cable length. These forces can cause the cable to move violently during a fault and can be high enough to damage the cable or clamps and cause the cable to fail. In addition, flying cables can injure workers. Consequently, cable lengths should be as short as possible, and grounding cables that might carry high fault current should be in positions where the cables will not injure workers during a fault.

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[1] This appendix generally uses the term "grounded" only with respect to grounding that the employer intentionally installs, for example, the grounding an employer installs on a deenergized conductor. However, in this case, the term "grounded" means connected to earth, regardless of whether or not that connection is intentional.

[2] Thus, grounding systems for transmission towers and substation structures should be designed to minimize the step and touch potentials involved.

[3] The protective grounding required by § 1910.269(n) limits to safe values the potential differences between accessible objects in each employee's work environment. Ideally, a protective grounding system would create a true equipotential zone in which every point is at the same electric potential. In practice, current passing through the grounding and bonding elements creates potential differences. If these potential differences are hazardous, the employer may not treat the zone as an equipotential zone.

[4] Electric current passing through the body has varying effects depending on the amount of the current. At the let-go threshold, the current overrides a person's control over his or her muscles. At that level, an employee grasping an object will not be able to let go of the object. The let-go threshold varies from person to person; however, the recognized value for workers is 6 milliamperes.

[5] This appendix only discusses factors that relate to ensuring an equipotential zone for employees. The employer must consider other factors in selecting a grounding system that is capable of conducting the maximum fault current that could flow at the point of grounding for the time necessary to clear the fault, as required by § 1910.269(n)(4)(i). IEEE Std 1048-2003 contains guidelines for selecting and installing grounding equipment that will meet Â§ 1910.269(n)(4)(i).

Appendix D to § 1910.269-Methods of Inspecting and Testing Wood Poles

I. Introduction

When employees are to perform work on a wood pole, it is important to determine the condition of the pole before employees climb it. The weight of the employee, the weight of equipment to be installed, and other working stresses (such as the removal or retensioning of conductors) can lead to the failure of a defective pole or a pole that is not designed to handle the additional stresses.[19] For these reasons, it is essential that, before an employee climbs a wood pole, the employer ascertain that the pole is capable of sustaining the stresses of the work. The determination that the pole is capable of sustaining these stresses includes an inspection of the condition of the pole.

If the employer finds the pole to be unsafe to climb or to work from, the employer must secure the pole so that it does not fail while an employee is on it. The employer can secure the pole by a line truck boom, by ropes or guys, or by lashing a new pole alongside it. If a new one is lashed alongside the defective pole, employees should work from the new one.

II. Inspecting Wood Poles

A qualified employee should inspect wood poles for the following conditions: [20]

A. *General condition*. Buckling at the ground line or an unusual angle with respect to the ground may indicate that the pole has rotted or is broken.

B. *Cracks*. Horizontal cracks perpendicular to the grain of the wood may weaken the pole. Vertical cracks, although not normally considered to be a sign of a defective pole, can pose a hazard to the climber, and the employee should keep his or her gaffs away from them while climbing.

C. *Holes*. Hollow spots and woodpecker holes can reduce the strength of a wood pole.

D. *Shell rot and decay*. Rotting and decay are cutout hazards and possible indications of the age and internal condition of the pole.

E. *Knots*. One large knot or several smaller ones at the same height on the pole may be evidence of a weak point on the pole.

F. *Depth of setting*. Evidence of the existence of a former ground line substantially above the existing ground level may be an indication that the pole is no longer buried to a sufficient depth.

G. *Soil conditions*. Soft, wet, or loose soil around the base of the pole may indicate that the pole will not support any change in stress.

H. *Burn marks*. Burning from transformer failures or conductor faults could damage the pole so that it cannot withstand changes in mechanical stress.

III. Testing Wood Poles

The following tests, which are from § 1910.268(n)(3), are acceptable methods of testing wood poles:

A. *Hammer test*. Rap the pole sharply with a hammer weighing about 1.4 kg (3 pounds), starting near the ground line and continuing upwards circumferentially around the pole to a height of approximately 1.8 meters (6 feet). The hammer will produce a clear sound and rebound sharply when striking sound wood. Decay pockets will be indicated by a dull sound or a less pronounced hammer rebound. Also, prod the pole as near the ground line as possible using a pole prod or a screwdriver with a blade at least 127 millimeters (5 inches) long. If substantial decay is present, the pole is unsafe.

B. *Rocking test*. Apply a horizontal force to the pole and attempt to rock it back and forth in a direction perpendicular to the line. Exercise caution to avoid causing power lines to swing together. Apply the force to the pole either by pushing it with a pike pole or pulling the pole with a rope. If the pole cracks during the test, it is unsafe.

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[1] A properly guyed pole in good condition should, at a minimum, be able to handle the weight of an employee climbing it.

[2] The presence of any of these conditions is an indication that the pole may not be safe to climb or to work from. The employee performing the inspection must be qualified to make a determination as to whether it is safe to perform the work without taking additional precautions.

Appendix E to § 1910.269-Protection From Flames and Electric Arcs

I. Introduction

Paragraph (l)(8) of § 1910.269 addresses protecting employees from flames and electric arcs. This paragraph requires employers to: (1) Assess the workplace for flame and electric-arc hazards (paragraph (l)(8)(i)); (2) estimate the available heat energy from electric arcs to which employees would be exposed (paragraph (l)(8)(ii)); (3) ensure that employees wear clothing that will not melt, or ignite and continue to burn, when exposed to flames or the estimated heat energy (paragraph (l)(8)(iii)); and (4) ensure that employees wear flame-resistant clothing 21 and protective clothing and other protective equipment that has an arc rating greater than or equal to the available heat energy under certain conditions (paragraphs (l)(8)(iv) and (l)(8)(v)). This appendix contains information to help employers estimate available heat energy as required by § 1910.269(l)(8)(ii), select protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating suitable for the available heat energy as required by § 1910.269(l)(8)(v), and ensure that employees do not wear flammable clothing that could lead to burn injury as addressed by §§ 1910.269(l)(8)(iii) and (l)(8)(iv).

II. Assessing the Workplace for Flame and Electric-Arc Hazards

Paragraph (l)(8)(i) of § 1910.269 requires the employer to assess the workplace to identify employees exposed to hazards from flames or from electric arcs. This provision ensures that the employer evaluates employee exposure to flames and electric arcs so that employees who face such exposures receive the required protection. The employer must conduct an assessment for each employee who performs work on or near exposed, energized parts of electric circuits.

A. Assessment Guidelines

Sources electric arcs. Consider possible sources of electric arcs, including:

Energized circuit parts not guarded or insulated,

Switching devices that produce electric arcs in normal operation,

Sliding parts that could fault during operation (for example, rack-mounted circuit breakers), and

Energized electric equipment that could fail (for example, electric equipment with damaged insulation or with evidence of arcing or overheating).

Exposure to flames. Identify employees exposed to hazards from flames. Factors to consider include:

The proximity of employees to open flames, and

For flammable material in the work area, whether there is a reasonable likelihood that an electric arc or an open flame can ignite the material.

Probability that an electric arc will occur. Identify employees exposed to electric-arc hazards. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider an employee exposed to electric-arc hazards if there is a reasonable likelihood that an electric arc will occur in the employee's work area, in other words, if the probability of such an event is higher than it is for the normal operation of enclosed equipment. Factors to consider include:

For energized circuit parts not guarded or insulated, whether conductive objects can come too close to or fall onto the energized parts,

For exposed, energized circuit parts, whether the employee is closer to the part than the minimum approach distance established by the employer (as permitted by § 1910.269(l)(3)(iii)).

Whether the operation of electric equipment with sliding parts that could fault during operation is part of the normal operation of the equipment or occurs during servicing or maintenance, and

For energized electric equipment, whether there is evidence of impending failure, such as evidence of arcing or overheating.

B. Examples

Table 1 provides task-based examples of exposure assessments.

TABLE 1-EXAMPLE ASSESSMENTS FOR VARIOUS TASKS

Task	Is employee exposed to

		flame or electricarc hazard?
Normal operation of enclosed equipment, such as closing or opening a switch.	The employer properly installs and maintains enclosed equipment, and there is no evidence of impending failure.	No.
	There is evidence of arcing or overheating	Yes.
	Parts of the equipment are loose or sticking, or the equipment otherwise exhibits signs of lack of maintenance.	Yes.
Servicing electric equipment, such as racking in a circuit breaker or replacing a switch		Yes.
Inspection of electric equipment with exposed energized parts.	The employee is not holding conductive objects and remains outside the minimum approach distance established by the employer.	No.
	The employee is holding a conductive object, such as a flashlight, that could fall or otherwise contact energized parts (irrespective of whether the employee maintains the minimum approach distance).	Yes.
	The employee is closer than the minimum approach distance established by the employer (for example, when wearing rubber insulating gloves or rubber insulating gloves and sleeves).	Yes.
Using open flames, for example, in wiping cable splice sleeves		Yes.

III. Protection Against Burn Injury

A. Estimating Available Heat Energy

Calculation methods. Paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of § 1910.269 provides that, for each employee exposed to an electric-arc hazard, the employer must make a reasonable estimate of the heat energy to which the employee would be exposed if an arc occurs. Table 2 lists various methods of calculating values of available heat energy from an electric circuit. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not endorse any of these specific methods. Each method requires the input of various parameters, such as fault current, the expected length of the electric arc, the distance from the arc to the employee, and the clearing time for the fault (that is, the time the circuit protective devices take to open the circuit and clear the fault). The employer can precisely determine some of these parameters, such as the fault current and the clearing time, for a given system. The employer will need to estimate other parameters, such as the length of the arc and the distance between the arc and the employee, because such parameters vary widely.

TABLE 2-METHODS OF CALCULATING INCIDENT HEAT ENERGY FROM AN ELECTRIC ARC

1. Standard for Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces, NFPA 70E-2012, Annex D, "Sample Calculation of Flash Protection Boundary."

2. Doughty, T.E., Neal, T.E., and Floyd II, H.L., "Predicting Incident Energy to Better Manage the Electric Arc Hazard on 600 V Power Distribution Systems," Record of Conference Papers IEEE IAS 45th Annual Petroleum and Chemical Industry Conference, September 28-30, 1998.

3. Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations, IEEE Std 1584-2002, 1584a-2004 (Amendment 1 to IEEE Std 1584-2002), and 1584b-2011 (Amendment 2: Changes to Clause 4 of IEEE Std 1584-

2002).*
4. ARCPRO, a commercially available software program developed by Kinectrics, Toronto, ON, CA.
* This appendix refers to IEEE Std 1584-2002 with both amendments as IEEE Std 1584b-2011.
The amount of heat energy calculated by any of the methods is approximately inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the employee and the arc. In other words, if the employee is very close to the arc, the heat energy is very high; but if the employee is just a few more centimeters away, the heat energy drops substantially. Thus, estimating the distance from the arc to the employee is key to protecting employees.
The employer must select a method of estimating incident heat energy that provides a reasonable estimate of incident heat energy for the exposure involved. Table 3 shows which methods provide reasonable estimates for various exposures.
TABLE 3-SELECTING A REASONABLE INCIDENT-ENERGY CALCULATION METHOD 1

Incident-energy calculation method	600 V and Less 2			601 V to 15 kV 2			More than 15 kV		
	1Φ	3Φa	3Φb	1Φ	3Φa	3Φb	1Φ	3Φa	3Φb
NFPA 70E-2012 Annex D (Lee equation)	Y-C	Y	N	Y-C	Y-C	N	N3	N3	N3
Doughty, Neal, and Floyd	Y-C	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
IEEE Std 1584b-2011	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
ARCPRO	y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y4	Y4

Key:
1Φ: Single-phase arc in open air.
3Φa: Three-phase arc in open air.
3Φb: Three-phase arc in an enclosure (box).
Y: Acceptable; produces a reasonable estimate of incident heat energy from this type of electric arc.
N: Not acceptable; does not produce a reasonable estimate of incident heat energy from this type of electric arc.
Y-C: Acceptable; produces a reasonable, but conservative, estimate of incident heat energy from this type of electric arc.
Notes:
1 Although the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider these methods reasonable for enforcement purposes when employers use the methods in accordance with this table, employers should be aware that the listed methods do not necessarily result in estimates that will provide full protection from internal faults in transformers and similar equipment or from arcs in underground manholes or vaults.
2 At these voltages, the presumption is that the arc is three-phase unless the employer can demonstrate that only one phase is present or that the spacing of the phases is sufficient to prevent a multiphase arc from occurring.
3Although the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider this method acceptable for purposes of assessing whether incident energy exceeds 2.0 cal/cm2, the results at voltages of more than 15 kilovolts are extremely conservative and unrealistic.
4 The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will deem the results of this method reasonable when the employer adjusts them using the conversion factors for three-phase arcs in open air or in an enclosure, as indicated in the program's instructions.

Selecting a reasonable distance from the employee to the arc. In estimating available heat energy, the employer must make some reasonable assumptions about how far the employee will be from the electric arc. Table 4 lists reasonable distances from the employee to the electric arc. The distances in Table 4 are consistent with national consensus standards, such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2012, and IEEE Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations, IEEE Std 1584b-2011. The employer is free to use other reasonable distances, but must consider equipment enclosure size and the working distance to the employee in selecting a distance from the employee to the arc. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider a distance reasonable when the employer bases it on equipment size and working distance.

TABLE 4-SELECTING A REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM THE EMPLOYEE TO THE ELECTRIC ARC

Class of equipment	Single-phase arc mm (inches)	Three-phase arc mm (inches)
Cable	*NA	455 (18)
Low voltage MCCs and panelboards	NA	455 (18)
Low-voltage switchgear	NA	610 (24)
5-kV switchgear	NA	910 (36)
15-kV switchgear	NA	910 (36)
Single conductors in air (up to 46 kilovolts), work with rubber insulating gloves	380 (15)	NA
Single conductors in air, work with live-line tools and live-line barehand work	MAD - (2 × kV × 2.54) (MAD - (2 × kV /10)) †	NA

* NA = not applicable.
† The terms in this equation are:
MAD = The applicable minimum approach distance, and
kV = The system voltage in kilovolts.

Selecting a reasonable arc gap. For a single-phase arc in air, the electric arc will almost always occur when an energized conductor approaches too close to ground. Thus, an employer can determine the arc gap, or arc length, for these exposures by the dielectric strength of air and the voltage on the line. The dielectric strength of air is approximately 10 kilovolts for every 25.4 millimeters (1 inch). For example, at 50 kilovolts, the arc gap would be 50 ÷ 10 × 25.4 (or 50 × 2.54), which equals 127 millimeters (5 inches). For three-phase arcs in open air and in enclosures, the arc gap will generally be dependent on the spacing between parts energized at different electrical potentials. Documents such as IEEE Std 1584b-2011 provide information on these distances. Employers may select a reasonable arc gap from Table 5, or they may select any other reasonable arc gap based on sparkover distance or on the spacing between (1) live parts at different potentials or (2) live parts and grounded parts (for example, bus or conductor spacings in

equipment). In any event, the employer must use an estimate that reasonably resembles the actual exposures faced by the employee.

TABLE 5-SELECTING A REASONABLE ARC GAP

Class of equipment	Single-phase arc mm (inches)	Three-phase arc mm 1 (inches)
Cable	NA2	13 (0.5).
Low voltage MCCs and panelboards	NA	25 (1.0).
Low-voltage switchgear	NA	32 (1.25).
5-kV switchgear	NA	104 (4.0).
15-kV switchgear	NA	152 (6.0).
Single conductors in air, 15 kV and less.	51 (2.0)	Phase conductor spacing.
Single conductor in air, more than 15 kV	Voltage in kV × 2.54 (Voltage in kV × 0.1), but no less than 51 mm (2 inches).	Phase conductor spacing.

1 Source: IEEE Std 1584b-2011.
2 NA = not applicable.

Making estimates over multiple system areas. The employer need not estimate the heat-energy exposure for every job task performed by each employee. Paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of § 1910.269 permits the employer to make broad estimates that cover multiple system areas provided that: (1) The employer uses reasonable assumptions about the energy-exposure distribution throughout the system, and (2) the estimates represent the maximum exposure for those areas. For example, the employer can use the maximum fault current and clearing time to cover several system areas at once.

Incident heat energy for single-phase-toground exposures. Table 6 and Table 7 provide incident heat energy levels for openair, phase-to-ground electric-arc exposures typical for overhead systems.22 Table 6 presents estimates of available energy for employees using rubber insulating gloves to perform work on overhead systems operating at 4 to 46 kilovolts. The table assumes that the employee will be 380 millimeters (15 inches) from the electric arc, which is a reasonable estimate for rubber insulating glove work. Table 6 also assumes that the arc length equals the sparkover distance for the maximum transient overvoltage of each voltage range.23 To use the table, an employer would use the voltage, maximum fault current, and maximum clearing time for a system area and, using the appropriate voltage range and fault-current and clearingtime values corresponding to the next higher values listed in the table, select the appropriate heat energy (4, 5, 8, or 12 cal/cm2) from the table. For example, an employer might have a 12,470-volt power line supplying a system area. The power line can supply a maximum fault current of 8 kiloamperes with a maximum clearing time of 10 cycles. For rubber glove work, this system falls in the 4.0-to-15.0-kilovolt range; the next-higher fault current is 10 kA (the second row in that voltage range); and the clearing time is under 18 cycles (the first column to the right of the fault current column). Thus,

the available heat energy for this part of the system will be 4 cal/cm2 or less (from the column heading), and the employer could select protection with a 5-cal/cm2 rating to meet § 1910.269(l)(8)(v).
Alternatively, an employer could select a base incident-energy value and ensure that the clearing times for each voltage range and fault current listed in the table do not exceed the corresponding clearing time specified in the table. For example, an employer that provides employees with arc-flash protective equipment rated at 8 cal/cm2 can use the table to determine if any system area exceeds 8 cal/cm2 by checking the clearing time for the highest fault current for each voltage range and ensuring that the clearing times do not exceed the values specified in the 8-cal/cm2 column in the table.
Table 7 presents similar estimates for employees using live-line tools to perform work on overhead systems operating at voltages of 4 to 800 kilovolts. The table assumes that the arc length will be equal to the sparkover distance24 and that the employee will be a distance from the arc equal to the minimum approach distance minus twice the sparkover distance.
The employer will need to use other methods for estimating available heat energy in situations not addressed by Table 6 or Table 7. The calculation methods listed in Table 2 and the guidance provided in Table 3 will help employers do this. For example, employers can use IEEE Std 1584b-2011 to estimate the available heat energy (and to select appropriate protective equipment) for many specific conditions, including lowervoltage, phase-to-phase arc, and enclosed arc exposures.

TABLE 6-INCIDENT HEAT ENERGY FOR VARIOUS FAULT CURRENTS, CLEARING TIMES, AND VOLTAGES OF 4.0 TO 46.0 KV: RUBBER INSULATING GLOVE EXPOSURES INVOLVING PHASE-TO-GROUND ARCS IN OPEN AIR ONLY * † ‡

Voltage range (kV) **	Fault current (kA)	Maximum clearing time (cycles)			
		4 cal/cm2	5 cal/cm2	8 cal/cm2	12 cal/cm2
	5	46	58	92	138
4.0 to 15.0	10	18	22	36	54
.....	15	10	12	20	30
	20	6	8	13	19
	5	28	34	55	83
15.1 to 25.0	10	11	14	23	34
.....	15	7	8	13	20
	20	4	5	9	13
	5	21	26	42	62
25.1 to 36.0	10	9	11	18	26
.....	15	5	6	10	16
	20	4	4	7	11
	5	16	20	32	48
36.1 to 46.0	10	7	9	14	21
.....	15	4	5	8	13
	20	3	4	6	9

Notes:* This table is for open-air, phase-to-ground electric-arc exposures. It is not for phase-to-phase arcs or enclosed arcs (arc in a box).
† The table assumes that the employee will be 380 mm (15 in.) from the electric arc. The table also assumes the arc length to be the sparkover distance for the maximum transient overvoltage of each voltage range (see Appendix B to § 1910.269), as follows:
4.0 to 15.0 kV 51 mm (2 in.)

15.1 to 25.0 kV 102 mm (4 in.)
25.1 to 36.0 kV 152 mm (6 in.)
36.1 to 46.0 kV 229 mm (9 in.)
‡ The Occupational Safety and Health Administration calculated the values in this table using the ARCPRO method listed in Table 2.
** The voltage range is the phase-to-phase system voltage.

TABLE 7-INCIDENT HEAT ENERGY FOR VARIOUS FAULT CURRENTS, CLEARING TIMES, AND VOLTAGES: LIVE-LINE TOOL EXPOSURES INVOLVING PHASE-TO-GROUND ARCS IN OPEN AIR ONLY * † ‡ #

Voltage range (kV) **	Fault current (kA)	Maximum clearing time (cycles)			
		4 cal/cm2	5 cal/cm2	8 cal/cm2	12 cal/cm2
4.0 to 15.0	5	197	246	394	591
	10	73	92	147	220
	15	39	49	78	117
	20	24	31	49	73
15.1 to 25.0	5	197	246	394	591
	10	75	94	150	225
	15	41	51	82	122
	20	26	33	52	78
25.1 to 36.0	5	138	172	275	413
	10	53	66	106	159
	15	30	37	59	89
	20	19	24	38	58
36.1 to 46.0	5	129	161	257	386
	10	51	64	102	154
	15	29	36	58	87
	20	19	24	38	57
46.1 to 72.5	20	18	23	36	55
	30	10	13	20	30
	40	6	8	13	19
	50	4	6	9	13
72.6 to 121.0	20	10	12	20	30
	30	6	7	11	17
	40	4	5	7	11
	50	3	3	5	8
121.1 to 145.0	20	12	15	24	35
	30	7	9	15	22
	40	5	6	10	15
	50	4	5	8	11
145.1 to 169.0	20	12	15	24	36
	30	7	9	15	22

	40	5	7	10	16
	50	4	5	8	12
	20	13	17	27	40
169.1 to 242.0	30	8	10	17	25
.....	40	6	7	12	17
	50	4	5	9	13
	20	25	32	51	76
242.1 to 362.0	30	16	19	31	47
.....	40	11	14	22	33
	50	8	10	16	25
	20	12	15	25	37
362.1 to 420.0	30	8	10	15	23
.....	40	5	7	11	16
	50	4	5	8	12
	20	23	29	47	70
420.1 to 550.0	30	14	18	29	43
.....	40	10	13	20	30
	50	8	9	15	23
	20	25	31	50	75
550.1 to 800.0	30	15	19	31	46
.....	40	11	13	21	32
	50	8	10	16	24

Notes:
* This table is for open-air, phase-to-ground electric-arc exposures. It is not for phase-to-phase arcs or enclosed arcs (arc in a box).
† The table assumes the arc length to be the sparkover distance for the maximum phase-to-ground voltage of each voltage range (see Appendix B to this section). The table also assumes that the employee will be the minimum approach distance minus twice the arc length from the electric arc.
‡ The Occupational Safety and Health Administration calculated the values in this table using the ARCPRO method listed in Table 2.
# For voltages of more than 72.6 kV, employers may use this table only when the minimum approach distance established under § 1910.269(l)(3)(i) is greater than or equal to the following values:
72.6 to 121.0 kV 1.02 m.
121.1 to 145.0 kV 1.16 m.
145.1 to 169.0 kV 1.30 m.
169.1 to 242.0 kV 1.72 m.
242.1 to 362.0 kV 2.76 m.
362.1 to 420.0 kV 2.50 m.
420.1 to 550.0 kV 3.62 m.
550.1 to 800.0 kV 4.83 m.
** The voltage range is the phase-to-phase system voltage.
B. Selecting Protective Clothing and Other Protective Equipment
Paragraph (l)(8)(v) of § 1910.269 requires employers, in certain situations, to select protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating that is greater than or equal to the incident heat energy estimated under § 1910.269(l)(8)(ii). Based on laboratory testing required by ASTM F1506-10a, the

expectation is that protective clothing with an arc rating equal to the estimated incident heat energy will be capable of preventing second-degree burn injury to an employee exposed to that incident heat energy from an electric arc. Note that actual electric-arc exposures may be more or less severe than the estimated value because of factors such as arc movement, arc length, arcing from reclosing of the system, secondary fires or explosions, and weather conditions. Additionally, for arc rating based on the fabric's arc thermal performance value 25 (ATPV), a worker exposed to incident energy at the arc rating has a 50-percent chance of just barely receiving a second-degree burn. Therefore, it is possible (although not likely) that an employee will sustain a second-degree (or worse) burn wearing clothing conforming to § 1910.269(l)(8)(v) under certain circumstances. However, reasonable employer estimates and maintaining appropriate minimum approach distances for employees should limit burns to relatively small burns that just barely extend beyond the epidermis (that is, just barely a seconddegree burn). Consequently, protective clothing and other protective equipment meeting § 1910.269(l)(8)(v) will provide an appropriate degree of protection for an employee exposed to electric-arc hazards.

Paragraph (l)(8)(v) of § 1910.269 does not require arc-rated protection for exposures of 2 cal/cm2 or less. Untreated cotton clothing will reduce a 2-cal/cm2 exposure below the 1.2- to 1.5-cal/cm2 level necessary to cause burn injury, and this material should not ignite at such low heat energy levels. Although § 1910.269(l)(8)(v) does not require clothing to have an arc rating when exposures are 2 cal/cm2 or less, § 1910.269(l)(8)(iv) requires the outer layer of clothing to be flame resistant under certain conditions, even when the estimated incident heat energy is less than 2 cal/cm2, as discussed later in this appendix. Additionally, it is especially important to ensure that employees do not wear undergarments made from fabrics listed in the note to § 1910.269(l)(8)(iii) even when the outer layer is flame resistant or arc rated. These fabrics can melt or ignite easily when an electric arc occurs. Logos and name tags made from non-flame-resistant material can adversely affect the arc rating or the flameresistant characteristics of arc-rated or flameresistant clothing. Such logos and name tags may violate § 1910.269(l)(8)(iii), (l)(8)(iv), or (l)(8)(v).

Paragraph (l)(8)(v) of § 1910.269 requires that arc-rated protection cover the employee's entire body, with limited exceptions for the employee's hands, feet, face, and head. Paragraph (l)(8)(v)(A) of § 1910.269 provides that arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's hands under the following conditions:

For any estimated incident heat energy	When the employee is wearing rubber insulating gloves with protectors.
If the estimated incident heat energy does not exceed 14 cal/cm2	When the employee is wearing heavy-duty leather work gloves with a weight of at least 407 gm/m2 (12 oz/yd2).

Paragraph (l)(8)(v)(B) of § 1910.269 provides that arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's feet when the employee is wearing heavy-duty work shoes or boots. Finally, § 1910.269(l)(8)(v)(C), (l)(8)(v)(D), and (l)(8)(v)(E) require arc-rated head and face protection as follows:

	Minimum head and face protection		
Exposure	None *	Arc-rated faceshield with a minimum rating of 8 cal/cm2*	Arc-rated hood or faceshield with balaclava
Single-phase, open air	2-8 cal/cm2	9-12 cal/cm2	13 cal/cm2 or higher †.
Three-phase	2-4 cal/cm2	5-8 cal/cm2	9 cal/cm2 or higher ‡.

* These ranges assume that employees are wearing hardhats meeting the specifications in § 1910.135 or § 1926.100(b)(2), as applicable.

† The arc rating must be a minimum of 4 cal/cm2 less than the estimated incident energy. Note that § 1910.269(l)(8)(v)(E) permits this type of head and face protection, with a minimum arc rating of 4 cal/cm2 less than the estimated incident energy, at any incident energy level.
‡ Note that § 1910.269(l)(8)(v) permits this type of head and face protection at any incident energy level.

IV. Protection Against Ignition

Paragraph (l)(8)(iii) of § 1910.269 prohibits clothing that could melt onto an employee's skin or that could ignite and continue to burn when exposed to flames or to the available heat energy estimated by the employer under § 1910.269(l)(8)(ii). Meltable fabrics, such as acetate, nylon, polyester, and polypropylene, even in blends, must be avoided. When these fibers melt, they can adhere to the skin, thereby transferring heat rapidly, exacerbating burns, and complicating treatment. These outcomes can result even if the meltable fabric is not directly next to the skin. The remainder of this section focuses on the prevention of ignition.

Paragraph (l)(8)(v) of § 1910.269 generally requires protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating greater than or equal to the employer's estimate of available heat energy. As explained earlier in this appendix, untreated cotton is usually acceptable for exposures of 2 cal/cm2 or less.26 If the exposure is greater than that, the employee generally must wear flame-resistant clothing with a suitable arc rating in accordance with § 1910.269(l)(8)(iv) and (l)(8)(v). However, even if an employee is wearing a layer of flame-resistant clothing, there are circumstances under which flammable layers of clothing would be uncovered, and an electric arc could ignite them. For example, clothing ignition is possible if the employee is wearing flammable clothing under the flame-resistant clothing and the underlayer is uncovered because of an opening in the flame-resistant clothing. Thus, for purposes of § 1910.269(l)(8)(iii), it is important for the employer to consider the possibility of clothing ignition even when an employee is wearing flame-resistant clothing with a suitable arc rating.

Under § 1910.269(l)(8)(iii), employees may not wear flammable clothing in conjunction with flame-resistant clothing if the flammable clothing poses an ignition hazard.27 Although outer flame-resistant layers may not have openings that expose flammable inner layers, when an outer flame-resistant layer would be unable to resist breakopen,28 the next (inner) layer must be flame-resistant if it could ignite. Non-flame-resistant clothing can ignite even when the heat energy from an electric arc is insufficient to ignite the clothing. For example, nearby flames can ignite an employee's clothing; and, even in the absence of flames, electric arcs pose ignition hazards beyond the hazard of ignition from incident energy under certain conditions. In addition to requiring flame-resistant clothing when the estimated incident energy exceeds 2.0 cal/cm2, § 1910.269(l)(8)(iv) requires flame-resistant clothing when: The employee is exposed to contact with energized circuit parts operating at more than 600 volts (§ 1910.269(l)(8)(iv)(A)), an electric arc could ignite flammable material in the work area that, in turn, could ignite the employee's clothing (§ 1910.269(l)(8)(iv)(B)), and molten metal or electric arcs from faulted conductors in the work area could ignite the employee's clothing (§ 1910.269(l)(8)(iv)(C)). For example, grounding conductors can become a source of heat energy if they cannot carry fault current without failure. The employer must consider these possible sources of electric arcs 29 in determining whether the employee's clothing could ignite under § 1910.269(l)(8)(iv)(C).

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[1] Flame-resistant clothing includes clothing that is inherently flame resistant and clothing chemically treated with a flame retardant. (See ASTM F1506-10a, Standard Performance Specification for Flame Resistant Textile Materials for Wearing Apparel for Use by Electrical Workers Exposed to Momentary Electric Arc and Related Thermal Hazards, and ASTM F1891-12 Standard Specification for Arc and Flame Resistant Rainwear.)

[2] The Occupational Safety and Health Administration used metric values to calculate the clearing times in Table 6 and Table 7. An employer may use English units to calculate clearing times instead even though the results will differ slightly.

[3] The Occupational Safety and Health Administration based this assumption, which is more conservative than the arc length specified in Table 5, on Table 410-2 of the 2012 NESC.

[4] The dielectric strength of air is about 10 kilovolts for every 25.4 millimeters (1 inch). Thus, the employer can estimate the arc length in millimeters to be the phase-to-ground voltage in kilovolts multiplied by 2.54 (or voltage (in kilovolts) × 2.54).
[5] ASTM F1506-10a defines "arc thermal performance value" as "the incident energy on a material or a multilayer system of materials that results in a 50% probability that sufficient heat transfer through the tested specimen is predicted to cause the onset of a second-degree skin burn injury based on the Stoll [footnote] curve, cal/cm2." The footnote to this definition reads: "Derived from: Stoll, A. M., and Chianta, M. A., 'Method and Rating System for Evaluations of Thermal Protection,' Aerospace Medicine, Vol 40, 1969, pp. 1232-1238 and Stoll, A. M., and Chianta, M. A., 'Heat Transfer through Fabrics as Related to Thermal Injury,' Transactions-New York Academy of Sciences, Vol 33(7), Nov. 1971, pp. 649-670."
[6] See § 1910.269(l)(8)(iv)(A), (l)(8)(iv)(B), and (l)(8)(iv)(C) for conditions under which employees must wear flame-resistant clothing as the outer layer of clothing even when the incident heat energy does not exceed 2 cal/cm2.
7 Paragraph (l)(8)(iii) of § 1910.269 prohibits clothing that could ignite and continue to burn when exposed to the heat energy estimated under paragraph (l)(8)(ii) of that section.
[8] Breakopen occurs when a hole, tear, or crack develops in the exposed fabric such that the fabric no longer effectively blocks incident heat energy.
[9] Static wires and pole grounds are examples of grounding conductors that might not be capable of carrying fault current without failure. Grounds that can carry the maximum available fault current are not a concern, and employers need not consider such grounds a possible electric arc source.

Appendix F to § 1910.269-Work-Positioning Equipment Inspection Guidelines

I. Body Belts

Inspect body belts to ensure that:

A. The hardware has no cracks, nicks, distortion, or corrosion;
B. No loose or worn rivets are present;
C. The waist strap has no loose grommets;
D. The fastening straps are not 100-percent leather; and
E. No worn materials that could affect the safety of the user are present.

II. Positioning Straps

Inspect positioning straps to ensure that:

A. The warning center of the strap material is not exposed;
B. No cuts, burns, extra holes, or fraying of strap material is present;
C. Rivets are properly secured;
D. Straps are not 100-percent leather; and
E. Snaphooks do not have cracks, burns, or corrosion.

III. Climbers

Inspect pole and tree climbers to ensure that:

A. Gaffs are at least as long as the manufacturer's recommended minimums (generally 32 and 51 millimeters (1.25 and 2.0 inches) for pole and tree climbers, respectively, measured on the underside of the gaff);

Note: Gauges are available to assist in determining whether gaffs are long enough and shaped to easily penetrate poles or trees.

B. Gaffs and leg irons are not fractured or cracked;
C. Stirrups and leg irons are free of excessive wear;
D. Gaffs are not loose;
E. Gaffs are free of deformation that could adversely affect use;
F. Gaffs are properly sharpened; and
G. There are no broken straps or buckles.

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Appendix G to § 1910.269-Reference Documents

The references contained in this appendix provide information that can be helpful in understanding and complying with the requirements contained in § 1910.269. The national consensus standards referenced in this appendix contain detailed specifications that employers may follow in complying with the more performance-based requirements of § 1910.269. Except as specifically noted in § 1910.269, however, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will not necessarily deem compliance with the national consensus standards to be compliance with the provisions of § 1910.269.

ANSI/SIA A92.2-2009,*American National Standard for Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices.*

ANSI Z133-2012,*American National Standard Safety Requirements for Arboricultural Operations-Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush.*

ANSI/IEEE Std 935--1989,*IEEE Guide on Terminology for Tools and Equipment to Be Used in Live Line Working.*

ASME B20.1-2012,*Safety Standard for Conveyors and Related Equipment.*

ASTM D120-09,*Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves.*

ASTM D149-09 (2013),*Standard Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies.*

ASTM D178-01 (2010),*Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting.*

ASTM D1048-12,*Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets.*

ASTM D1049-98 (2010),*Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers.*

ASTM D1050-05 (2011),*Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose.*

ASTM D1051-08,*Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves.*

ASTM F478-09,*Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Line Hose and Covers.*

ASTM F479-06 (2011),*Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Blankets.*

ASTM F496-08,*Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves.*

ASTM F711-02 (2007),*Standard Specification for Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Rod and Tube Used in Live Line Tools.*

ASTM F712-06 (2011),*Standard Test Methods and Specifications for Electrically Insulating Plastic Guard Equipment for Protection of Workers.*

ASTM F819-10,*Standard Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers.*

ASTM F855-09,*Standard Specifications for Temporary Protective Grounds to Be Used on De-energized Electric Power Lines and Equipment.*

ASTM F887-12^{e1},*Standard Specifications for Personal Climbing Equipment.*

ASTM F914/F914M-10,*Standard Test Method for Acoustic Emission for Aerial Personnel Devices Without Supplemental Load Handling Attachments.*

ASTM F1116-03 (2008),*Standard Test Method for Determining Dielectric Strength of Dielectric Footwear.*

ASTM F1117-03 (2008),*Standard Specification for Dielectric Footwear.*

ASTM F1236-96 (2012),*Standard Guide for Visual Inspection of Electrical Protective Rubber Products.*

ASTM F1430/F1430M-10,*Standard Test Method for Acoustic Emission Testing of Insulated and Non-Insulated Aerial Personnel Devices with Supplemental Load Handling Attachments.*

ASTM F1505-10,*Standard Specification for Insulated and Insulating Hand Tools.*

ASTM F1506-10a,*Standard Performance Specification for Flame Resistant and Arc Rated Textile Materials for Wearing Apparel for Use by Electrical Workers Exposed to Momentary Electric Arc and Related Thermal Hazards.*

ASTM F1564-13,*Standard Specification for Structure-Mounted Insulating Work Platforms for Electrical Workers.*

ASTM F1701-12,*Standard Specification for Unused Polypropylene Rope with Special Electrical Properties.*

ASTM F1742-03 (2011),*Standard Specification for PVC Insulating Sheeting.*

ASTM F1796-09,*Standard Specification for High Voltage Detectors-Part 1 Capacitive Type to be Used for Voltages Exceeding 600 Volts AC.*

ASTM F1797-09^{e1},*Standard Test Method for Acoustic Emission Testing of Insulated and Non-Insulated Digger Derricks.*

ASTM F1825-03 (2007),*Standard Specification for Clampstick Type Live Line Tools.*

ASTM F1826-00 (2011),*Standard Specification for Live Line and Measuring Telescoping Tools.*

ASTM F1891-12,*Standard Specification for Arc and Flame Resistant Rainwear.*

ASTM F1958/F1958M-12,*Standard Test Method for Determining the Ignitability of Non-flame-Resistant Materials for Clothing by Electric Arc Exposure Method Using Mannequins.*

ASTM F1959/F1959M-12,*Standard Test Method for Determining the Arc Rating of Materials for Clothing.*

IEEE Stds 4-1995,4a-2001(Amendment to IEEE Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing), *IEEE Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing.*

IEEE Std 62-1995,*IEEE Guide for Diagnostic Field Testing of Electric Power Apparatus-Part 1: Oil Filled Power Transformers, Regulators, and Reactors.*

IEEE Std 80-2000,*Guide for Safety in AC Substation Grounding.*

IEEE Std 100-2000, *The Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards Terms Seventh Edition.*

IEEE Std 516-2009, *IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines.*

IEEE Std 524-2003, *IEEE Guide to the Installation of Overhead Transmission Line Conductors .*

IEEE Std 957-2005, *IEEE Guide for Cleaning Insulators.*

IEEE Std 1048-2003, *IEEE Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines.*

IEEE Std 1067-2005, *IEEE Guide for In-Service Use, Care, Maintenance, and Testing of Conductive Clothing for Use on Voltages up to 765 kV AC and ±750 kV DC.*

IEEE Std 1307-2004, *IEEE Standard for Fall Protection for Utility Work.*

IEEE Stds 1584-2002,1584a-2004 Amendment 1 to IEEE Std 1584-2002), and 1584b-2011 (Amendment 2: Changes to Clause 4 of IEEE Std 1584-2002), *IEEE Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations.*

IEEE C2-2012, *National Electrical Safety Code.*

NFPA 70E-2012, *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace.*

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Adoption by Reference.
In addition to, and not in lieu of, any other health and safety codes contained in OAR Chapter 437, the Department adopts by reference the following **federal regulations** [~~rules as~~]printed **as part of** [~~in~~]the Code of Federal Regulations, 29 CFR 1910, [~~revised as of 7/1/93~~]**in the Federal Register**:
(1) 29 CFR 1910.301 Introduction; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended~~]8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185.
Design Safety Standards for Electrical Systems
(2) 29 CFR 1910.302 Electrical utilization systems; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185;~~]2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136.
(3) 29 CFR 1910.303 General requirements; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185; 2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136; amended~~]10/29/08, FR vol. 73, no. 210, p. 64202.
(4) 29 CFR 1910.304 Wiring design and protection; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185; amended 8/6/90, FR vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020; 2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136; amended~~]10/29/08, FR vol. 73, no. 210, p. 64202.
(5) 29 CFR 1910.305 Wiring methods, components and equipment for general use; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185;~~]2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136.
(6) 29 CFR 1910.306 Specific purpose equipment and installations; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185;~~]2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136.
(7) 29 CFR 1910.307 Hazardous (classified) locations; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185;~~]2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136.
(8) 29 CFR 1910.308 Special systems; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81 FR vol. 46, p. 40185;~~]2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136.
(9) (Reserved for 1910.309 - .330)
(10) 29 CFR 1910.331 Scope; published [~~8/6/90, Federal Register vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020; amended 1/31/94, FR vol. 59, no. 20, pp. 4475-6~~]**4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316**.
(11) 29 CFR 1910.332 Training; published 8/6/90, Federal Register vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020.
(12) 29 CFR 1910.333 Selection and use of work practices; published [~~8/6/90, Federal Register vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020; amended 11/1/90, FR vol. 55, no. 212, pp. 46052-46054; amended~~]1/31/94, FR vol. 59, no. 20, pp. 4475-6; amended with OR-OSHA AO 4-2007, filed and effective 8/15/07.
(13) 29 CFR 1910.334 Use of equipment; published [~~8/6/90, Federal Register vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020; amended~~]11/1/90, FR vol. 55, no. 212, pp. 46052-46054.
(14) 29 CFR 1910.335 Safeguards for personnel protection; published 8/6/90, Federal Register vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020.
(15) (Reserved for 1910.336 - .360)
Safety-Related Maintenance Requirements
(16) (Reserved for 1910.361 - .380)
Safety Requirements for Special Equipment

(17) (Reserved for 1910.381 - .398)
(18) 29 CFR 1910.399 Definitions Applicable to this Subdivision; published [~~1/16/81, Federal Register vol. 46, p. 4056; amended 8/7/81, FR vol. 46, p. 40185, amended 4/12/88, FR vol. 53, p. 12123; amended 8/6/90 FR vol. 55, no. 151, pp. 32016-32020; 2/14/07, FR vol. 72, no. 30, p. 7136~~]**4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316**.
(19) Appendices
Appendix A – Reference Documents
These standards are available at the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services; and the United States Government Printing Office.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order 2-1991, f. 2/4/91, ef. 4/1/91.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-1994, f. 8/1/94, ef. 8/1/94.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 4-2007, f. 8/15/07, ef. 8/15/07.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order 3-2009, f. 4/6/09, ef. 4/17/09.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

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Note 1 **to paragraph (c)(1): . . . .**

Note 2 **to paragraph (c)(1): . . . .**

Note 3 **to paragraph (c)(1):** Work on or directly associated with generation, transmission, or distribution installations includes:

(1) Work performed directly on such installations, such as repairing overhead or underground distribution lines or repairing a feed-water pump for the boiler in a generating plant.

(2) Work directly associated with such installations, such as line-clearance tree trimming and replacing utility poles **(see the definition of "line-clearance tree trimming" in 1910.269(x))**.

(3) Work on electric utilization circuits in a generating plant provided that:
(A) Such circuits are commingled with installations of power generation equipment or circuits, and
(B) The generation equipment of circuits present greater electrical hazards than those posed by the utilization equipment or circuits (such as exposure to higher voltages or lack of overcurrent protection).
This work is covered by 1910.269 of this part.

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[~~Line-clearance tree trimming. The pruning, trimming, repairing, maintaining, removing, or clearing of trees or cutting of brush that is with 305 cm (10 feet) of electric supply lines and equipment.~~]
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DIVISION 3, CONSTRUCTION

437-003-0001
Adoption by Reference. In addition to, and not in lieu of, any other safety and health codes contained in OAR Chapter 437, the Department adopts by reference the following federal regulations printed as part of the Code of Federal Regulations, in the Federal Register:
(1) Subdivision A – GENERAL
(a) 29 CFR 1926.1 Purpose and Scope, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.2 Variances from safety and health standards, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.3 Inspections – right of entry, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.4 Rules of practice for administrative adjudications for enforcement of safety and health standards, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.6 Incorporation by reference, published [~~6/13/13, FR vol. 78, no. 114, p. 35559; 11/6/13, FR vol. 78, no. 215, p. 66641~~]**4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316**.
(2) Subdivision B – GENERAL INTERPRETATIONS
(a) 29 CFR 1926.10 Scope of subpart, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.11 Coverage under section 103 of the act distinguished, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.12 Reorganization plan No. 14 of 1950, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.13 Interpretation of statutory terms, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.14 Federal contracts for 'mixed' types of performance, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.15 Relationship to the service contract act; Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.16 Rules of construction, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(3) Subdivision C – GENERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROVISIONS
(a) 29 CFR 1926.20 General safety and health provisions, published 12/12/08, FR vol. 73, no. 240, pp. 75568-75589.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.21 Safety training and education, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940; amended with Oregon OSHA AO 6-2012, repealed (b)(6), f. 9/28/12, ef. 4/1/13.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.22 Recording and reporting of injuries (Reserved)
(d) 29 CFR 1926.23 First aid and medical attention, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.24 Fire protection and prevention, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.25 Housekeeping, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.26 Illumination, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.27 Sanitation, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(i) 29 CFR 1926.28 Personal protective equipment. REPEALED with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 2-2013, filed 2/15/13, effective 4/1/13. In Oregon, OAR 437-003-0134 applies.
(j) 29 CFR 1926.29 Acceptable certifications, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(k) 29 CFR 1926.30 Shipbuilding and ship repairing, published 3/7/96, FR vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9249.
(l) 29 CFR 1926.31 (Reserved).
(m) 29 CFR 1926.32 Definitions, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35078.
(n) 29 CFR 1926.33 Access to employee exposure and medical records, published 6/20/96, FR vol. 61, no. 46, p. 31427.
(o) 29 CFR 1926.34 Means of egress, published 6/30/93, Federal Register, vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35083.
(4) Subdivision D – OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS
(a) 29 CFR 1926.50 Medical services and first aid, published 6/18/98, FR vol. 63, no. 117, p. 33469.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.51 Sanitation, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35084.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.52 Occupational noise exposure, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.53 Ionizing radiation, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.54 Nonionizing radiation, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.55 Gases, vapors, fumes, dusts, and mists, published 1/10/97, FR vol. 62, no. 7, p. 1619.

(g) 29 CFR 1926.56 Illumination, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.57 Ventilation, published 1/8/98, FR vol. 63, no. 5, p. 1295.
(i) 29 CFR 1926.58 Reserved, §1926.58, Asbestos, tremolite, anthophyllite and actinolite is redesignated as §1926.1101, Asbestos, and §1926.58 is reserved (8/10/94, FR vol. 59, no. 153, pp. 41131-62).
(j) 29 CFR 1926.59 Hazard Communication, published 6/20/96, FR vol. 61, p. 31427.
(k) 29 CFR 1926.60 Methylenedianiline (MDA), published 12/12/08, FR vol. 73, no. 240, pp. 75568-75589.
(l) 29 CFR 1926.61 Retention of DOT markings, placards and labels, published 6/20/96, FR vol. 61, p. 31427.
(m) 29 CFR 1926.62 Lead, published 12/12/08, FR vol. 73, no. 240, pp. 75568-75589.
NOTE: Cadmium has been redesignated as §1926.1127.
(n) 29 CFR 1926.65 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
NOTE: Division 2/H, 1910.120, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, applies to Construction.
(5) Subdivision E – PERSONAL PROTECTIVE AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT
(a) 29 CFR 1926.95 Criteria for personal protective equipment. REPEALED with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 2-2013, filed 2/15/13, effective 4/1/13. In Oregon, OAR 437-003-0134 applies.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.97 Electrical protective equipment, published 4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316.
(~~b~~**c**) 29 CFR 1926.100 Head protection. REPEALED with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 2-2013, filed 2/15/13, effective 4/1/13. In Oregon, OAR 437-003-0134 applies.
(~~c~~**d**) 29 CFR 1926.101 Hearing protection. REPEALED with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 2-2013, filed 2/15/13, effective 4/1/13. In Oregon, OAR 437-003-0134 applies.
(~~d~~**e**) 29 CFR 1926.102 Eye and face protection. REPEALED with Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 2-2013, filed 2/15/13, effective 4/1/13. In Oregon, OAR 437-003-0134 applies.
(~~e~~**f**) 29 CFR 1926.103 Respiratory protection, published 1/8/98, FR vol. 63, no. 5, p. 1297.
NOTE: 29 CFR 1926.104 Removed, 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40729.
(~~f~~**g**) 29 CFR 1926.105 Reserved, 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40729.
(~~g~~**h**) 29 CFR 1926.106 Working over or near water, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(~~h~~**i**) 29 CFR 1926.107 Definitions applicable to this subpart, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40729.
(6) Subdivision F – FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION
(a) 29 CFR 1926.150 Fire protection, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.151 Fire prevention, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, p. 25318.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.152 Flammable and combustible liquids, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35162.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.153 Liquefied petroleum gas (LP-Gas), published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35170.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.154 Temporary heating devices, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.155 Definitions applicable to this subpart, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(7) Subdivision G – SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND BARRICADES
(a) 29 CFR 1926.200 Accident prevention signs and tags, published 6/13/13, FR vol. 78, no. 114, p. 35559; 11/6/13, FR vol. 78, no. 215, p. 66641.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.201 Signaling, REPEALED with OR-OSHA Admin. Order 2-2003, f. 1/30/03, ef. 1/30/03.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.202 Barricades, REPEALED with OR-OSHA Admin. Order 2-2003, f. 1/30/03, ef. 1/30/03.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.203 Definitions applicable to this subpart, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940; amended with OR-OSHA Admin. Order 2-2003, f. 1/30/03, ef. 1/30/03.
(8) Subdivision H – MATERIALS HANDLING, STORAGE, USE AND DISPOSAL
(a) 29 CFR 1926.250 General requirements for storage, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35173.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.251 Rigging equipment for material handling, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35173.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.252 Disposal of waste materials, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.

(9) Subdivision I – TOOLS – HAND AND POWER
(a) 29 CFR 1926.300 General requirements, published 3/7/96, FR vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9250.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.301 Hand tools, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.302 Power operated hand tools, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35175.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.303 Abrasive wheels and tools, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35175.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.304 Woodworking tools, published 3/7/96, FR vol. 61, no. 46, p. 9251.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.305 Jacks - lever and ratchet, screw, and hydraulic, published Federal Register vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35176.
(10) Subdivision J – WELDING AND CUTTING
(a) 29 CFR 1926.350 Gas welding and cutting. Repealed. Oregon OSHA Admin. Order 6-2014, f. 10/28/14, ef. 5/1/15. In Oregon, OAR 437-002-2253 applies.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.351 Arc welding and cutting, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, p. 25318.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.352 Fire prevention, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.353 Ventilation and protection in welding, cutting, and heating, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35179.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.354 Welding, cutting, and heating in way of preservative coatings, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(11) Subdivision K – ELECTRICAL
(a) 29 CFR 1926.400 Introduction, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.401 (Reserved)
(c) 29 CFR 1926.402 Applicability, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.403 General requirements, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.404 Wiring design and protection, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335; amended with AO 5-2002, repeal (b)(1), f. 6/28/02, ef. 10/1/03.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.405 Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.406 Specific purpose equipment and installations, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.407 Hazardous (classified) locations, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(i) 29 CFR 1926.408 Special systems, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(j) 29 CFR 1926.409 (Reserved)
(k) 29 CFR 1926.415 (Reserved)
(l) 29 CFR 1926.416 General requirements, published 8/12/96, FR vol. 61, no. 156, p. 41738.
(m) 29 CFR 1926.417 Lockout and tagging of circuits, published 8/12/96, FR vol. 61, no. 156, p. 41739.
(n) 29 CFR 1926.418 (Reserved)
(o) 29 CFR 1926.430 (Reserved)
(p) 29 CFR 1926.431 Maintenance of equipment, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(q) 29 CFR 1926.432 Environmental deterioration of equipment, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(r) 29 CFR 1926.433 - 29 CFR 1926.440 (Reserved)
(s) 29 CFR 1926.441 Battery locations and battery charging, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(t) 29 CFR 1926.442 - 29 CFR 1926.448 (Reserved)
(u) 29 CFR 1926.449 Definitions applicable to this subpart, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, no. 133, pp. 25294-25335.
(12) Subdivision L – SCAFFOLDING
(a) 29 CFR 1926.450 Scope, application and definitions applicable to this subpart, published 8/9/10, FR vol. 75, no. 152, pp. 47906-48177.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.451 General requirements, published 11/25/96, FR vol. 61, no. 228, p. 59831.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.452 Additional requirements applicable to specific types of scaffolds, published 8/30/96, FR vol. 61, no. 170, p. 46113.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.453 Aerial lifts, published 11/25/96, FR vol. 61, no. 228, p. 59832.

(e) 29 CFR 1926.454 Training, published 8/30/96, FR vol. 61, no. 170, p. 46117.
(f) Appendix A to Subpart L Scaffold Specifications, published 8/30/96, FR vol. 61, no. 170, p. 46117.
(g) Appendix B to Subpart L Criteria for determining the feasibility of providing safe access and fall protection for scaffold erectors and dismantlers (Reserved), published 8/30/96, FR vol. 61, no. 170, p. 46122.
(h) Appendix C to Subpart L List of National Consensus Standards, published 8/30/96, FR vol. 61, no. 170, p. 46122.
(i) Appendix D to Subpart L List of training topics for scaffold erectors and dismantlers, published 8/30/96, FR vol. 61, no. 170, p. 46122.
(j) Appendix E to Subpart L Drawing and illustrations, published 11/25/96, FR vol. 61, no. 228, p. 59832.
(13) Subdivision M – FALL PROTECTION
(a) 29 CFR 1926.500 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart, published [~~8/9/10, FR vol. 75, no. 152, pp. 47906-48177~~]**4/11/14, FR vol. 79, no. 70, p. 20316**.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.501 Duty to have fall protection, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40732-40733; amended with AO 6-2002, f. and ef. 7/19/02.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.502 Fall protection systems criteria and practices, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40733-40738; amended with AO 6-2002, f. and ef. 7/19/02.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.503 Training requirements. REPEALED with AO 6-2002, f. and ef. 7/19/02, replaced with OI.
(e) Appendix A to Subpart M Determining Roof Widths, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40738-40742.
(f) Appendix B to Subpart M Guardrail Systems, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40743.
(g) Appendix C to Subpart M Personal Fall Arrest Systems, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40743-40746.
(h) Appendix D to Subpart M Positioning Device Systems, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40746.
(14) Subdivision N – HELICOPTERS, HOISTS, ELEVATORS, AND CONVEYORS
(a) 29 CFR 1926.550 (Reserved).
(b) 29 CFR 1926.551 Helicopters, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.552 Material hoists, personnel hoists, and elevators, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.553 Base-mounted drum hoist, published 8/9/10, FR vol. 75, no. 152, pp. 47906-48177.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.554 Overhead hoists, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.555 Conveyors, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(15) Subdivision O – MOTOR VEHICLES, MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT, AND MARINE OPERATIONS
(a) 29 CFR 1926.600 Equipment, published 8/9/10, FR vol. 75, no. 152, pp. 47906-48177.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.601 Motor vehicles, REPEALED by OR-OSHA Admin. Order 6-2007, f. 9/26/07, ef. 9/26/07.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.602 Material handling equipment, published 12/1/98, FR vol. 63, no. 230, p. 66274; amended by AO 7-2003, f. 12/5/03, ef. 12/5/03.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.603 Pile driving equipment, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.604 Site clearing, published 7/22/77, FR vol. 42, p. 37674.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.605 Marine operations and equipment, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.606 Definitions applicable to this subpart, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(16) Subdivision P – EXCAVATIONS
(a) 29 CFR 1926.650 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subdivision, published 10/31/89, FR vol. 54, no. 209, pp. 45959-45961.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.651 General requirements, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40730.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.652 Requirements for protective systems, published 10/31/89, FR vol. 54, no. 209, pp. 45961-45962.
(d) Appendices A-F to Subdivision P, Excavations, published 10/31/89, FR vol. 54, no. 209, pp. 45962-45991.
(17) Subdivision Q – CONCRETE AND MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

(a) 29 CFR 1926.700 Scope, application and definitions applicable to this subpart, published 10/18/90, FR vol. 55, no. 202, p. 42326.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.701 General requirements, published 8/9/94, FR vol. 59, no. 152, p. 40730.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.702 Requirements for equipment and tools, published 6/16/88, FR vol. 53, p. 22612.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.703 Requirements for cast-in-place concrete, published 6/16/88, FR vol. 53, p. 22612.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.704 Requirements for precast concrete, published 10/5/89, FR vol. 54, no. 192, p. 41088.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.705 Requirements for lift-slab construction operations, published 10/18/90, FR vol. 55, no. 202, p. 42326.
(g) Appendix A to 1926.705 Lift-slab operations, published 10/18/90, FR vol. 55, no. 202, p. 42326.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.706 Requirements for masonry construction, published 6/16/88, FR vol. 53, p. 22612; amended with OR-OSHA Admin. Order 1-2003, f. 1/30/03, ef. 4/30/03.
(18) Subdivision R – STEEL ERECTION
(a) 29 CFR 1926.750 Scope, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.751 Definitions, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137; amended with AO 6-2002, f. and ef. 7/19/02; amended with AO 8-2003, f. 12/30/03, ef. 1/1/04.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.752 Site layout, site-specific erection plan and construction sequence, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.753 Hoisting and rigging, published 8/9/10, FR vol. 75, no. 152, pp. 47906-48177.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.754 Structural steel assembly, published 4/3/06, FR vol. 71, no. 63, p. 16669.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.755 Column anchorage, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.756 Beams and columns, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.757 Open web steel joists, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137; amended with AO 8-2003, f. 12/30/03, ef. 1/1/04.
(i) 29 CFR 1926.758 Systems-engineered metal buildings, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(j) 29 CFR 1926.759 Falling object protection, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(k) 29 CFR 1926.760 Fall protection, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137; amended with AO 8-2003, f. 12/30/03, ef. 1/1/04.
(l) 29 CFR 1926.761 Training, published 12/12/08, FR vol. 73, no. 240, pp. 75568-75589.
(m) Appendix A to Subpart R Guidelines for establishing the components of a site-specific erection plan: Nonmandatory Guidelines for Complying with §1926.752(e), published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(n) Appendix B to Subpart R Reserved.
(o) Appendix C to Subpart R Illustrations of bridging terminus points: Nonmandatory Guidelines for Complying with §1926.757(a)(10) and §1926.757(c)(5), published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(p) Appendix D to Subpart R Illustration of the use of control lines to demarcate controlled decking zones (CDZs): Nonmandatory Guidelines for Complying with §1926.760(c)(3), REPEALED with AO 6-2002, f. and ef. 7/19/02; amended with AO 8-2003, f. 12/30/03, ef. 1/1/04.
(q) Appendix E to Subpart R Training: Nonmandatory Guidelines for Complying with §1926.761, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(r) Appendix F to Subpart R Perimeter columns: Nonmandatory Guidelines for Complying with §1926.756(e) to Protect the Unprotected Side or Edge of a Walking/Working Surface, published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(s) Appendix G to Subpart R Fall protection systems criteria and practices from §1926.502: Nonmandatory Guidelines for Complying with Complying with §1926.760(d), REPEALED with AO 6-2002, f. and ef. 7/19/02; amended with AO 8-2003, f. 12/30/03, ef. 1/1/04.
(t) Appendix H to Subpart R Double connections: Illustration of a clipped end connection and a staggered connection: Non-Mandatory Guidelines for Complying with Complying with §1926.756(c)(1), published 7/17/01, FR vol. 66, no. 137, p. 37137.
(19) Subdivision S – UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION, CAISSONS, COFFERDAMS, AND COMPRESSED AIR
(a) 29 CFR 1926.800 Underground construction, published 4/23/13, FR vol. 78, no. 78, p. 23837.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.801 Caissons, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.

(c) 29 CFR 1926.802 Cofferdams, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.803 Compressed air, published 7/11/86, FR vol. 51, p. 25318.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.804 Definitions applicable to this subpart, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) Appendix A to Subpart S Decompression Tables, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(20) Subdivision T – DEMOLITION
(a) 29 CFR 1926.850 Preparatory operations, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.851 Stairs, passageways, and ladders, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.852 Chutes, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.853 Removal of materials through floor openings, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.854 Removal of walls, masonry sections, and chimneys, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.855 Manual removal of floors, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.856 Removal of walls, floors, and materials with equipment, published 4/23/13, FR vol. 78, no. 78, p. 23837.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.857 Storage, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(i) 29 CFR 1926.858 Removal of steel construction, published 4/23/13, FR vol. 78, no. 78, p. 23837.
(j) 29 CFR 1926.859 Mechanical demolition, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(k) 29 CFR 1926.860 Selective demolition by explosives, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(21) Subdivision U – BLASTING AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES
(a) 29 CFR 1926.900 General provisions, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(b) 29 CFR 1926.901 Blaster qualifications, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(c) 29 CFR 1926.902 Surface transportation of explosives, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35311.
(d) 29 CFR 1926.903 Underground transportation of explosives, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(e) 29 CFR 1926.904 Storage of explosives and blasting agents, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35311.
(f) 29 CFR 1926.905 Loading of explosives or blasting agents, published 6/30/93, FR vol. 58, no. 124, p. 35184.
(g) 29 CFR 1926.906 Initiation of explosive charges – electric blasting, published 6/18/98, FR vol. 63, no. 117, p. 33469.
(h) 29 CFR 1926.907 Use of safety fuse, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(i) 29 CFR 1926.908 Use of detonating cord, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(j) 29 CFR 1926.909 Firing the blast, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
(k) 29 CFR 1926.910 Inspection after blasting, published 4/6/79, FR vol. 44, p. 20940.
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Division 3/E, Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment

1926.97 Electrical protective equipment.
(a) *Design requirements for specific types of electrical protective equipment*. Rubber insulating blankets, rubber insulating matting, rubber insulating covers, rubber insulating line hose, rubber insulating gloves, and rubber insulating sleeves shall meet the following requirements:

(1) *Manufacture and marking of rubber insulating equipment.*

(i) Blankets, gloves, and sleeves shall be produced by a seamless process.

(ii) Each item shall be clearly marked as follows:

(A) Class 00 equipment shall be marked Class 00.

(B) Class 0 equipment shall be marked Class 0.

(C) Class 1 equipment shall be marked Class 1.

(D) Class 2 equipment shall be marked Class 2.

(E) Class 3 equipment shall be marked Class 3.

(F) Class 4 equipment shall be marked Class 4.

(G) Nonozone-resistant equipment shall be marked Type I.

(H) Ozone-resistant equipment shall be marked Type II.

(I) Other relevant markings, such as the manufacturer's identification and the size of the equipment, may also be provided.

(iii) Markings shall be nonconducting and shall be applied in such a manner as not to impair the insulating qualities of the equipment.

(iv) Markings on gloves shall be confined to the cuff portion of the glove.

(2) *Electrical requirements*.

(i) Equipment shall be capable of withstanding the ac proof-test voltage specified in Table E-1 or the dc prooftest voltage specified in Table E-2.

(A) The proof test shall reliably indicate that the equipment can withstand the voltage involved.

(B) The test voltage shall be applied continuously for 3 minutes for equipment other than matting and shall be applied continuously for 1 minute for matting.

(C) Gloves shall also be capable of separately withstanding the ac proof-test voltage specified in Table E-1 after a 16-hour water soak. (See the note following paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.)

(ii) When the ac proof test is used on gloves, the 60-hertz proof-test current may not exceed the values specified in Table E-1 at any time during the test period.

(A) If the ac proof test is made at a frequency other than 60 hertz, the permissible proof-test current shall be computed from the direct ratio of the frequencies.

(B) For the test, gloves (right side out) shall be filled with tap water and immersed in water to a depth that is in accordance with Table E-3. Water shall be added to or removed from the glove, as necessary, so that the water level is the same inside and outside the glove.

(C) After the 16-hour water soak specified in paragraph (a)(2)(i)(C) of this section, the 60-hertz proof-test current may not exceed the values given in Table E-1 by more than 2 milliamperes.

(iii) Equipment that has been subjected to a minimum breakdown voltage test may not be used for electrical protection. (See the note following paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.)

(iv) Material used for Type II insulating equipment shall be capable of withstanding an ozone test, with no visible effects. The ozone test shall reliably indicate that the material will resist ozone exposure in actual use. Any visible signs of ozone deterioration of the material, such as checking, cracking, breaks, or pitting, is evidence of failure to meet the requirements for ozoneresistant material. (See the note following paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.)

(3) *Workmanship and finish.*

(i) Equipment shall be free of physical irregularities that can adversely affect the insulating properties of the equipment and that can be detected by the tests or inspections required under this section.

(ii) Surface irregularities that may be present on all rubber goods (because of imperfections on forms or molds or because of inherent difficulties in the manufacturing process) and that may appear as indentations, protuberances, or imbedded foreign material are acceptable under the following conditions:

(A) The indentation or protuberance blends into a smooth slope when the material is stretched.

(B) Foreign material remains in place when the insulating material is folded and stretches with the insulating material surrounding it.

Note to paragraph (a): Rubber insulating equipment meeting the following national consensus standards is deemed to be in compliance with the performance requirements of paragraph (a) of this section:

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D120-09, *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves*.

ASTM D178-01 (2010), *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting*.

ASTM D1048-12, *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets*.

ASTM D1049-98 (2010), *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers*.

ASTM D1050-05 (2011), *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose*.

ASTM D1051-08, *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves*.

The preceding standards also contain specifications for conducting the various tests required in paragraph (a) of this section. For example, the ac and dc proof tests, the breakdown test, the water-soak procedure, and the ozone test mentioned in this paragraph are described in detail in these ASTM standards.

ASTM F1236-96 (2012), *Standard Guide for Visual Inspection of Electrical Protective Rubber Products*, presents methods and techniques for the visual inspection of electrical protective equipment made of rubber. This guide also contains descriptions and photographs of irregularities that can be found in this equipment.

ASTM F819-10, *Standard Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers*, includes definitions of terms relating to the electrical protective equipment covered under this section.

(b) *Design requirements for other types of electrical protective equipment*. The following requirements apply to the design and manufacture of electrical protective equipment that is not covered by paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) *Voltage withstand*. Insulating equipment used for the protection of employees shall be capable of withstanding, without failure, the voltages that may be imposed upon it.

Note to paragraph (b)(1): These voltages include transient overvoltages, such as switching surges, as well as nominal line voltage. See Appendix B to Subpart V of this part for a discussion of transient overvoltages on electric power transmission and distribution systems. See IEEE Std 516-2009, *IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines*, for methods of determining the magnitude of transient overvoltages on an electrical system and for a discussion comparing the ability of insulation equipment to withstand a transient overvoltage based on its ability to withstand ac voltage testing.

(2) *Equipment current.*

(i) Protective equipment used for the primary insulation of employees from energized circuit parts shall be capable of passing a current test when subjected to the highest nominal voltage on which the equipment is to be used.

(ii) When insulating equipment is tested in accordance with paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section, the equipment current may not exceed 1 microampere per kilovolt of phase-to-phase applied voltage.

Note 1 to paragraph (b)(2): This paragraph applies to equipment that provides primary insulation of employees from energized parts. It does not apply to equipment used for secondary insulation or equipment used for brush contact only.

Note 2 to paragraph (b)(2): For ac excitation, this current consists of three components: Capacitive current because of the dielectric properties of the insulating material itself, conduction current through the volume of the insulating equipment, and leakage current along the surface of the tool or equipment. The conduction current is normally negligible. For clean, dry insulating equipment, the leakage current is small, and the capacitive current predominates.

Note to paragraph (b): Plastic guard equipment is deemed to conform to the performance requirements of paragraph (b) of this section if it meets, and is used in accordance with, ASTM F712-06 (2011), *Standard Test Methods and Specifications for Electrically Insulating Plastic Guard Equipment for Protection of Workers*.

(c) *In-service care and use of electrical protective equipment.*

(1) *General*. Electrical protective equipment shall be maintained in a safe, reliable condition.

(2) *Specific requirements*. The following specific requirements apply to rubber insulating blankets, rubber insulating covers, rubber insulating line hose, rubber insulating gloves, and rubber insulating sleeves:

(i) Maximum use voltages shall conform to those listed in Table E-4.

(ii) Insulating equipment shall be inspected for damage before each day's use and immediately following any incident that can reasonably be suspected of causing damage. Insulating gloves shall be given an air test, along with the inspection.

Note to paragraph (c)(2)(ii): ASTM F1236-96 (2012), *Standard Guide for Visual Inspection of Electrical Protective Rubber Products*, presents methods and techniques for the visual inspection of electrical protective equipment made of rubber. This guide also contains descriptions and photographs of irregularities that can be found in this equipment.

(iii) Insulating equipment with any of the following defects may not be used:

> **(A) A hole, tear, puncture, or cut;**
>
> **(B) Ozone cutting or ozone checking (that is, a series of interlacing cracks produced by ozone on rubber under mechanical stress);**
>
> **(C)An embedded foreign object;**
>
> **(D) Any of the following texture changes: Swelling, softening, hardening, or becoming sticky or inelastic.**
>
> **(E) Any other defect that damages the insulating properties.**

(iv) Insulating equipment found to have other defects that might affect its insulating properties shall be removed from service and returned for testing under paragraphs (c)(2)(viii) and (c)(2)(ix) of this section.

(v) Insulating equipment shall be cleaned as needed to remove foreign substances.

(vi) Insulating equipment shall be stored in such a location and in such a manner as to protect it from light, temperature extremes, excessive humidity, ozone, and other damaging substances and conditions.

(vii) Protector gloves shall be worn over insulating gloves, except as follows:

> **(A) Protector gloves need not be used with Class 0 gloves, under limited-use conditions, when small equipment and parts manipulation necessitate unusually high finger dexterity.**
>
> **Note to paragraph (c)(2)(vii)(A): Persons inspecting rubber insulating gloves used under these conditions need to take extra care in visually examining them. Employees using rubber insulating gloves under these conditions need to take extra care to avoid handling sharp objects.**
>
> **(B) If the voltage does not exceed 250 volts, ac, or 375 volts, dc, protector gloves need not be used with Class 00 gloves, under limited-use conditions, when small equipment and parts manipulation necessitate unusually high finger dexterity.**

Note to paragraph (c)(2)(vii)(B): Persons inspecting rubber insulating gloves used under these conditions need to take extra care in visually examining them. Employees using rubber insulating gloves under these conditions need to take extra care to avoid handling sharp objects.

(C) Any other class of glove may be used without protector gloves, under limited-use conditions, when small equipment and parts manipulation necessitate unusually high finger dexterity but only if the employer can demonstrate that the possibility of physical damage to the gloves is small and if the class of glove is one class higher than that required for the voltage involved.

(D) Insulating gloves that have been used without protector gloves may not be reused until they have been tested under the provisions of paragraphs (c)(2)(viii) and (c)(2)(ix) of this section.

(viii) Electrical protective equipment shall be subjected to periodic electrical tests. Test voltages and the maximum intervals between tests shall be in accordance with Table E-4 and Table E-5.

(ix) The test method used under paragraphs (c)(2)(viii) and (c)(2)(xi) of this section shall reliably indicate whether the insulating equipment can withstand the voltages involved.

Note to paragraph (c)(2)(ix): Standard electrical test methods considered as meeting this paragraph are given in the following national consensus standards:

ASTM D120-09, *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves*.

ASTM D178-01 (2010), *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting*.

ASTM D1048-12, *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets*.

ASTM D1049-98 (2010), *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers*.

ASTM D1050-05 (2011), *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose*.

ASTM D1051-08, *Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves*.

ASTM F478-09, *Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Line Hose and Covers*.

ASTM F479-06 (2011), *Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Blankets*.

ASTM F496-08, *Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves*.

(x) Insulating equipment failing to pass inspections or electrical tests may not be used by employees, except as follows:

(A) Rubber insulating line hose may be used in shorter lengths with the defective portion cut off.

(B) Rubber insulating blankets may be salvaged by severing the defective area from the undamaged portion of the blanket. The resulting undamaged area may not be smaller than 560 millimeters by 560 millimeters (22 inches by 22 inches) for Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 blankets.

(C) Rubber insulating blankets may be repaired using a compatible patch that results in physical and electrical properties equal to those of the blanket.

(D) Rubber insulating gloves and sleeves with minor physical defects, such as small cuts, tears, or punctures, may be repaired by the application of a compatible patch. Also, rubber insulating gloves and sleeves with minor surface blemishes may be repaired with a compatible liquid compound. The repaired area shall have electrical and physical properties equal to those of the surrounding material. Repairs to gloves are permitted only in the area between the wrist and the reinforced edge of the opening.

(xi) Repaired insulating equipment shall be retested before it may be used by employees.

(xii) The employer shall certify that equipment has been tested in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (c)(2)(iv), (c)(2)(vii)(D), (c)(2)(viii), (c)(2)(ix), and (c)(2)(xi) of this section. The certification shall identify the equipment that passed the test and the date it was tested and shall be made available upon request to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health and to employees or their authorized representatives.

Note to paragraph (c)(2)(xii): Marking equipment with, and entering onto logs, the results of the tests and the dates of testing are two acceptable means of meeting the certification requirement.

TABLE E-1-AC PROOF-TEST REQUIREMENTS

Class of equipment	Proof-test voltage rms V	Maximum proof-test current, mA (gloves only)			
		280-mm (11-in) glove	360-mm (14-in) glove	410-mm (16-in) glove	460-mm (18-in) glove
00	2,500	8	12	.....	.....
0	5,000	8	12	14	16
1	10,000	.....	14	16	18
2	20,000	.....	16	18	20
3	30,000	.....	18	20	22
4.....	40,000	.....	.....	22	24

TABLE E-2-DC PROOF-TEST REQUIREMENTS

Class of equipment	Proof-test voltage
00.....	10,000
0	20,000
1	40,000
2	50,000
3	60,000
4.....	70,000

Note: The dc voltages listed in this table are not appropriate for proof testing rubber insulating line hose or covers. For this equipment, dc proof tests shall use a voltage high enough to indicate that the equipment can be safely used at the voltages listed in Table E-4. See ASTM D1050-05 (2011) and ASTM D1049-98 (2010) for further information on proof tests for rubber insulating line hose and covers, respectively.

TABLE E-3-GLOVE TESTS-WATER LEVEL [1, 2]

Class of glove	AC proof test		DC proof test	
	mm	in	mm	in
00	38	1.5	38	1.5
0	38	1.5	38	1.5
1	38	1.5	51	2.0
2	64	2.5	76	3.0
3	89	3.5	102	4.0
4	127	5.0	153	6.0

[1] The water level is given as the clearance from the reinforced edge of the glove to the water line, with a tolerance of ±13 mm. (±0.5 in.).

[2] If atmospheric conditions make the specified clearances impractical, the clearances may be increased by a maximum of 25 mm. (1 in.).

TABLE E-4-RUBBER INSULATING EQUIPMENT, VOLTAGE REQUIREMENTS

Class of equipment	Maximum use voltage [1] AC rms	Retest voltage [2] AC rms	Retest voltage [2] DC avg
00	500	2,500	10,000
0	1,000	5,000	20,000
1	7,500	10,000	40,000
2	17,000	20,000	50,000
3	26,500	30,000	60,000
4	36,000	40,000	70,000

[1] The maximum use voltage is the ac voltage (rms) classification of the protective equipment that designates the maximum nominal design voltage of the energized system that may be safely worked. The nominal design voltage is equal to the phase-to-phase voltage on multiphase circuits. However, the phase-to-ground potential is considered to be the nominal design voltage if:

(1) There is no multiphase exposure in a system area and the voltage exposure is limited to the phase-to-ground potential, or

(2) The electric equipment and devices are insulated or isolated or both so that the multiphase exposure on a grounded wye circuit is removed.

[2] The proof-test voltage shall be applied continuously for at least 1 minute, but no more than 3 minutes.

TABLE E-5-RUBBER INSULATING EQUIPMENT, TEST INTERVALS

Type of equipment	When to test
Rubber insulating line hose	Upon indication that insulating value is suspect and after repair.
Rubber insulating covers	Upon indication that insulating value is suspect and after repair.
Rubber insulating blankets	Before first issue and every 12 months thereafter;[1] upon indication that insulating value is suspect; and after repair.
Rubber insulating gloves	Before first issue and every 6 months thereafter;[1] upon indication that insulating value is suspect; after repair; and after use without protectors.
Rubber insulating sleeves	Before first issue and every 12 months thereafter;[1] upon indication that insulating value is suspect; and after repair.

[1] If the insulating equipment has been electrically tested but not issued for service, the insulating equipment may not be placed into service unless it has been electrically tested within the previous 12 months.

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Division 3/M, Fall Protection

1926.500 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart.

(a)
(2) . . . .
(vi) [~~Requirements relating to fall protection for employees engaged in the construction of electric transmission and distribution lines and equipment are provided in subpart V of this part.~~]**Subpart V of this part provides requirements relating to fall protection for employees working from aerial lifts or on poles, towers, or similar structures while engaged in the construction of electric transmission or distribution lines or equipment.**

. . . .
(3) . . . .
(iii) Additional performance requirements for [~~personal climbing equipment, lineman's body belts, safety straps, and lanyards~~]**fall arrest and work-positioning equipment** are provided in Subpart V of this part.

Subdivision 3/V, Power Transmission and Distribution

1926.950 General.

(a) Application.

(1) Scope.

(i) This subpart, except for paragraph (a)(3) of this section, covers the construction of electric power transmission and distribution lines and equipment. As used in this subpart, the term "construction" includes the erection of new electric transmission and distribution lines and equipment, and the alteration, conversion, and improvement of existing electric transmission and distribution lines and equipment.

Note to paragraph (a)(1)(i): An employer that complies with Sec. 1910.269 of this chapter will be considered in compliance with requirements in this subpart that do not reference other subparts of this part. Compliance with Sec. 1910.269 of this chapter will not excuse an employer from compliance obligations under other subparts of this part.

(ii) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, this subpart does not apply to electrical safety-related work practices for unqualified employees.

(2) Other Part 1926 standards. This subpart applies in addition to all other applicable standards contained in this Part 1926. Employers covered under this subpart are not exempt from complying with other applicable provisions in Part 1926 by the operation of Sec. 1910.5(c) of this chapter. Specific references in this subpart to other sections of Part 1926 are provided for emphasis only.

(3) Applicable Part 1910 requirements. Line-clearance tree-trimming operations and work involving electric power generation installations shall comply with Sec. 1910.269 of this chapter.

GENERAL

*437-003-0110 Personnel. Only qualified persons [~~shall~~]**may** be engaged in the construction, maintenance [~~and/~~]or operation of electrical transmission and distribution facilities. This paragraph [~~shall~~]**should** not be construed as prohibiting in-service training when properly supervised and all necessary precautions are exercised to safeguard such work.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0125 Proximity**.** Workers within reach of each other [~~shall~~]**must** not work on different phases of the same circuit, [~~or~~] on different circuits, or on one energized phase and a ground conductor at the same time.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0135 Additional Personnel. [~~When it is necessary to patrol lines when road conditions, weather conditions, or other factors make it impossible to patrol safely with one person, additional help shall be provided to perform the job safely.~~] **Additional help must be provided when road conditions, weather conditions, or other factors make it impossible to patrol lines safely with one person.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Note: Portions of OAR 437-003-0055, 437-003-0065, 437-003-0140, 437-003-0150, 437-003-0160, 437-003-0815, were used to amend 437-003-0145.

*437-003-0145 **Safety Watcher** [~~General~~]*

[~~A qualified safety watcher shall be provided whenever workers or equipment are required to perform work in areas where inadvertent motions or movements would violate specified clearances. The safety watcher's sole duty is to keep constant watch over persons under his observation and to warn them of danger.~~]

(1) A qualified safety watcher must be provided in areas where inadvertent motions or movements would violate specified clearances. The safety watcher's sole duty is to keep constant watch over persons under observation and to warn them of danger.

(2) Use of vehicles, gin poles, cranes, and other equipment in restricted or hazardous areas must at all times be monitored by a qualified safety watcher other than the equipment operator.

(3) The foreman or worker in charge of the work is responsible for the designation of the safety watcher. It is the foreman's responsibility to select a qualified worker for this job who is capable and familiar with the work.

(4) The foreman may act as the safety watcher providing other duties do not interfere. If the foreman is distracted or leaves the immediate vicinity, they must either designate another qualified person as the safety watcher or order the work stopped.

(5) A foreman may not work as a journeyman while supervising two or more other journeymen who are engaged in high voltage or equally hazardous work.
(6) Any worker may ask for a safety watcher when one is required.
(7) A safety watcher must be provided whenever a clearance is necessary for nonelectric work. Safety watchers must obtain clearances and see that necessary grounds are installed.

Exception: Clearances and safety watchers are not required for painting transmission line towers as long as all painters and their rigging and tools remain at least 10 feet, or the minimum approach distance, whichever is greater, below the level of the lowest energized conductor when:

- ***Warning signs or danger flags are attached to each tower leg that can be climbed.***
- ***Painters have been instructed to remain below these signs or workers.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0205 Markers. Unsafe areas [~~shall~~]**must** be marked off with barricade tape or by equivalent means.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0210 No Attachments. [~~No a~~]**A**ttachments [~~shall~~]**must not** be placed on poles, towers, or other structures [~~which~~]**that** are not authorized by the utilities involved.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Note: Portions of OAR 437-003-0260, 437-003-0285, 437-003-0290, 437-003-0295, were used to amend 437-003-00255.

437-003-0255 ***Adequate*** *[~~Designated Voltage~~] Barriers* ***and Clearances****.*
(1) *Line guards, insulator covers**,** and other protective devices* ***or equipment may*** *[~~shall~~] be considered adequate barriers for the voltages for which they are specifically designed.*
(2) Protective equipment and devices must be installed or removed with:
(a) Rubber gloves or hot sticks on conductors or equipment energized at 5,000 volts or less.
(b) Live-line tools for conductors or equipment energized in excess of 5,000 volts.
Exception: If no protective equipment has been manufactured for a particular situation, protective equipment may be installed or removed with rubber gloves on voltages not over 15,000 volts for that situation only.

(3) Rubber protective equipment may be considered as adequate barriers when used on voltages for which it is rated.
Rubber gloves may be used as protection from accidental contact only on voltages above 5,000 and not over 15,000 volts phase to ground.
(4) Rubber gloves cannot be used as primary protection on voltages over 5,000 volts.
(5) Fixed protective guards and barriers, when installed and maintained according to the National Electrical Safety Code, may be considered as providing adequate clearance.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-003-0335 Providing and Maintaining Protective Equipment.
*All protective equipment and devices used in electrical work, such as insulating gloves, hoods, insulating blankets, hose, hot sticks, fuse pullers, tongs, grounding equipment and other special tools and devices, must be provided and used when their need is indicated, and [~~shall~~]**must** be maintained in a manner that will preserve adequate dielectric strength.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0385 Required Use. [~~Hot~~]**Live-**line tools shall be used by workers when doing work on energized lines in excess of 5,000 volts.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0400 Rope Use. Hot-line type ropes must be used where there is a possibility of ropes coming in contact with energized conductors of more than 5,000 volts. Hot-line ropes [~~shall~~]**must** be used solely for hot-line work and [~~shall~~]**must** be kept[~~free~~] as [~~possible from dirt and moisture~~]**clean and dry as possible**.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0405 Removal of Foreign Objects. [~~Hot~~]**Live-**line tools [~~shall~~]**must** be used while handling [~~or removing~~]foreign[~~ materials or~~] objects that are in contact with high voltage equipment or conductors energized in excess of 5,000 volts.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0495 No Contact with Conducting Objects. Workers on the ground [~~shall~~]**must** avoid unnecessary contacts with lower conductors, tower legs, ground rods, winch lines, vehicles, and other conducting objects.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0590 Equipment Use. Only equipment properly designed for the purpose [~~shall~~]**must** be used as a means for riding strands or conductors.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0595 Platform Use. Workers [~~shall~~]**must** not crawl out over insulator strings, but [~~shall~~]**must** use a platform or other suitable device [~~from which to work~~]when making dead ends or doing other work beyond strings of insulators at such distance that the work cannot be reached from the pole or fixture. While working on the platform or other device, they [~~shall secure themselves to the device or structure with their safety straps or a rope~~]**must use appropriate fall protection**.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0795 [~~Use of Sources of Ignition~~]**Battery Precautions**. The use of open flames, tools which may generate sparks, or other sources of ignition [~~shall~~]**must** be avoided in battery rooms, except where cells are not actively gassing and the room has been ventilated. **Workers must wear goggles, acid proof gloves, and aprons when handling battery solution.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(b) Training.

(1) All employees.

(i) Each employee shall be trained in, and familiar with, the safety-related work practices, safety procedures, and other safety requirements in this subpart that pertain to his or her job assignments.

(ii) Each employee shall also be trained in and familiar with any other safety practices, including applicable emergency procedures (such as pole-top and manhole rescue), that are not specifically addressed by this subpart but that are related to his or her work and are necessary for his or her safety.

(iii) The degree of training shall be determined by the risk to the employee for the hazard involved.

(2) Qualified employees. Each qualified employee shall also be trained and competent in:

(i) The skills and techniques necessary to distinguish exposed live parts from other parts of electric equipment,

(ii) The skills and techniques necessary to determine the nominal voltage of exposed live parts,

(iii) The minimum approach distances specified in this subpart corresponding to the voltages to which the qualified employee will be exposed and the skills and techniques necessary to maintain those distances,

(iv) The proper use of the special precautionary techniques, personal protective equipment, insulating and shielding materials, and insulated tools for working on or near exposed energized parts of electric equipment, and

(v) The recognition of electrical hazards to which the employee may be exposed and the skills and techniques necessary to control or avoid these hazards.

Note to paragraph (b)(2): For the purposes of this subpart, a person must have the training required by paragraph (b)(2) of this section to be considered a qualified person.

(3) Supervision and annual inspection. The employer shall determine, through regular supervision and through inspections conducted on at least an annual basis, that each employee is complying with the safety-related work practices required by this subpart.

(4) Additional training. An employee shall receive additional training (or retraining) under any of the following conditions:

(i) If the supervision or annual inspections required by paragraph (b)(3) of this section indicate that the employee is not complying with the safety-related work practices required by this subpart, or

(ii) If new technology, new types of equipment, or changes in procedures necessitate the use of safety-related work practices that are different from those which the employee would normally use, or

(iii) If he or she must employ safety-related work practices that are not normally used during his or her regular job duties.

Note to paragraph (b)(4)(iii): The Occupational Safety and Health Administration considers tasks that are performed less often than once per year to necessitate retraining before the performance of the work practices involved.

(5) Type of training. The training required by paragraph (b) of this section shall be of the classroom or on-the-job type.

(6) Training goals. The training shall establish employee proficiency in the work practices required by this subpart and shall introduce the procedures necessary for compliance with this subpart.

(7) Demonstration of proficiency. The employer shall ensure that each employee has demonstrated proficiency in the work practices involved before that employee is considered as having completed the training required by paragraph (b) of this section.

Note 1 to paragraph (b)(7): Though they are not required by this paragraph, employment records that indicate that an employee has successfully completed the required training are one way of keeping track of when an employee has demonstrated proficiency.

Note 2 to paragraph (b)(7): For an employee with previous training, an employer may determine that that employee has demonstrated the proficiency required by this paragraph using the following process: (1) Confirm that the employee has the training required by paragraph (b) of this section, (2) use an examination or interview to make an initial determination that the employee understands the relevant safety-related work practices before he or she performs any work covered by this subpart, and (3) supervise the employee closely until that employee has demonstrated proficiency as required by this paragraph.

(c) Information transfer.

(1) Host employer responsibilities. Before work begins, the host employer shall inform contract employers of:

(i) The characteristics of the host employer's installation that are related to the safety of the work to be performed and are listed in paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(5) of this section;

Note to paragraph (c)(1)(i): This paragraph requires the host employer to obtain information listed in paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(5) of this section if it does not have this information in existing records.

(ii) Conditions that are related to the safety of the work to be performed, that are listed in paragraphs (d)(6) through (d)(8) of this section, and that are known to the host employer;

Note to paragraph (c)(1)(ii): For the purposes of this paragraph, the host employer need only provide information to contract employers that the host employer can obtain from its existing records through the exercise of reasonable diligence. This paragraph does not require the host employer to make inspections of worksite conditions to obtain this information.

(iii) Information about the design and operation of the host employer's installation that the contract employer needs to make the assessments required by this subpart; and

Note to paragraph (c)(1)(iii): This paragraph requires the host employer to obtain information about the design and operation of its installation that contract employers need to make required assessments if it does not have this information in existing records.

(iv) Any other information about the design and operation of the host employer's installation that is known by the host employer, that the contract employer requests, and that is related to the protection of the contract employer's employees.

Note to paragraph (c)(1)(iv): For the purposes of this paragraph, the host employer need only provide information to contract employers that the host employer can obtain from its existing records through the exercise of reasonable diligence. This paragraph does not require the host employer to make inspections of worksite conditions to obtain this information.

(2) Contract employer responsibilities.

(i) The contract employer shall ensure that each of its employees is instructed in the hazardous conditions relevant to the employee's work that the contract employer is aware of as a result of information communicated to the contract employer by the host employer under paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(ii) Before work begins, the contract employer shall advise the host employer of any unique hazardous conditions presented by the contract employer's work.

(iii) The contract employer shall advise the host employer of any unanticipated hazardous conditions found during the contract employer's work that the host employer did not mention under paragraph (c)(1) of this section. The contract employer shall provide this information to the host employer within 2 working days after discovering the hazardous condition.

(3) Joint host- and contract-employer responsibilities. The contract employer and the host employer shall coordinate their work rules and procedures so that each employee of the contract employer and the host employer is protected as required by this subpart.

(d) Existing characteristics and conditions. Existing characteristics and conditions of electric lines and equipment that are related to the safety of the work to be performed shall be determined before work on or near the lines or equipment is started. Such characteristics and conditions include, but are not limited to:

(1) The nominal voltages of lines and equipment,

(2) The maximum switching-transient voltages,

(3) The presence of hazardous induced voltages,

(4) The presence of protective grounds and equipment grounding conductors,

(5) The locations of circuits and equipment, including electric supply lines, communication lines, and fire-protective signaling circuits,

(6) The condition of protective grounds and equipment grounding conductors,

(7) The condition of poles, and

(8) Environmental conditions relating to safety.

1926.951 Medical services and first aid.

(a) General. The employer shall provide medical services and first aid as required in Sec. 1926.50.

(b) First-aid training. In addition to the requirements of Sec. 1926.50, when employees are performing work on, or associated with, exposed lines or equipment energized at 50 volts or more, persons with first-aid training shall be available as follows:

(1) Field work. For field work involving two or more employees at a work location, at least two trained persons shall be available.

(2) Fixed work locations. For fixed work locations such as substations, the number of trained persons available shall be sufficient to ensure that each employee exposed to electric shock can be reached within 4 minutes by a trained person. However, where the existing number of employees is insufficient to meet this requirement (at a remote substation, for example), each employee at the work location shall be a trained employee.

1926.952 Job briefing.

(a) Before each job.

(1) Information provided by the employer. In assigning an employee or a group of employees to perform a job, the employer shall provide the employee in charge of the job with all available information that relates to the determination of existing characteristics and conditions required by Sec. 1926.950(d).

(2) Briefing by the employee in charge. The employer shall ensure that the employee in charge conducts a job briefing that meets paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section with the employees involved before they start each job.

(b) Subjects to be covered. The briefing shall cover at least the following subjects: Hazards associated with the job, work procedures involved, special precautions, energy-source controls, and personal protective equipment requirements.

(c) Number of briefings.

(1) At least one before each day or shift. If the work or operations to be performed during the work day or shift are repetitive and similar, at least one job briefing shall be conducted before the start of the first job of each day or shift.

(2) Additional briefings. Additional job briefings shall be held if significant changes, which might affect the safety of the employees, occur during the course of the work.

(d) Extent of briefing.

(1) Short discussion. A brief discussion is satisfactory if the work involved is routine and if the employees, by virtue of training and experience, can reasonably be expected to recognize and avoid the hazards involved in the job.

(2) Detailed discussion. A more extensive discussion shall be conducted:

(i) If the work is complicated or particularly hazardous, or

(ii) If the employee cannot be expected to recognize and avoid the hazards involved in the job.

Note to paragraph (d): The briefing must address all the subjects listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(e) Working alone. An employee working alone need not conduct a job briefing. However, the employer shall ensure that the tasks to be performed are planned as if a briefing were required.

1926.953 Enclosed spaces.

(a) General. This section covers enclosed spaces that may be entered by employees. It does not apply to vented vaults if the employer makes a determination that the ventilation system is operating to protect employees before they enter the space. This section applies to routine entry into enclosed spaces. If, after the employer takes the precautions given in this section and in Sec. 1926.965, the hazards remaining in the enclosed space endanger the life of an entrant or could interfere with an entrant's escape from the space, then entry into the enclosed space shall meet the permit-space entry requirements of paragraphs (d) through (k) of Sec. 1910.146 of this chapter. ***Note: Oregon OSHA repealed 1910.146 and adopted OAR 437-002-0146 Confined Spaces.***

(b) Safe work practices. The employer shall ensure the use of safe work practices for entry into, and work in, enclosed spaces and for rescue of employees from such spaces.

(c) Training. Each employee who enters an enclosed space or who serves as an attendant shall be trained in the hazards of enclosed-space entry, in enclosed-space entry procedures, and in enclosed-space rescue procedures.

(d) Rescue equipment. Employers shall provide equipment to ensure the prompt and safe rescue of employees from the enclosed space.

(e) Evaluating potential hazards. Before any entrance cover to an enclosed space is removed, the employer shall determine whether it is safe to do so by checking for the presence of any atmospheric pressure or temperature differences and by evaluating whether there might be a hazardous atmosphere in the space. Any conditions making it unsafe to remove the cover shall be eliminated before the cover is removed.

Note to paragraph (e): The determination called for in this paragraph may consist of a check of the conditions that might foreseeably be in the enclosed space. For example, the cover could be checked to see if it is hot and, if it is fastened in place, could be loosened gradually to release any residual pressure. An evaluation also needs to be made of whether conditions at the site could cause a hazardous atmosphere, such as an oxygen-deficient or flammable atmosphere, to develop within the space.

(f) Removing covers. When covers are removed from enclosed spaces, the opening shall be promptly guarded by a railing, temporary cover, or other barrier designed to prevent an accidental fall through the opening and to protect employees working in the space from objects entering the space.

(g) Hazardous atmosphere. Employees may not enter any enclosed space while it contains a hazardous atmosphere, unless the entry conforms to the permit-required confined spaces standard in Sec. 1910.146 of this chapter. ***Note: Oregon OSHA repealed 1910.146 and adopted OAR 437-002-0146 Confined Spaces.***

(h) Attendants. While work is being performed in the enclosed space, an attendant with first-aid training shall be immediately available outside the enclosed space to provide assistance if a hazard exists because of traffic patterns in the area of the opening used for entry. The attendant is not precluded from performing other duties outside the enclosed space if these duties do not distract the attendant from: Monitoring employees within the space or ensuring that it is safe for employees to enter and exit the space.

Note to paragraph (h): See Sec. 1926.965 for additional requirements on attendants for work in manholes and vaults.

(i) Calibration of test instruments. Test instruments used to monitor atmospheres in enclosed spaces shall be kept in calibration and shall have a minimum accuracy of 10 percent.

(j) Testing for oxygen deficiency. Before an employee enters an enclosed space, the atmosphere in the enclosed space shall be tested for oxygen deficiency with a direct-reading meter or similar instrument, capable of collection and immediate analysis of data samples without the need for off-site evaluation. If continuous forced-air ventilation is provided, testing is not required provided that the procedures used ensure that employees are not exposed to the hazards posed by oxygen deficiency.

(k) Testing for flammable gases and vapors. Before an employee enters an enclosed space, the internal atmosphere shall be tested for flammable gases and vapors with a direct-reading meter or similar instrument capable of collection and immediate analysis of data samples without the need for off-site

evaluation. This test shall be performed after the oxygen testing and ventilation required by paragraph (j) of this section demonstrate that there is sufficient oxygen to ensure the accuracy of the test for flammability.

(l) Ventilation, and monitoring for flammable gases or vapors. If flammable gases or vapors are detected or if an oxygen deficiency is found, forced-air ventilation shall be used to maintain oxygen at a safe level and to prevent a hazardous concentration of flammable gases and vapors from accumulating. A continuous monitoring program to ensure that no increase in flammable gas or vapor concentration above safe levels occurs may be followed in lieu of ventilation if flammable gases or vapors are initially detected at safe levels.

Note to paragraph (l): See the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" for guidance in determining whether a specific concentration of a substance is hazardous.

(m) Specific ventilation requirements. If continuous forced-air ventilation is used, it shall begin before entry is made and shall be maintained long enough for the employer to be able to demonstrate that a safe atmosphere exists before employees are allowed to enter the work area. The forced-air ventilation shall be so directed as to ventilate the immediate area where employees are present within the enclosed space and shall continue until all employees leave the enclosed space.

(n) Air supply. The air supply for the continuous forced-air ventilation shall be from a clean source and may not increase the hazards in the enclosed space.

(o) Open flames. If open flames are used in enclosed spaces, a test for flammable gases and vapors shall be made immediately before the open flame device is used and at least once per hour while the device is used in the space. Testing shall be conducted more frequently if conditions present in the enclosed space indicate that once per hour is insufficient to detect hazardous accumulations of flammable gases or vapors.

Note to paragraph (o): See the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" for guidance in determining whether a specific concentration of a substance is hazardous.

Note to Sec. 1926.953: Entries into enclosed spaces conducted in accordance with the permit-space entry requirements of paragraphs (d) through (k) of Sec. 1910.146 of this chapter are considered as complying with this section. ***Note: Oregon OSHA repealed 1910.146 and adopted OAR 437-002-0146 Confined Spaces.***

1926.954 Personal protective equipment.

(a) General. Personal protective equipment shall meet the requirements of Subpart E of this part.

Note to paragraph (a): Paragraph (d) of Sec. 1926.95 sets employer payment obligations for the personal protective equipment required by this subpart, including, but not limited to, the fall protection equipment required by paragraph (b) of this section, the electrical protective equipment required by Sec. 1926.960(c), and the flame-resistant and arc-rated clothing and other protective equipment required by Sec. 1926.960(g).

(b) Fall protection.

Tools

437-003-0235 Additional Requirements.
[~~(1) The use of axes, hatchets and power saws is prohibited on all overhead work where workers are supported by a single climbing belt or rope.~~
~~(2) When power saws are used on overhead work where workers are supported by climbing belts or ropes, the requirement in OAR 437-003-0705 shall apply.~~]
The use of chainsaws are prohibited on all overhead work where workers are supported by a single climbing belt or rope.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0245 Tools in Belt. Small tools carried in the belt [~~shall~~]**must** be placed so they present the least danger of coming in accidental contact with energized parts, and where they will not interfere with use of "D" rings. [~~No s~~]**S**harp or pointed tools [~~shall~~]**must not** be carried except when in scabbards or otherwise effectively safeguarded.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Use and Care of Body Belts, Safety Straps and Lanyards

*437-003-0840 Use of Body Belts and Safety Lines. [~~Workers, when working from a hook ladder,~~]**When working from a hook ladder, workers** must either belt themselves securely to the ladder, attach themselves to the structure by means of a safety line, or belt themselves to the ladder safety equipment, which [~~shall~~]**must** consist of a safety rope or belting, threaded through the rungs or secured to the ladder at intervals not to exceed three feet.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0845 Use of Safety Straps. Linemen [~~shall~~]**must** not place safety straps around the pole above the top crossarm except where adequate protection is taken to prevent it from slipping over the top of the pole. Linemen [~~shall~~]**must** not allow either end of the strap to hang loose, either in climbing or descending poles or other structures.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0850 Storing Equipment. Body belts and safety straps (when not in use) [~~shall~~]**must** never be stored with sharp or edged tools. [~~When a body belt safety strap and climbers are kept in the same compartment, care shall be taken in storing them to avoid cutting, puncturing or otherwise damaging the belt or strap.~~]*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Personal Climbing Equipment

*437-003-0880 Safety Lines. Safety lines [~~are not intended to be subjected to shock loading and are~~]**must be readily available while working aloft to be** used for emergency rescue such as lowering a worker to the ground. Such safety lines [~~shall~~]**must** be a minimum of one-half-inch diameter and three or four strand first-grade manila or its equivalent in strength (2,650 lb.) and durability.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(1) Personal fall arrest systems.

(i) Personal fall arrest systems shall meet the requirements of Subpart M of this part.

(ii) Personal fall arrest equipment used by employees who are exposed to hazards from flames or electric arcs, as determined by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(g)(1), shall be capable of passing a drop test equivalent to that required by paragraph (b)(2)(xii) of this section after exposure to an electric arc with a heat energy of 405 cal/cm\2\.

(2) Work-positioning equipment. Body belts and positioning straps for work-positioning equipment shall meet the following requirements:

(i) Hardware for body belts and positioning straps shall meet the following requirements:

(A) Hardware shall be made of drop-forged steel, pressed steel, formed steel, or equivalent material.

(B) Hardware shall have a corrosion-resistant finish.

(C) Hardware surfaces shall be smooth and free of sharp edges.

(ii) Buckles shall be capable of withstanding an 8.9-kilonewton (2,000-pound-force) tension test with a maximum permanent deformation no greater than 0.4 millimeters (0.0156 inches).

(iii) D rings shall be capable of withstanding a 22-kilonewton (5,000-pound-force) tensile test without cracking or breaking.

(iv) Snaphooks shall be capable of withstanding a 22-kilonewton (5,000-pound-force) tension test without failure.

Note to paragraph (b)(2)(iv): Distortion of the snaphook sufficient to release the keeper is considered to be tensile failure of a snaphook.

(v) Top grain leather or leather substitute may be used in the manufacture of body belts and positioning straps; however, leather and leather substitutes may not be used alone as a load-bearing component of the assembly.

(vi) Plied fabric used in positioning straps and in load-bearing parts of body belts shall be constructed in such a way that no raw edges are exposed and the plies do not separate.

(vii) Positioning straps shall be capable of withstanding the following tests:

(A) A dielectric test of 819.7 volts, AC, per centimeter (25,000 volts per foot) for 3 minutes without visible deterioration;

(B) A leakage test of 98.4 volts, AC, per centimeter (3,000 volts per foot) with a leakage current of no more than 1 mA;

Note to paragraphs (b)(2)(vii)(A) and (b)(2)(vii)(B): Positioning straps that pass direct-current tests at equivalent voltages are considered as meeting this requirement.

(C) Tension tests of 20 kilonewtons (4,500 pounds-force) for sections free of buckle holes and of 15 kilonewtons (3,500 pounds-force) for sections with buckle holes;

(D) A buckle-tear test with a load of 4.4 kilonewtons (1,000 pounds-force); and

(E) A flammability test in accordance with Table V-1.

Table V-1—Flammability Test

Test Method	Criteria for Passing the Test
Vertically suspend a 500-mm (19.7-inch) length of strapping supporting a 100-kg (220.5-lb) weight. Use a butane or propane burner with a 76-mm (3-inch) flame. Direct the flame to an edge of the strapping at a distance of 25 mm (1 inch). Remove the flame after 5 seconds. Wait for any flames on the positioning strap to stop burning.	Any flames on the positioning strap shall self extinguish. The positioning strap shall continue to support the 100-kg (220.5-lb) mass.

(viii) The cushion part of the body belt shall contain no exposed rivets on the inside and shall be at least 76 millimeters (3 inches) in width.

(ix) Tool loops shall be situated on the body of a body belt so that the 100 millimeters (4 inches) of the body belt that is in the center of the back, measuring from D ring to D ring, is free of tool loops and any other attachments.

(x) Copper, steel, or equivalent liners shall be used around the bars of D rings to prevent wear between these members and the leather or fabric enclosing them.

(xi) Snaphooks shall be of the locking type meeting the following requirements:

(A) The locking mechanism shall first be released, or a destructive force shall be placed on the keeper, before the keeper will open.

(B) A force in the range of 6.7 N (1.5 lbf) to 17.8 N (4 lbf) shall be required to release the locking mechanism.

(C) With the locking mechanism released and with a force applied on the keeper against the face of the nose, the keeper may not begin to open with a force of 11.2 N (2.5 lbf) or less and shall begin to open with a maximum force of 17.8 N (4 lbf).

(xii) Body belts and positioning straps shall be capable of withstanding a drop test as follows:

(A) The test mass shall be rigidly constructed of steel or equivalent material with a mass of 100 kg (220.5 lbm). For work-positioning equipment used by employees weighing more than 140 kg (310 lbm) fully equipped, the test mass shall be increased proportionately (that is, the test mass must equal the mass of the equipped worker divided by 1.4).

(B) For body belts, the body belt shall be fitted snugly around the test mass and shall be attached to the test-structure anchorage point by means of a wire rope.

(C) For positioning straps, the strap shall be adjusted to its shortest length possible to accommodate the test and connected to the test-structure anchorage point at one end and to the test mass on the other end.

(D) The test mass shall be dropped an unobstructed distance of 1 meter (39.4 inches) from a supporting structure that will sustain minimal deflection during the test.

(E) Body belts shall successfully arrest the fall of the test mass and shall be capable of supporting the mass after the test.

(F) Positioning straps shall successfully arrest the fall of the test mass without breaking, and the arrest force may not exceed 17.8 kilonewtons (4,000 pounds-force). Additionally, snaphooks on positioning straps may not distort to such an extent that the keeper would release.

Note to paragraph (b)(2): When used by employees weighing no more than 140 kg (310 lbm) fully equipped, body belts and positioning straps that conform to American Society of Testing and Materials Standard Specifications for Personal Climbing Equipment, ASTM F887-12\e1\, are deemed to be in compliance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(3) Care and use of personal fall protection equipment.

(i) Work-positioning equipment shall be inspected before use each day to determine that the equipment is in safe working condition. Work-positioning equipment that is not in safe working condition may not be used.

Note to paragraph (b)(3)(i): Appendix F to this subpart contains guidelines for inspecting work-positioning equipment.

(ii) Personal fall arrest systems shall be used in accordance with Sec. 1926.502(d).

Note to paragraph (b)(3)(ii): Fall protection equipment rigged to arrest falls is considered a fall arrest system and must meet the applicable requirements for the design and use of those systems. Fall protection equipment rigged for work positioning is considered work-positioning equipment and must meet the applicable requirements for the design and use of that equipment.

(iii) The employer shall ensure that employees use fall protection systems as follows:

(A) Each employee working from an aerial lift shall use a fall restraint system or a personal fall arrest system. Paragraph (b)(2)(v) of Sec. 1926.453 does not apply.

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3)(iii)(C) of this section, each employee in elevated locations more than 1.2 meters (4 feet) above the ground on poles, towers, or similar structures shall use a personal fall arrest system, work-positioning equipment, or fall restraint system, as appropriate, if the employer has not provided other fall protection meeting Subpart M of this part.

(C) Until March 31, 2015, a qualified employee climbing or changing location on poles, towers, or similar structures need not use fall protection equipment, unless conditions, such as, but not limited to, ice, high winds, the design of the structure (for example, no

provision for holding on with hands), or the presence of contaminants on the structure, could cause the employee to lose his or her grip or footing. On and after April 1, 2015, each qualified employee climbing or changing location on poles, towers, or similar structures must use fall protection equipment unless the employer can demonstrate that climbing or changing location with fall protection is infeasible or creates a greater hazard than climbing or changing location without it.

Note 1 to paragraphs (b)(3)(iii)(B) and (b)(3)(iii)(C): These paragraphs apply to structures that support overhead electric power transmission and distribution lines and equipment. They do not apply to portions of buildings, such as loading docks, or to electric equipment, such as transformers and capacitors. Subpart M of this part contains the duty to provide fall protection associated with walking and working surfaces.

Note 2 to paragraphs (b)(3)(iii)(B) and (b)(3)(iii)(C): Until the employer ensures that employees are proficient in climbing and the use of fall protection under Sec. 1926.950(b)(7), the employees are not considered "qualified employees" for the purposes of paragraphs (b)(3)(iii)(B) and (b)(3)(iii)(C) of this section. These paragraphs require unqualified employees (including trainees) to use fall protection any time they are more than 1.2 meters (4 feet) above the ground.

(iv) On and after April 1, 2015, work-positioning systems shall be rigged so that an employee can free fall no more than 0.6 meters (2 feet).

(v) Anchorages for work-positioning equipment shall be capable of supporting at least twice the potential impact load of an employee's fall, or 13.3 kilonewtons (3,000 pounds-force), whichever is greater.

Note to paragraph (b)(3)(v): Wood-pole fall-restriction devices meeting American Society of Testing and Materials Standard Specifications for Personal Climbing Equipment, ASTM F887-12\e1\, are deemed to meet the anchorage-strength requirement when they are used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

(vi) Unless the snaphook is a locking type and designed specifically for the following connections, snaphooks on work-positioning equipment may not be engaged:

(A) Directly to webbing, rope, or wire rope;

(B) To each other;

(C) To a D ring to which another snaphook or other connector is attached;

(D) To a horizontal lifeline; or

(E) To any object that is incompatibly shaped or dimensioned in relation to the snaphook such that accidental disengagement could occur should the connected object sufficiently depress the snaphook keeper to allow release of the object.

Climbers

Note: Portions of OAR 437-003-0360, 437-003-0365, were used to amend 437-003-0355.

437-003-0355 [~~Climber~~]Gaffs ***and Climbers****. [~~Climber gaffs shall be kept sharpened. Gaffs of 1-1/4 inches or less shall not be used.~~]* ***Gaffs and Climbers will be maintained according to manufacturer's recommended specifications.***

(1) Workers must remove climbers before driving any vehicle.
(2) Climbers must not be worn except when required.
(3) Workers must not continue to wear their climbers while working on the ground except for brief periods when a worker is necessarily off the pole.
(4) While climbers are not being worn, the gaffs must be properly guarded.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

1926.955 Portable ladders and platforms.

(a) General. Requirements for portable ladders contained in Subpart X of this part apply in addition to the requirements of this section, except as specifically noted in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Special ladders and platforms. Portable ladders used on structures or conductors in conjunction with overhead line work need not meet Sec. 1926.1053(b)(5)(i) and (b)(12). Portable ladders and platforms used on structures or conductors in conjunction with overhead line work shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Design load. In the configurations in which they are used, portable platforms shall be capable of supporting without failure at least 2.5 times the maximum intended load.

(2) Maximum load. Portable ladders and platforms may not be loaded in excess of the working loads for which they are designed.

(3) Securing in place. Portable ladders and platforms shall be secured to prevent them from becoming dislodged.

(4) Intended use. Portable ladders and platforms may be used only in applications for which they are designed.

(c) Conductive ladders. Portable metal ladders and other portable conductive ladders may not be used near exposed energized lines or equipment. However, in specialized high-voltage work, conductive ladders shall be used when the employer demonstrates that nonconductive ladders would present a greater hazard to employees than conductive ladders.

1926.956 Hand and portable power equipment.

(a) General. Paragraph (b) of this section applies to electric equipment connected by cord and plug. Paragraph (c) of this section applies to portable and vehicle-mounted generators used to supply cord- and plug-connected equipment. Paragraph (d) of this section applies to hydraulic and pneumatic tools.

(b) Cord- and plug-connected equipment. Cord- and plug-connected equipment not covered by Subpart K of this part shall comply with one of the following instead of Sec. 1926.302(a)(1):

(1) The equipment shall be equipped with a cord containing an equipment grounding conductor connected to the equipment frame and to a means for grounding the other end of the conductor

(however, this option may not be used where the introduction of the ground into the work environment increases the hazard to an employee); or

(2) The equipment shall be of the double-insulated type conforming to Subpart K of this part; or

(3) The equipment shall be connected to the power supply through an isolating transformer with an ungrounded secondary of not more than 50 volts.

(c) Portable and vehicle-mounted generators. Portable and vehicle-mounted generators used to supply cord- and plug-connected equipment covered by paragraph (b) of this section shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Equipment to be supplied. The generator may only supply equipment located on the generator or the vehicle and cord- and plug-connected equipment through receptacles mounted on the generator or the vehicle.

(2) Equipment grounding. The non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment and the equipment grounding conductor terminals of the receptacles shall be bonded to the generator frame.

(3) Bonding the frame. For vehicle-mounted generators, the frame of the generator shall be bonded to the vehicle frame.

(4) Bonding the neutral conductor. Any neutral conductor shall be bonded to the generator frame.

(d) Hydraulic and pneumatic tools.

(1) Hydraulic fluid in insulating tools. Paragraph (d)(1) of Sec. 1926.302 does not apply to hydraulic fluid used in insulating sections of hydraulic tools.

(2) Operating pressure. Safe operating pressures for hydraulic and pneumatic tools, hoses, valves, pipes, filters, and fittings may not be exceeded.

Note to paragraph (d)(2): If any hazardous defects are present, no operating pressure is safe, and the hydraulic or pneumatic equipment involved may not be used. In the absence of defects, the maximum rated operating pressure is the maximum safe pressure.

(3) Work near energized parts. A hydraulic or pneumatic tool used where it may contact exposed energized parts shall be designed and maintained for such use.

(4) Protection against vacuum formation. The hydraulic system supplying a hydraulic tool used where it may contact exposed live parts shall provide protection against loss of insulating value, for the voltage involved, due to the formation of a partial vacuum in the hydraulic line.

Note to paragraph (d)(4): Use of hydraulic lines that do not have check valves and that have a separation of more than 10.7 meters (35 feet) between the oil reservoir and the upper end of the hydraulic system promotes the formation of a partial vacuum.

(5) Protection against the accumulation of moisture. A pneumatic tool used on energized electric lines or equipment, or used where it may contact exposed live parts, shall provide protection against the accumulation of moisture in the air supply.

(6) Breaking connections. Pressure shall be released before connections are broken, unless quick-acting, self-closing connectors are used.

(7) Leaks. Employers must ensure that employees do not use any part of their bodies to locate, or attempt to stop, a hydraulic leak.

(8) Hoses. Hoses may not be kinked.

1926.957 Live-line tools.

(a) Design of tools. Live-line tool rods, tubes, and poles shall be designed and constructed to withstand the following minimum tests:

(1) Fiberglass-reinforced plastic. If the tool is made of fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP), it shall withstand 328,100 volts per meter (100,000 volts per foot) of length for 5 minutes, or

Note to paragraph (a)(1): Live-line tools using rod and tube that meet ASTM F711-02 (2007), Standard Specification for Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Rod and Tube Used in Live Line Tools, are deemed to comply with paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(2) Wood. If the tool is made of wood, it shall withstand 246,100 volts per meter (75,000 volts per foot) of length for 3 minutes, or

(3) Equivalent tests. The tool shall withstand other tests that the employer can demonstrate are equivalent.

*437-003-0395 Tested and Warranted. Only [~~hot~~]**live-**line tools that are tested and warranted by the manufacturer to be adequate for the voltage involved shall be used.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(b) Condition of tools.

*437-003-0390 [~~Weather and Other Factors~~]**Use and Care of Live-Line Tools**.*

***(1)** [~~Hot~~]**Live-**line tools [~~shall~~]**must** not be used when rain, fog, or any other factor is sufficient to reduce their insulating qualities [~~to the extent~~]**so** that leakage can be felt.*

(2) Live-line tools must be kept in a dry place. When transporting, they must be kept in separate special storage compartments, or be contained in protective bags. They must not be laid directly on the ground.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.

Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(1) Daily inspection. Each live-line tool shall be wiped clean and visually inspected for defects before use each day.

(2) Defects. If any defect or contamination that could adversely affect the insulating qualities or mechanical integrity of the live-line tool is present after wiping, the tool shall be removed from

service and examined and tested according to paragraph (b)(3) of this section before being returned to service.

(3) Biennial inspection and testing. Live-line tools used for primary employee protection shall be removed from service every 2 years, and whenever required under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, for examination, cleaning, repair, and testing as follows:

(i) Each tool shall be thoroughly examined for defects.

(ii) If a defect or contamination that could adversely affect the insulating qualities or mechanical integrity of the live-line tool is found, the tool shall be repaired and refinished or shall be permanently removed from service. If no such defect or contamination is found, the tool shall be cleaned and waxed.

(iii) The tool shall be tested in accordance with paragraphs (b)(3)(iv) and (b)(3)(v) of this section under the following conditions:

(A) After the tool has been repaired or refinished; and

(B) After the examination if repair or refinishing is not performed, unless the tool is made of FRP rod or foam-filled FRP tube and the employer can demonstrate that the tool has no defects that could cause it to fail during use.

(iv) The test method used shall be designed to verify the tool's integrity along its entire working length and, if the tool is made of fiberglass-reinforced plastic, its integrity under wet conditions.

(v) The voltage applied during the tests shall be as follows:

(A) 246,100 volts per meter (75,000 volts per foot) of length for 1 minute if the tool is made of fiberglass, or

(B) 164,000 volts per meter (50,000 volts per foot) of length for 1 minute if the tool is made of wood, or

(C) Other tests that the employer can demonstrate are equivalent.

Note to paragraph (b): Guidelines for the examination, cleaning, repairing, and in-service testing of live-line tools are specified in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines, IEEE Std 516-2009.

1926.958 Materials handling and storage.

(a) General. Materials handling and storage shall comply with applicable material-handling and material-storage requirements in this part, including those in Subparts N and CC of this part.

(b) Materials storage near energized lines or equipment.

(1) Unrestricted areas. In areas to which access is not restricted to qualified persons only, materials or equipment may not be stored closer to energized lines or exposed energized parts of equipment than the following distances, plus a distance that provides for the maximum sag and side swing of all conductors and for the height and movement of material-handling equipment:

(i) For lines and equipment energized at 50 kilovolts or less, the distance is 3.05 meters (10 feet).

(ii) For lines and equipment energized at more than 50 kilovolts, the distance is 3.05 meters (10 feet) plus 0.10 meter (4 inches) for every 10 kilovolts over 50 kilovolts.

(2) Restricted areas. In areas restricted to qualified employees, materials may not be stored within the working space about energized lines or equipment.

Note to paragraph (b)(2): Paragraph (b) of Sec. 1926.966 specifies the size of the working space.

437-003-3333 Helicopters

(1) Definitions

Cargo hooks. A device attached or suspended from an aircraft which is used to connect an external load to the aircraft through direct couplings or by lead lines. This unit has both mechanical and electrical locking/unlocking means.

Designated employees. Those employees selected or designated by the employer to work under or near helicopters who have first been instructed in hooking, unhooking, guiding and securing the load, including the signalperson, all of whom have been instructed in the hazards of helicopter work and who know the provisions of this section.

Pilot in Command, Pilot, or PIC means the person who:

- ***Has the final authority and responsibility for the operation and safety of the flight;***
- ***Has been designated as pilot in command before or during the flight; and***
- ***Holds the appropriate category, class, and type rating for the conduct of the flight if applicable.***

Helicopter Service Provider or Operator. Entity that holds the appropriate FAA operating certification and provides helicopter support services.

Downwash. A down and outward air column from the main rotor system.

Ground personnel or crew. Employees who work on or near the equipment and are familiar with the hazards of helicopter use in power distribution and transmission line work and who know these rules and the methods of operation.

Helicopter, helicopter crane, and rotorcraft. Those aircraft whose support in the air is derived solely from the reaction of a stream of air driven downward by propellers revolving around a vertical axis, which are designed for and capable of carrying external loads. The use of the word helicopter in these rules also means helicopter crane, rotorcraft, or similar device.

Hooking and unhooking. The process by which an external load is either attached to or released from the cargo hook.

Positive guide system. A system or method of installing a load into position so that the load is capable of being released from the helicopter without being otherwise secured so that the load will remain in position permanently or until otherwise secured by physical means.

Rotors. A system of blades that rotates or revolves to supply lift or direction to the rotorcraft.

Rubber gloves - Approved. Rubber insulating gloves used for protection of electrical workers from electric shock while working on energized conductors and equipment.

Signalperson. A member of the ground crew that is designated by an employer to direct, signal and otherwise communicate with the pilot of the helicopter.

Sling line. A strap, chain, rope or the like used to securely hold something being lifted, lowered, carried or otherwise suspended.

Sock line. A rope, cable, or similar line that is used to pull a conductor line from a reel or to remove existing strung conductors from poles or towers.

Static charge. A stationary charge of electricity.

Tag line. A rope or similar device used to guide or control the direction or movement of a load.

(2) Helicopter regulations. Helicopter cranes must be expected to comply with any applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.

(3) Hazard Analysis and Job Briefing.

(a) Before the commencement of any helicopter operation, a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) must be completed by the employer for each individual worker involved with the task, and at a minimum must:

(A) Define the core tasks.

(B) Identify specific hazards.

(C) Identify mission specific tasks.

(D) Describe procedures to safely manage or mitigate the hazards.

(E) Describe communication procedure with the crew.

(F) Discuss recognition, effects of fatigue, and methods to eliminate.

(G) Specify Minimum Approach Distance (MAD).

(H) Describe a site specific emergency action plan.

(b) An additional job briefing must be held immediately if working conditions change during the course of a job. Working conditions would include weather, wind, and visibility.

During the job briefing all affected employees and others, including signalpersons, ground workers, pilots, must be advised of the hazards including a change of operation if needed.

(4) Sling and rigging.

(a) The pilot is responsible for the integrity of the rigging for any external load and must ensure safe delivery of the cargo by inspecting and monitoring the security of the rigging throughout the operation. Prior to operations, the pilot must check the condition and application of all rigging gear to ensure serviceability. Prior to commencing operations, determine the complete rigging requirements including slings and taglines.

(b) All personnel involved with rigging activities must receive appropriate rigging training and show proficiency, specific to helicopter operations and the work or task/s being performed.

(c) The slings used for the external load must be inspected each day before use. Slings must be inspected by an employee designated, trained and qualified as a rigger.

(d) No sling can be used unless it has a properly marked minimum tensile strength of five times the load which will be carried or is being carried.

(A) No sling can be used unless upon inspection it is determined to be in good condition and capable of the work which is to be performed and properly marked.

(B) Loads must be properly slung so that there will be no slippage or shifting of the load and so that the load will not accidentally be dislodged from the helicopter.

(C) Lines must be comprised of nonconductive materials which are the appropriate weight, strength and length to prevent the line from being lifted and entangled into the aircraft rotor system.

(D) Pressed sleeves, wedged eyes, or equivalent means must be used for all suspended loads utilizing wire rope. All eyes on synthetic line must be produced by the line manufacturer or a certified splicer for the specific type of line.

(5) Cargo hooks. All electrically operated cargo hooks must have the electrical activating device so designed and installed as to prevent inadvertent operation. In addition, these cargo hooks must be equipped with an emergency mechanical control for releasing the load. The hooks must be tested prior to each day's operation to determine that the release functions properly, both electrically and mechanically.

(6) Personal protective equipment when working on, under or in the near vicinity of helicopters.

(a) Personal protective equipment for employees must consist of complete eye protection and hard hats secured by chinstraps.

(b) Loose-fitting clothing likely to flap in the downwash must not be worn.

(7) Loose gear and objects. Every practical precaution must be taken to provide for the protection of the employees from flying objects in the rotor downwash. All loose gear within 100 feet of the place of lifting the load, depositing the load, and all other areas susceptible to rotor downwash must be secured or removed.

(8) Landing Zones.

(a) When establishing the landing zone, the following items must be considered: size and type of helicopter, suitability of the planned activity, physical barriers or obstructions, helicopter touchdown area and congestion in the area.

(b) All helicopter landing, loading and unloading areas must be maintained to reduce the likelihood of flying materials, tripping, or other hazards attendant to the work being performed.

(9) Pilot's responsibility.

(a) The helicopter pilot must be responsible for the size, weight and manner in which loads are connected to the helicopter.

(b) No load can be made if the helicopter pilot believes the lift cannot safely be performed. The employer must make certain that the pilot of the helicopter is able to freely exercise their prerogative and judgment as to safe operation of the helicopter itself concerning size, weight and manner by which loads are connected.

(c) The pilot must possess the appropriate ratings for the aircraft and must be competent to safely conduct the assigned tasks. The pilot must have the final authority and is solely responsible for the safe operation of the helicopter loads at all times.

(10) Hooking and unhooking loads.

(a) Work performed at an elevated position and directly under hovering helicopters must be performed only by qualified employees.

(A) Work must be limited to the minimum time necessary to guide, secure, hook or unhook the loads, provided that only a single point of attachment is required to secure the load.

(B) When an employee is working from the ground under hovering helicopters, the employee must have a safe means of ingress and egress at all times, including readily available escape route or routes in the event of an emergency.

(b) Positive guide systems must be used for the placement of large segments of a primary tower structure and must enable the heavy lift helicopter to temporarily secure and release the load. Bolting of or otherwise permanently securing the structures is prohibited under hovering helicopters.

(11) Static charge. All loads must be grounded or bonded with a device capable of discharging either the actual or potential static charge before ground personnel either touch or come close enough to touch the suspended load.

(12) Line Stringing.

(a) Weight of the external load must not exceed the manufacturer's load limit.

(b) Each helicopter operator used in line stringing must be authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration for Part 133 Class C operations.

(c) All line stringing operations must be conducted according to the following requirements:

(A) Stringing tension method must enable a consistent positive control of the cable, rope, or similar lines at all times during pulling operations.

(B) During all pulling operations, the helicopter pilot must maintain an aircraft orientation that allows the pilot to maintain constant visibility in both directions on line.

(C) No pulling operation must be conducted at a speed greater than 15 knots.

(D) When pulling from the aircraft belly hook attachment point, a ballast weight of a minimum of 300 pounds must be used. At no time during the pulling operation can the load line that is attached to the helicopter's belly hook attachment point exceed a 30 degree angle from vertical. This does not apply when pulling from the helicopter's approved side pull attachment point.

(d) A helicopter must not pull any cable, rope, or similar line that is at any point attached to a fixed object other than the helicopter itself. Helicopters may pull a "free-wheeling" or "pay-out" of the cable, rope, or similar line as long as the end is not tied to a truck or fixed object other than the reel itself.

(13) Visibility. Employees must keep clear of and outside the downwash of the helicopters except as necessary to perform a permitted activity.

(14) Communication.

(a) Communication must be maintained between the air crew and ground personnel at all times by a designated and qualified signal person. Such signal systems must be understood by the air crew and the ground crew, including signalpersons, prior to the hoisting of any load. There must be a constant, open line of communication, using radios or head and hand signals. Signaling and maintaining communications with the pilot are the sole and exclusive function of the designated signal person during periods of loading and unloading. The designated signalperson must be so dressed as to make their appearance distinguishable from other members of the ground crew by the pilot of the aircraft. This may be by way of orange-colored gloves, vest, or other wearing apparel. In addition, the lead worker and one top person must also have an operating transmitter and receiver.

(b) Authorized and qualified employees may come within 50 feet of the helicopter when the rotor blades are turning, but no closer, other than to enter the craft or to hook or unhook the load or do other essential functions. Other employees must not come closer than 100 feet of the aircraft when it is operating.

(c) The signals between the signalperson and the operator of the helicopter must be those submitted to the Federal Aviation Agency for the particular procedure or job. In the event no signals have been submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration, a system of signaling must be used which has been reduced to writing and which is capable of being clearly understood by all employees and others involved in the job. When head signals are to be used, the qualified worker must use a visually enhanced hard hat or helmet with clear markings to indicate the desired movement. Any signals other than up/down or in/out will require the use of hand signals.

(d) Should a change occur in the hazards, method of performing the job, signals to be used, or other operating conditions during the course of any particular job, a conference must immediately be held at which time all affected employees and others, including signalpersons, groundworkers, pilots, will be advised of such hazards or change of operation. No employee is permitted to work unless such employee and others fully understand the changes that have taken place.

(15) Helicopter Operation.

(a) Whenever approaching or leaving a helicopter with blades rotating, all employees must remain in full view of the pilot and remain in a crouched position if within 50 feet of the helicopter. No employee can approach the rear of the helicopter unless directly authorized and directed by the pilot and the designated signal person of such craft to be there at that time. All employees when operating or working within 50 feet of the helicopter with blades turning are subject to the direction of the helicopter pilot.

(b) All materials and equipment loaded in the aircraft must be properly secured for flight.

(c) Long objects, such as shovels and hot sticks, can be carried horizontally and below the waist to avoid contact with the aircraft rotor blades.

(d) The pilot must ensure that all loads are safely secured to the helicopter, or in cargo baskets, and properly loaded with regard to weight and balance.

(e) Never throw anything while loading and unloading the helicopter. Thrown items may come in contact with the aircraft rotor blade, causing damage to the aircraft and possible injury to ground personnel.

(f) While in the helicopter, safety belts must remain fastened at all times except when pilot or pilot instructs otherwise or while entering or leaving the helicopter.

(g) Smoking in the helicopter is prohibited at all times.

(16) Helicopter Work Tasks.

(a) Human External Cargo (HEC)

(A) The sling or vertical suspension system (Human External Cargo or HEC) is a vertical system suspended from the helicopter cargo hook. The sling system will comply with all governmental requirements. (e.g., 14 CFR Part 133 Class B or D – External Load). The sling system will also comply with 14 CFR 27.865 or 29.865.

(B) Helicopter operations involving Human External Cargo (HEC) must incorporate the use of a secondary safety device, in addition to the helicopter's primary attachment means, to prevent the inadvertent release of the load. This device must remain jettisonable in accordance with class B load requirements.

(i) All lines utilized for HEC operations must be dedicated for HEC and must not be used for transporting cargo.

(ii) HEC lines must be not less than 10:1 safety ratio between the rated breaking strength and the working load.

(iii) All harnesses utilized for helicopter short-haul operations must meet the ANSI Z359.1-2007 standards for class III (full body) harnesses and must be equipped with both dorsal and sternal D rings.

(iv) All suspension harnesses used for HEC must be adjusted to the user. The harness must be equipped with an orthostatic shock relief device. Such devices must be deployed and used if an employee has been in suspension for any length of time greater than five minutes.

(b) Aerial Skid Transfer.

(A) The qualified line worker must be attached to the helicopter at all times when traveling between the ground and the aerial transfer point or worksite. There must be an FAA approved attachment point on the helicopter for the lineman's safety harness lanyard.

(B) If a platform system is used to transport crews or where a crewmember performs work from, the platform system and all aircraft attachment points must comply with applicable FAA regulations and requirements. All platform operations must be conducted in accordance with the 14 CFR Part 133 Class A - External Load. Flight and hovering capabilities of the helicopter must not be adversely affected by the design of the platform. The platform must not adversely affect

the auto rotation and emergency capabilities of the helicopter. The platform and loads may affect the lateral & longitudinal CG weight and balance of the helicopter in flight. An engineered counter-balance system must be used if the platform exceeds the lateral CG limits of the manufactures specifications for the helicopter which will ensure stability.

(17) Fires. Open fires are not be permitted in any area in where fires will be affected by the downwash of the rotors, nor can any employee smoke in an area subject to the downdraft of the rotor.

(18) Refueling operations.

(a) Refueling any helicopter with either aviation gasoline or Jet B (Turbine) type fuel is prohibited while the engines are running.

(b) Fueling of helicopters using Jet A (Turbine-Kerosene) type fuel is allowed with engines running.

(c) All helicopter fueling must comply with the following:

(A) No unauthorized people are allowed within fifty feet of the refueling operation or fueling equipment.

(B) A minimum of one thirty-pound fire extinguisher, or a combination of same, good for class A, B and C fires, must be provided within one hundred feet on the upwind side of the refueling operation.

(C) All fueling personnel must be thoroughly trained in the refueling operation and in the use of the available fire extinguishing equipment they may be expected to use.

(D) There must be no smoking, open flames, exposed flame heaters, flare pots, or open flame lights within fifty feet of the refueling area or fueling equipment. All entrances to the refueling area must be posted with "no smoking" signs.

(E) Prior to making any fueling connection to the aircraft, the fueling equipment must be bonded to the aircraft by use of a cable, thus providing a conductive path to equalize the potential between the fueling equipment and the aircraft. The bond must be maintained until fueling connections have been removed, thus allowing separated charges that could be generated during the fueling operation to reunite. Grounding during aircraft fueling must not be permitted

(F) To control spills, fuel must be pumped either by hand or power. Pouring or gravity flow must not be permitted. Self-closing nozzles or deadman controls must be used and must not be blocked open. Nozzles must not be dragged along the ground.

(G) In case of a spill, the fueling operation must be immediately stopped until such time as the person in charge determines that it is safe to resume the refueling operation.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

1926.959 Mechanical equipment.

(a) General requirements.

(1) Other applicable requirements. Mechanical equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable requirements in this part, including Subparts N, O, and CC of this part, except that Sec. 1926.600(a)(6) does not apply to operations performed by qualified employees.

(2) Inspection before use. The critical safety components of mechanical elevating and rotating equipment shall receive a thorough visual inspection before use on each shift.

Note to paragraph (a)(2): Critical safety components of mechanical elevating and rotating equipment are components for which failure would result in free fall or free rotation of the boom.

(3) Operator. The operator of an electric line truck may not leave his or her position at the controls while a load is suspended, unless the employer can demonstrate that no employee (including the operator) is endangered.

(b) Outriggers.

(1) Extend outriggers. Mobile equipment, if provided with outriggers, shall be operated with the outriggers extended and firmly set, except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(2) Clear view. Outriggers may not be extended or retracted outside of the clear view of the operator unless all employees are outside the range of possible equipment motion.

(3) Operation without outriggers. If the work area or the terrain precludes the use of outriggers, the equipment may be operated only within its maximum load ratings specified by the equipment manufacturer for the particular configuration of the equipment without outriggers.

(c) Applied loads. Mechanical equipment used to lift or move lines or other material shall be used within its maximum load rating and other design limitations for the conditions under which the mechanical equipment is being used.

(d) Operations near energized lines or equipment.

(1) Minimum approach distance. Mechanical equipment shall be operated so that the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i), are maintained from exposed energized lines and equipment. However, the insulated portion of an aerial lift operated by a qualified employee in the lift is exempt from this requirement if the applicable minimum approach distance is maintained between the uninsulated portions of the aerial lift and exposed objects having a different electrical potential.

(2) Observer. A designated employee other than the equipment operator shall observe the approach distance to exposed lines and equipment and provide timely warnings before the minimum approach distance required by paragraph (d)(1) of this section is reached, unless the employer can demonstrate that the operator can accurately determine that the minimum approach distance is being maintained.

(3) Extra precautions. If, during operation of the mechanical equipment, that equipment could become energized, the operation also shall comply with at least one of paragraphs (d)(3)(i) through (d)(3)(iii) of this section.

(i) The energized lines or equipment exposed to contact shall be covered with insulating protective material that will withstand the type of contact that could be made during the operation.

(ii) The mechanical equipment shall be insulated for the voltage involved. The mechanical equipment shall be positioned so that its uninsulated portions cannot approach the energized lines or equipment any closer than the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i).

(iii) Each employee shall be protected from hazards that could arise from mechanical equipment contact with energized lines or equipment. The measures used shall ensure that employees will not be exposed to hazardous differences in electric potential. Unless the employer can demonstrate that the methods in use protect each employee from the hazards that could arise if the mechanical equipment contacts the energized line or equipment, the measures used shall include all of the following techniques:

(A) Using the best available ground to minimize the time the lines or electric equipment remain energized,

(B) Bonding mechanical equipment together to minimize potential differences,

(C) Providing ground mats to extend areas of equipotential, and

(D) Employing insulating protective equipment or barricades to guard against any remaining hazardous electrical potential differences.

Note to paragraph (d)(3)(iii): Appendix C to this subpart contains information on hazardous step and touch potentials and on methods of protecting employees from hazards resulting from such potentials.

1926.960 Working on or near exposed energized parts.

(a) Application. This section applies to work on exposed live parts, or near enough to them to expose the employee to any hazard they present.

(b) General.

(1) Qualified employees only.

(i) Only qualified employees may work on or with exposed energized lines or parts of equipment.

(ii) Only qualified employees may work in areas containing unguarded, uninsulated energized lines or parts of equipment operating at 50 volts or more.

(2) Treat as energized. Electric lines and equipment shall be considered and treated as energized unless they have been deenergized in accordance with Sec. 1926.961.

(3) At least two employees.

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section, at least two employees shall be present while any employees perform the following types of work:

(A) Installation, removal, or repair of lines energized at more than 600 volts,

(B) Installation, removal, or repair of deenergized lines if an employee is exposed to contact with other parts energized at more than 600 volts,

(C) Installation, removal, or repair of equipment, such as transformers, capacitors, and regulators, if an employee is exposed to contact with parts energized at more than 600 volts,

(D) Work involving the use of mechanical equipment, other than insulated aerial lifts, near parts energized at more than 600 volts, and

(E) Other work that exposes an employee to electrical hazards greater than, or equal to, the electrical hazards posed by operations listed specifically in paragraphs (b)(3)(i)(A) through (b)(3)(i)(D) of this section.

[~~(ii) Paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section does not apply to the following operations:~~

~~(A) Routine circuit switching, when the employer can demonstrate that conditions at the site allow safe performance of this work,~~

~~(B) Work performed with live-line tools when the position of the employee is such that he or she is neither within reach of, nor otherwise exposed to contact with, energized parts, and~~

~~(C) Emergency repairs to the extent necessary to safeguard the general public.~~]

Note: Oregon OSHA did not adopt 1926.960(b)(3)(ii). In Oregon, OAR 437-003-0115 applies.

Note: Portions of OAR 437-003-0120, 437-003-0130, were used to amend 437-003-0115.

*437-003-0115 [~~High Voltage~~]**Two worker rules** No[~~t~~] less than two journeymen, or workers with equivalent training and experience, [~~shall be~~]**are** required for work on [~~energized high voltage equipment. A qualified apprentice may work in place of one of the journeymen for the purpose of training.~~]**equipment more than 600 volts. The following exceptions to the two-worker rule apply:***
(1) When re-fusing circuits with a live-line tool.
(2) When operating switches by means of operating handles or live-line tools.
(3) When a qualified apprentice is assigned to work with a journeyman for the purpose of training.
(4) When installing or removing a live-line clamp connection with an approved live-line tool on single phase line or apparatus, providing that the connection or disconnection does not interrupt or pick up a load.
(5) When installing or removing a load break elbow with a live-line tool on a single phase line or apparatus.
(6) Emergency repairs to the extent necessary to safeguard the general public.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(c) Live work.

(1) Minimum approach distances.

(i) The employer shall establish minimum approach distances no less than the distances computed by Table V-2 for ac systems or Table V-7 for dc systems.

(ii) No later than April 1, 2015, for voltages over 72.5 kilovolts, the employer shall determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table V-8. When the employer uses portable protective gaps to control the maximum transient overvoltage, the value of the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, must provide for five standard deviations between the statistical sparkover voltage of the gap and the statistical withstand voltage corresponding to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance. The employer shall make any engineering analysis conducted to determine maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage available upon request to employees and to the Assistant Secretary or designee for examination and copying.

Note to paragraph (c)(1)(ii): See Appendix B to this subpart for information on how to calculate the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, when the employer uses portable protective gaps to reduce maximum transient overvoltages.

(iii) The employer shall ensure that no employee approaches or takes any conductive object closer to exposed energized parts than the employer's established minimum approach distance, unless:

(A) The employee is insulated from the energized part (rubber insulating gloves or rubber insulating gloves and sleeves worn in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of this section constitutes insulation of the employee from the energized part upon which the employee is working provided that the employee has control of the part in a manner sufficient to prevent exposure to uninsulated portions of the employee's body), or

(B) The energized part is insulated from the employee and from any other conductive object at a different potential, or

(C) The employee is insulated from any other exposed conductive object in accordance with the requirements for live-line barehand work in Sec. 1926.964(c). ***Note: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.***

(2) Type of insulation.

(i) When an employee uses rubber insulating gloves as insulation from energized parts (under paragraph (c)(1)(iii)(A) of this section), the employer shall ensure that the employee also uses rubber insulating sleeves. However, an employee need not use rubber insulating sleeves if:

(A) Exposed energized parts on which the employee is not working are insulated from the employee; and

(B) When installing insulation for purposes of paragraph (c)(2)(i)(A) of this section, the employee installs the insulation from a position that does not expose his or her upper arm to contact with other energized parts.

(ii) When an employee uses rubber insulating gloves or rubber insulating gloves and sleeves as insulation from energized parts (under paragraph (c)(1)(iii)(A) of this section), the employer shall ensure that the employee:

(A) Puts on the rubber insulating gloves and sleeves in a position where he or she cannot reach into the minimum approach distance, established by the employer under paragraph (c)(1) of this section; and

(B) Does not remove the rubber insulating gloves and sleeves until he or she is in a position where he or she cannot reach into the minimum approach distance, established by the employer under paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(d) Working position.

(1) Working from below. The employer shall ensure that each employee, to the extent that other safety-related conditions at the worksite permit, works in a position from which a slip or shock will not bring the employee's body into contact with exposed, uninsulated parts energized at a potential different from the employee's.

437-003-0195 Protective Equipment.

*(1) Any intervening conductor or ground between the workers and the conductor to be worked on [~~shall~~]**must** be covered with protective equipment designed for that purpose.*
*(2) Such protective equipment [~~shall~~]**must** be installed so that the nearest conductor or ground [~~shall be~~]**is** covered first.*
*(3) In removing the protective equipment, the sequence [~~shall~~]**must** be reversed.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) Requirements for working without electrical protective equipment. When an employee performs work near exposed parts energized at more than 600 volts, but not more than 72.5 kilovolts, and is not wearing rubber insulating gloves, being protected by insulating equipment covering the energized parts, performing work using live-line tools, or performing live-line barehand work under Sec. 1926.964(c), the employee shall work from a position where he or she cannot reach into the minimum approach distance, established by the employer under paragraph (c)(1) of this section.
Note: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(e) Making connections. The employer shall ensure that employees make connections as follows:

(1) Connecting. In connecting deenergized equipment or lines to an energized circuit by means of a conducting wire or device, an employee shall first attach the wire to the deenergized part;

(2) Disconnecting. When disconnecting equipment or lines from an energized circuit by means of a conducting wire or device, an employee shall remove the source end first; and

(3) Loose conductors. When lines or equipment are connected to or disconnected from energized circuits, an employee shall keep loose conductors away from exposed energized parts.

(f) Conductive articles. When an employee performs work within reaching distance of exposed energized parts of equipment, the employer shall ensure that the employee removes or renders nonconductive all exposed conductive articles, such as keychains or watch chains, rings, or wrist watches or bands, unless such articles do not increase the hazards associated with contact with the energized parts.

(g) Protection from flames and electric arcs.

(1) Hazard assessment. The employer shall assess the workplace to identify employees exposed to hazards from flames or from electric arcs.

(2) Estimate of available heat energy. For each employee exposed to hazards from electric arcs, the employer shall make a reasonable estimate of the incident heat energy to which the employee would be exposed.

Note 1 to paragraph (g)(2): Appendix E to this subpart provides guidance on estimating available heat energy. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will deem employers following the guidance in Appendix E to this subpart to be in compliance with paragraph (g)(2) of this section. An employer may choose a method of calculating incident heat energy not included in Appendix E to this subpart if the chosen method reasonably predicts the incident energy to which the employee would be exposed.

Note 2 to paragraph (g)(2): This paragraph does not require the employer to estimate the incident heat energy exposure for every job task performed by each employee. The employer may make broad estimates that cover multiple system areas provided the employer uses reasonable assumptions about the energy-exposure distribution throughout the system and provided the estimates represent the maximum employee exposure for those areas. For example, the employer could estimate the heat energy just outside a substation feeding a radial distribution system and use that estimate for all jobs performed on that radial system.

(3) Prohibited clothing. The employer shall ensure that each employee who is exposed to hazards from flames or electric arcs does not wear clothing that could melt onto his or her skin or that could ignite and continue to burn when exposed to flames or the heat energy estimated under paragraph (g)(2) of this section.

Note to paragraph (g)(3): This paragraph prohibits clothing made from acetate, nylon, polyester, rayon and polypropylene, either alone or in blends, unless the employer demonstrates that the fabric has been treated to withstand the conditions that may be encountered by the employee or that the employee wears the clothing in such a manner as to eliminate the hazard involved.

(4) Flame-resistant clothing. The employer shall ensure that the outer layer of clothing worn by an employee, except for clothing not required to be arc rated under paragraphs (g)(5)(i) through (g)(5)(v) of this section, is flame resistant under any of the following conditions:

(i) The employee is exposed to contact with energized circuit parts operating at more than 600 volts,

(ii) An electric arc could ignite flammable material in the work area that, in turn, could ignite the employee's clothing,

(iii) Molten metal or electric arcs from faulted conductors in the work area could ignite the employee's clothing, or

Note to paragraph (g)(4)(iii): This paragraph does not apply to conductors that are capable of carrying, without failure, the maximum available fault current for the time the circuit protective devices take to interrupt the fault.

(iv) The incident heat energy estimated under paragraph (g)(2) of this section exceeds 2.0 cal/cm\2\.

(5) Arc rating. The employer shall ensure that each employee exposed to hazards from electric arcs wears protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating greater than or equal to the heat energy estimated under paragraph (g)(2) of this section whenever that estimate exceeds 2.0 cal/cm\2\. This protective equipment shall cover the employee's entire body, except as follows:

(i) Arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's hands when the employee is wearing rubber insulating gloves with protectors or, if the estimated incident energy is no more than 14 cal/cm\2\, heavy-duty leather work gloves with a weight of at least 407 gm/m\2\ (12 oz/yd\2\),

(ii) Arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's feet when the employee is wearing heavy-duty work shoes or boots,

(iii) Arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's head when the employee is wearing head protection meeting Sec. 1926.100(b)(2) if the estimated incident energy is less than 9 cal/cm\2\ for exposures involving single-phase arcs in open air or 5 cal/cm\2\ for other exposures,

(iv) The protection for the employee's head may consist of head protection meeting Sec. 1926.100(b)(2) and a faceshield with a minimum arc rating of 8 cal/cm\2\ if the estimated incident-energy exposure is less than 13 cal/cm\2\ for exposures involving single-phase arcs in open air or 9 cal/cm\2\ for other exposures, and

(v) For exposures involving single-phase arcs in open air, the arc rating for the employee's head and face protection may be 4 cal/cm\2\ less than the estimated incident energy.

Note to paragraph (g): See Appendix E to this subpart for further information on the selection of appropriate protection.

(6) Dates.

(i) The obligation in paragraph (g)(2) of this section for the employer to make reasonable estimates of incident energy commences January 1, 2015.

(ii) The obligation in paragraph (g)(4)(iv) of this section for the employer to ensure that the outer layer of clothing worn by an employee is flame-resistant when the estimated incident heat energy exceeds 2.0 cal/cm\2\ commences April 1, 2015.

(iii) The obligation in paragraph (g)(5) of this section for the employer to ensure that each employee exposed to hazards from electric arcs wears the required arc-rated protective equipment commences April 1, 2015.

(h) Fuse handling. When an employee must install or remove fuses with one or both terminals energized at more than 300 volts, or with exposed parts energized at more than 50 volts, the employer shall ensure that the employee uses tools or gloves rated for the voltage. When an employee installs or removes expulsion-type fuses with one or both terminals energized at more than 300 volts, the employer shall

ensure that the employee wears eye protection meeting the requirements of Subpart E of this part, uses a tool rated for the voltage, and is clear of the exhaust path of the fuse barrel.

(i) Covered (noninsulated) conductors. The requirements of this section that pertain to the hazards of exposed live parts also apply when an employee performs work in proximity to covered (noninsulated) wires.

(j) Non-current-carrying metal parts. Non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment or devices, such as transformer cases and circuit-breaker housings, shall be treated as energized at the highest voltage to which these parts are exposed, unless the employer inspects the installation and determines that these parts are grounded before employees begin performing the work.

(k) Opening and closing circuits under load.

(1) The employer shall ensure that devices used by employees to open circuits under load conditions are designed to interrupt the current involved.

(2) The employer shall ensure that devices used by employees to close circuits under load conditions are designed to safely carry the current involved.

Table V-2—AC Live-Line Work Minimum Approach Distance

The minimum approach distance (MAD; in meters) shall conform to the following equations.

For phase-to-phase system voltages of 50 V to 300 V: [1] MAD = avoid contact		
For phase-to-phase system voltages of 301 V to 5 kV: [1] *MAD* = *M* + *D*, where		
D =	0.02 m	the electrical component of the minimum approach distance
M =	0.31 m for voltages up to 750 V and 0.61 m otherwise	the inadvertent movement factor
For phase-to-phase system voltages of 5.1 kV to 72.5 kV: [1 4] *MAD* = *M* + *AD*, where		
M =	0.61 m	the inadvertent movement factor
A =	the applicable value from Table V-4	the altitude correction factor
D =	the value from Table V-3 corresponding to the voltage and exposure or the value of the electrical component of the minimum approach distance calculated using the method provided in Appendix B to this subpart.	the electrical component of the minimum approach distance

Table V-2 (Continued)

For phase-to-phase system voltages of more than 72.5 kV, nominal: [2 4]

$MAD = 0.3048(C + a)V_{L-G}TA + M$, where

C = 0.01 for phase-to-ground exposures that the employer can demonstrate consist only of air across the approach distance (gap),

0.01 for phase-to-phase exposures if the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap, or

0.011 otherwise

V_{L-G} = phase-to-ground rms voltage, in kV

T = maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage; for phase-to-ground exposures, T equals T_{L-G}, the maximum per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, determined by the employer under paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section; for phase-to-phase exposures, T equals $1.35T_{L-G}$ + 0.45

A = altitude correction factor from Table V-4

M = 0.31 m, the inadvertent movement factor

a = saturation factor, as follows:

Phase-to-Ground Exposures					
$V_{Peak} = T_{L-G}V_{L-G}\sqrt{2}$	635 kV or less	635.1 to 915 kV	915.1 to 1,050 kV	More than 1,050 kV	
a	0	(V_{Peak}-635)/140,000	(V_{Peak}-645)/135,000	(V_{Peak}-675)/125,000	
Phase-to-Phase Exposures [3]					
$V_{Peak} = (1.35T_{L-G} + 0.45)V_{L-G}\sqrt{2}$	630 kV or less	630.1 to 848 kV	848.1 to 1,131 kV	1,131.1 to 1,485 kV	More than 1,485 kV
a	0	(V_{Peak}-630)/155,000	(V_{Peak}-633.6)/152,207	(V_{Peak}-628)/153,846	(V_{Peak}-350.5)/203,666

[1]Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table V-5. If the worksite is at an elevation of more than 900 meters (3,000 feet), see footnote 1 to Table V-5.

[2]Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table V-6, except that the employer may not use the minimum approach distances in Table V-6 for phase-to-phase exposures if an insulated tool spans the gap or if any large conductive object is in the gap. If the worksite is at an elevation of more than 900 meters (3,000 feet), see footnote 1 to Table V-6. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 7 through Table 14 in Appendix B to this subpart, which calculated MAD for various values of T, provided the employer follows the notes to those tables.

[3]Use the equations for phase-to-ground exposures (with V_{Peak} for phase-to-phase exposures) unless the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap.

[4]Until March 31, 2015, employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 6 in Appendix B to this subpart.

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Table V-3—Electrical Component of the Minimum Approach Distance (D; in Meters) at 5.1 to 72.5 kV

Nominal Voltage (kV) Phase-to-Phase	Phase-to-Ground Exposure	Phase-to-Phase Exposure
	D (m)	D (m)
5.1 to 15.0	0.04	0.07
15.1 to 36.0	0.16	0.28
36.1 to 46.0	0.23	0.37
46.1 to 72.5	0.39	0.59

Table V-4—Altitude Correction Factor

Altitude above Sea Level (m)	*A*
0 to 900	1.00
901 to 1,200	1.02
1,201 to 1,500	1.05
1,501 to 1,800	1.08
1,801 to 2,100	1.11
2,101 to 2,400	1.14
2,401 to 2,700	1.17
2,701 to 3,000	1.20
3,001 to 3,600	1.25
3,601 to 4,200	1.30
4,201 to 4,800	1.35
4,801 to 5,400	1.39
5,401 to 6,000	1.44

Table V-5—Alternative Minimum Approach Distances for Voltages of 72.5 kV and Less [1]

Nominal Voltage (kV) Phase-to-Phase	Distance			
	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
0.50 to 0.300 [2]	Avoid Contact		Avoid Contact	
0.301 to 0.750 [2]	0.33	1.09	0.33	1.09
0.751 to 5.0	0.63	2.07	0.63	2.07
5.1 to 15.0	0.65	2.14	0.68	2.24
15.1 to 36.0	0.77	2.53	0.89	2.92
36.1 to 46.0	0.84	2.76	0.98	3.22
46.1 to 72.5	1.00	3.29	1.20	3.94

[1]Employers may use the minimum approach distances in this table provided the worksite is at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table V-4 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

[2]For single-phase systems, use voltage-to-ground.

Table V-6—Alternative Minimum Approach Distances for Voltages of More Than 72.5 kV [1 2 3]

Voltage Range Phase to Phase (kV)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
72.6 to 121.0	1.13	3.71	1.42	4.66
121.1 to 145.0	1.30	4.27	1.64	5.38
145.1 to 169.0	1.46	4.79	1.94	6.36
169.1 to 242.0	2.01	6.59	3.08	10.10
242.1 to 362.0	3.41	11.19	5.52	18.11
362.1 to 420.0	4.25	13.94	6.81	22.34
420.1 to 550.0	5.07	16.63	8.24	27.03
550.1 to 800.0	6.88	22.57	11.38	37.34

[1]Employers may use the minimum approach distances in this table provided the worksite is at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table V-4 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

[2]Employers may use the phase-to-phase minimum approach distances in this table provided that no insulated tool spans the gap and no large conductive object is in the gap.

[3]The clear live-line tool distance shall equal or exceed the values for the indicated voltage ranges.

Table V-7—DC Live-Line Minimum Approach Distance (in Meters)

with Overvoltage Factor [1]

Maximum Anticipated Per-Unit Transient Overvoltage	Distance (m) Maximum Line-to-Ground Voltage (kV)				
	250	400	500	600	750
1.5 or less	1.12	1.60	2.06	2.62	3.61
1.6	1.17	1.69	2.24	2.86	3.98
1.7	1.23	1.82	2.42	3.12	4.37
1.8	1.28	1.95	2.62	3.39	4.79

[1]The distances specified in this table are for air, bare-hand, and live-line tool conditions. If employees will be working at elevations greater than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above mean sea level, the employer shall determine minimum approach distances by multiplying the distances in this table by the correction factor in Table V-4 corresponding to the altitude of the work.

Note: In Oregon, live-line work is prohibited by OAR 437- 003-0600.

Table V-8--Assumed Maximum Per-Unit Transient Overvoltage

Voltage Range (kV)	Type of Current (ac or dc)	Assumed Maximum Per-Unit Transient Overvoltage
72.6 to 420.0	ac	3.5
420.1 to 550.0	ac	3.0
550.1 to 800.0	ac	2.5
250 to 750	dc	1.8

1926.961 Deenergizing lines and equipment for employee protection.

(a) Application. This section applies to the deenergizing of transmission and distribution lines and equipment for the purpose of protecting employees. Conductors and parts of electric equipment that have been deenergized under procedures other than those required by this section shall be treated as energized.

(b) General.

(1) System operator. If a system operator is in charge of the lines or equipment and their means of disconnection, the employer shall designate one employee in the crew to be in charge of the clearance and shall comply with all of the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section in the order specified.

(2) No system operator. If no system operator is in charge of the lines or equipment and their means of disconnection, the employer shall designate one employee in the crew to be in charge of the clearance and to perform the functions that the system operator would otherwise perform under this section. All of the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section apply, in the order specified, except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(3) Single crews working with the means of disconnection under the control of the employee in charge of the clearance. If only one crew will be working on the lines or equipment and if the means of disconnection is accessible and visible to, and under the sole control of, the employee in charge of the clearance, paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(3), and (c)(5) of this section do not apply. Additionally, the employer does not need to use the tags required by the remaining provisions of paragraph (c) of this section.

(4) Multiple crews. If two or more crews will be working on the same lines or equipment, then:

(i) The crews shall coordinate their activities under this section with a single employee in charge of the clearance for all of the crews and follow the requirements of this section as if all of the employees formed a single crew, or

(ii) Each crew shall independently comply with this section and, if there is no system operator in charge of the lines or equipment, shall have separate tags and coordinate deenergizing and reenergizing the lines and equipment with the other crews.

(5) Disconnecting means accessible to general public. The employer shall render any disconnecting means that are accessible to individuals outside the employer's control (for example, the general public) inoperable while the disconnecting means are open for the purpose of protecting employees.

(c) Deenergizing lines and equipment.

(1) Request to deenergize. The employee that the employer designates pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section as being in charge of the clearance shall make a request of the system operator to deenergize the particular section of line or equipment. The designated employee becomes the employee in charge (as this term is used in paragraph (c) of this section) and is responsible for the clearance.

Working Clearance

Note: Portions of OAR 437-003-0515, 437-003-0520, 437-003-525, were used to amend 437-003-0510.

*437-003-0510 [~~Identity of~~]**Clearance** Requestor. The [~~dispatcher~~]**system operator** [~~shall~~]**must** obtain the name of the person requesting clearance and [~~assure himself~~]**be assured** that the person is qualified to receive such clearance.* ***The person requesting the clearance must state exactly what circuit or equipment they want de-energized and the reason. The system operator must repeat the request for clearance and be certain that the request is fully understood. The circuit or equipment must be considered as energized until notification from the system operator to the contrary is received.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0530 Verification of Clearance. Before considering any circuit or equipment de-energized, the [~~dispatcher~~]**system operator must be assured** [~~shall assure himself~~] that all switches [~~which~~]**that** could possibly energize the circuit or equipment in question have been opened, all phases checked, tagged with [~~"Work in Progress" or "Hold"~~]**"protective"** tags, and locked or blocked in the open position. [~~Only a visible air break shall be regarded as clearing a circuit.~~]*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) Open disconnecting means. The employer shall ensure that all switches, disconnectors, jumpers, taps, and other means through which known sources of electric energy may be supplied to the particular lines and equipment to be deenergized are open. The employer shall render such means inoperable, unless its design does not so permit, and then ensure that such means are tagged to indicate that employees are at work.

(3) Automatically and remotely controlled switches. The employer shall ensure that automatically and remotely controlled switches that could cause the opened disconnecting means to close are also tagged at the points of control. The employer shall render the automatic or remote control feature inoperable, unless its design does not so permit.

(4) Network protectors. The employer need not use the tags mentioned in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section on a network protector for work on the primary feeder for the network protector's associated network transformer when the employer can demonstrate all of the following conditions:

(i) Every network protector is maintained so that it will immediately trip open if closed when a primary conductor is deenergized;

(ii) Employees cannot manually place any network protector in a closed position without the use of tools, and any manual override position is blocked, locked, or otherwise disabled; and

(iii) The employer has procedures for manually overriding any network protector that incorporate provisions for determining, before anyone places a network protector in a closed position, that: The line connected to the network protector is not deenergized for the protection

of any employee working on the line; and (if the line connected to the network protector is not deenergized for the protection of any employee working on the line) the primary conductors for the network protector are energized.

(5) Tags. Tags shall prohibit operation of the disconnecting means and shall indicate that employees are at work.

(6) Test for energized condition. After the applicable requirements in paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(5) of this section have been followed and the system operator gives a clearance to the employee in charge, the employer shall ensure that the lines and equipment are deenergized by testing the lines and equipment to be worked with a device designed to detect voltage.

(7) Install grounds. The employer shall ensure the installation of protective grounds as required by Sec. 1926.962.

(8) Consider lines and equipment deenergized. After the applicable requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(7) of this section have been followed, the lines and equipment involved may be considered deenergized.

437-003-0225 Required Precautions. [~~After receiving notification from the dispatcher that the circuit or equipment is de-energized, the person making the request shall take the following precautions before coming in contact with the circuit or equipment:~~
~~(1) The circuit or equipment shall be tested to make sure that it is de-energized.~~
~~(2) The circuit or equipment shall be grounded and shorted as prescribed by the grounding section of these rules.~~
*~~(3)~~]Guards or barriers [~~shall~~]**must** be erected as necessary to prevent approach or contact with adjacent energized lines or equipment.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]4).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(9) Transferring clearances. To transfer the clearance, the employee in charge (or the employee's supervisor if the employee in charge must leave the worksite due to illness or other emergency) shall inform the system operator and employees in the crew; and the new employee in charge shall be responsible for the clearance.

(10) Releasing clearances. To release a clearance, the employee in charge shall:

(i) Notify each employee under that clearance of the pending release of the clearance;

(ii) Ensure that all employees under that clearance are clear of the lines and equipment;

(iii) Ensure that all protective grounds protecting employees under that clearance have been removed; and

(iv) Report this information to the system operator and then release the clearance.

(11) Person releasing clearance. Only the employee in charge who requested the clearance may release the clearance, unless the employer transfers responsibility under paragraph (c)(9) of this section.

(12) Removal of tags. No one may remove tags without the release of the associated clearance as specified under paragraphs (c)(10) and (c)(11) of this section.

(13) Reenergizing lines and equipment. The employer shall ensure that no one initiates action to reenergize the lines or equipment at a point of disconnection until all protective grounds have been removed, all crews working on the lines or equipment release their clearances, all employees are clear of the lines and equipment, and all protective tags are removed from that point of disconnection.

1926.962 Grounding for the protection of employees.

(a) Application. This section applies to grounding of transmission and distribution lines and equipment for the purpose of protecting employees. Paragraph (d) of this section also applies to protective grounding of other equipment as required elsewhere in this Subpart.

Note to paragraph (a): This section covers grounding of transmission and distribution lines and equipment when this subpart requires protective grounding and whenever the employer chooses to ground such lines and equipment for the protection of employees.

(b) General. For any employee to work transmission and distribution lines or equipment as deenergized, the employer shall ensure that the lines or equipment are deenergized under the provisions of Sec. 1926.961 and shall ensure proper grounding of the lines or equipment as specified in paragraphs (c) through (h) of this section. However, if the employer can demonstrate that installation of a ground is impracticable or that the conditions resulting from the installation of a ground would present greater hazards to employees than working without grounds, the lines and equipment may be treated as deenergized provided that the employer establishes that all of the following conditions apply:

(1) Deenergized. The employer ensures that the lines and equipment are deenergized under the provisions of Sec. 1926.961.

437-003-0480 Worker's Presence. *[~~Any worker's request that the grounding set be installed in his presence shall be complied with.~~]***Grounding must be verified if a worker requests it.**

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([3]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) No possibility of contact. There is no possibility of contact with another energized source.

(3) No induced voltage. The hazard of induced voltage is not present.

(c) Equipotential zone. Temporary protective grounds shall be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent each employee from being exposed to hazardous differences in electric potential.

Note to paragraph (c): Appendix C to this subpart contains guidelines for establishing the equipotential zone required by this paragraph. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will deem grounding practices meeting these guidelines as complying with paragraph (c) of this section.

*437-003-0485 [~~Three~~]**Multi-**Phase Line. [~~While working on extra high voltage transmission circuits under deenergized conditions with three phase mechanical shorts and grounds closed at the terminal ends of the line, workers may perform work on one phase of the three phase line after having grounded the phase being directly worked on. The ungrounded phases are to be treated as energized until they are properly grounded.~~]**While working on circuits de-energized under clearance conditions with multi-phase lines, shorts and grounds must be established at the lowest impedance available. Workers may perform work on one phase of a multi-phase line after establishing an equipotential zone that includes the phase being directly worked on. The phases outside the equipotential zone are to be treated as energized with minimum approach distance observed, unless they become part of the equipotential zone.***

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(d) Protective grounding equipment.

(1) Ampacity.

(i) Protective grounding equipment shall be capable of conducting the maximum fault current that could flow at the point of grounding for the time necessary to clear the fault.

(ii) Protective grounding equipment shall have an ampacity greater than or equal to that of No. 2 AWG copper.

(2) Impedance. Protective grounds shall have an impedance low enough so that they do not delay the operation of protective devices in case of accidental energizing of the lines or equipment.

Note to paragraph (d): American Society for Testing and Materials Standard Specifications for Temporary Protective Grounds to Be Used on De-Energized Electric Power Lines and Equipment, ASTM F855-09, contains guidelines for protective grounding equipment. The Institute of Electrical Engineers Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines, IEEE Std 1048-2003, contains guidelines for selecting and installing protective grounding equipment.

(e) Testing. The employer shall ensure that, unless a previously installed ground is present, employees test lines and equipment and verify the absence of nominal voltage before employees install any ground on those lines or that equipment.

(f) Connecting and removing grounds.

(1) Order of connection. The employer shall ensure that, when an employee attaches a ground to a line or to equipment, the employee attaches the ground-end connection first and then attaches the other end by means of a live-line tool. For lines or equipment operating at 600 volts or less, the employer may permit the employee to use insulating equipment other than a live-line tool if the employer ensures that the line or equipment is not energized at the time the ground is connected or if the employer can demonstrate that each employee is protected from hazards that may develop if the line or equipment is energized.

(2) Order of removal. The employer shall ensure that, when an employee removes a ground, the employee removes the grounding device from the line or equipment using a live-line tool before he or she removes the ground-end connection. For lines or equipment operating at 600 volts or less, the employer may permit the employee to use insulating equipment other than a live-line tool if the employer ensures that the line or equipment is not energized at the time the ground is disconnected or if the employer can demonstrate that each employee is protected from hazards that may develop if the line or equipment is energized.

(g) Additional precautions. The employer shall ensure that, when an employee performs work on a cable at a location remote from the cable terminal, the cable is not grounded at the cable terminal if there is a possibility of hazardous transfer of potential should a fault occur.

(h) Removal of grounds for test. The employer may permit employees to remove grounds temporarily during tests. During the test procedure, the employer shall ensure that each employee uses insulating equipment, shall isolate each employee from any hazards involved, and shall implement any additional measures necessary to protect each exposed employee in case the previously grounded lines and equipment become energized.

1926.963 Testing and test facilities.

(a) Application. This section provides for safe work practices for high-voltage and high-power testing performed in laboratories, shops, and substations, and in the field and on electric transmission and distribution lines and equipment. It applies only to testing involving interim measurements using high voltage, high power, or combinations of high voltage and high power, and not to testing involving continuous measurements as in routine metering, relaying, and normal line work.

Note to paragraph (a): OSHA considers routine inspection and maintenance measurements made by qualified employees to be routine line work not included in the scope of this section, provided that the hazards related to the use of intrinsic high-voltage or high-power sources require only the normal precautions associated with routine work specified in the other paragraphs of this subpart. Two typical examples of such excluded test work procedures are "phasing-out" testing and testing for a "no-voltage" condition.

(b) General requirements.

(1) Safe work practices. The employer shall establish and enforce work practices for the protection of each worker from the hazards of high-voltage or high-power testing at all test areas, temporary and permanent. Such work practices shall include, as a minimum, test area safeguarding, grounding, the safe use of measuring and control circuits, and a means providing for periodic safety checks of field test areas.

(2) Training. The employer shall ensure that each employee, upon initial assignment to the test area, receives training in safe work practices, with retraining provided as required by Sec. 1926.950(b).

(c) Safeguarding of test areas.

(1) Safeguarding. The employer shall provide safeguarding within test areas to control access to test equipment or to apparatus under test that could become energized as part of the testing by either direct or inductive coupling and to prevent accidental employee contact with energized parts.

(2) Permanent test areas. The employer shall guard permanent test areas with walls, fences, or other barriers designed to keep employees out of the test areas.

(3) Temporary test areas. In field testing, or at a temporary test site not guarded by permanent fences and gates, the employer shall ensure the use of one of the following means to prevent employees without authorization from entering:

(i) Distinctively colored safety tape supported approximately waist high with safety signs attached to it,

(ii) A barrier or barricade that limits access to the test area to a degree equivalent, physically and visually, to the barricade specified in paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this section, or

(iii) One or more test observers stationed so that they can monitor the entire area.

(4) Removal of safeguards. The employer shall ensure the removal of the safeguards required by paragraph (c)(3) of this section when employees no longer need the protection afforded by the safeguards.

(d) Grounding practices.

(1) Establish and implement practices. The employer shall establish and implement safe grounding practices for the test facility.

(i) The employer shall maintain at ground potential all conductive parts accessible to the test operator while the equipment is operating at high voltage.

(ii) Wherever ungrounded terminals of test equipment or apparatus under test may be present, they shall be treated as energized until tests demonstrate that they are deenergized.

(2) Installation of grounds. The employer shall ensure either that visible grounds are applied automatically, or that employees using properly insulated tools manually apply visible grounds, to the high-voltage circuits after they are deenergized and before any employee performs work on the circuit or on the item or apparatus under test. Common ground connections shall be solidly connected to the test equipment and the apparatus under test.

(3) Isolated ground return. In high-power testing, the employer shall provide an isolated ground-return conductor system designed to prevent the intentional passage of current, with its attendant voltage rise, from occurring in the ground grid or in the earth. However, the employer need not provide an isolated ground-return conductor if the employer can demonstrate that both of the following conditions exist:

(i) The employer cannot provide an isolated ground-return conductor due to the distance of the test site from the electric energy source, and

(ii) The employer protects employees from any hazardous step and touch potentials that may develop during the test.

Note to paragraph (d)(3)(ii): See Appendix C to this subpart for information on measures that employers can take to protect employees from hazardous step and touch potentials.

(4) Equipment grounding conductors. For tests in which using the equipment grounding conductor in the equipment power cord to ground the test equipment would result in greater hazards to test personnel or prevent the taking of satisfactory measurements, the employer may use a ground

clearly indicated in the test set-up if the employer can demonstrate that this ground affords protection for employees equivalent to the protection afforded by an equipment grounding conductor in the power supply cord.

(5) Grounding after tests. The employer shall ensure that, when any employee enters the test area after equipment is deenergized, a ground is placed on the high-voltage terminal and any other exposed terminals.

(i) Before any employee applies a direct ground, the employer shall discharge high capacitance equipment or apparatus through a resistor rated for the available energy.

(ii) A direct ground shall be applied to the exposed terminals after the stored energy drops to a level at which it is safe to do so.

(6) Grounding test vehicles. If the employer uses a test trailer or test vehicle in field testing, its chassis shall be grounded. The employer shall protect each employee against hazardous touch potentials with respect to the vehicle, instrument panels, and other conductive parts accessible to employees with bonding, insulation, or isolation.

(e) Control and measuring circuits.

(1) Control wiring. The employer may not run control wiring, meter connections, test leads, or cables from a test area unless contained in a grounded metallic sheath and terminated in a grounded metallic enclosure or unless the employer takes other precautions that it can demonstrate will provide employees with equivalent safety.

(2) Instruments. The employer shall isolate meters and other instruments with accessible terminals or parts from test personnel to protect against hazards that could arise should such terminals and parts become energized during testing. If the employer provides this isolation by locating test equipment in metal compartments with viewing windows, the employer shall provide interlocks to interrupt the power supply when someone opens the compartment cover.

(3) Routing temporary wiring. The employer shall protect temporary wiring and its connections against damage, accidental interruptions, and other hazards. To the maximum extent possible, the employer shall keep signal, control, ground, and power cables separate from each other.

(4) Test observer. If any employee will be present in the test area during testing, a test observer shall be present. The test observer shall be capable of implementing the immediate deenergizing of test circuits for safety purposes.

(f) Safety check.

(1) Before each test. Safety practices governing employee work at temporary or field test areas shall provide, at the beginning of each series of tests, for a routine safety check of such test areas.

(2) Conditions to be checked. The test operator in charge shall conduct these routine safety checks before each series of tests and shall verify at least the following conditions:

(i) Barriers and safeguards are in workable condition and placed properly to isolate hazardous areas;

(ii) System test status signals, if used, are in operable condition;

(iii) Clearly marked test-power disconnects are readily available in an emergency;

(iv) Ground connections are clearly identifiable;

(v) Personal protective equipment is provided and used as required by Subpart E of this part and by this subpart; and

(vi) Proper separation between signal, ground, and power cables.

1926.964 Overhead lines and live-line barehand work.

(a) General.

(1) Application. This section provides additional requirements for work performed on or near overhead lines and equipment and for live-line barehand work.

*437-003-0600 Bare[~~-H~~]**h**and Work. Live-line bare[-]hand work is prohibited.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0200 Guards/Barriers. Suitable guards and barriers [~~shall~~]**must** be erected so that workers or tools and equipment will not fall into or accidentally contact energized conductors or equipment.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

437-003-0240 [~~Other~~]Materials and Tools. Materials and tools other than belt tools for which the body belt is designed:
*(1) [~~Shall~~]**Must** be raised or lowered by means of a suitable container [~~and/~~]or handline.*
*(2) [~~Shall~~]**Must** not be thrown to or from linemen working on poles or structures. **When field conditions prevent the use of a handline or alternative method from being done safely, a designated drop zone must be established. Clear communication must occur to prevent employees from entering the zone while material is being dropped in a controlled manner.***
*(3) [~~Shall~~]**Must** not be carried up or down poles or structures in belts.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) Checking structure before climbing. Before allowing employees to subject elevated structures, such as poles or towers, to such stresses as climbing or the installation or removal of equipment may impose, the employer shall ascertain that the structures are capable of sustaining the

additional or unbalanced stresses. If the pole or other structure cannot withstand the expected loads, the employer shall brace or otherwise support the pole or structure so as to prevent failure.

Note to paragraph (a)(2): Appendix D to this subpart contains test methods that employers can use in ascertaining whether a wood pole is capable of sustaining the forces imposed by an employee climbing the pole. This paragraph also requires the employer to ascertain that the pole can sustain all other forces imposed by the work employees will perform.

(3) Setting and moving poles.

Raising Poles, Towers, Fixtures

*437-003-0570 Wire Rope. Conductive rigging (wire rope) [~~shall~~]**must** not be used to raise poles, transformers**,** and other equipment except when such rigging is below, protected**,** or at a sufficient distance from energized high voltage conductors to prevent hazardous contact.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0605 Qualified Supervision. Raising poles, towers**,** or fixtures [~~in~~]close [~~proximity of~~]**to** high voltage conductors [~~shall~~]**must** be done under the supervision of a worker [~~especially~~]qualified for this work. [~~Workers handling such poles, towers or fixtures shall wear rubber gloves or be otherwise adequately protected.~~]*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(i) When a pole is set, moved, or removed near an exposed energized overhead conductor, the pole may not contact the conductor.

(ii) When a pole is set, moved, or removed near an exposed energized overhead conductor, the employer shall ensure that each employee wears electrical protective equipment or uses insulated devices when handling the pole and that no employee contacts the pole with uninsulated parts of his or her body.

(iii) To protect employees from falling into holes used for placing poles, the employer shall physically guard the holes, or ensure that employees attend the holes, whenever anyone is working nearby.

(b) Installing and removing overhead lines. The following provisions apply to the installation and removal of overhead conductors or cable (overhead lines).

(1) Tension stringing method. When lines that employees are installing or removing can contact energized parts, the employer shall use the tension-stringing method, barriers, or other equivalent measures to minimize the possibility that conductors and cables the employees are installing or removing will contact energized power lines or equipment.

Stringing or Removing De-energized Conductors

*437-003-0620 [~~Removing~~]**Replacing** Conductors. [~~Conductors shall be strung or removed with a dry, nonconductive rope used as a running or training line.~~] [~~In~~]**When** replacing a conductor with a new or larger conductor, the conductor being removed [~~shall~~]**must** not be used to pull in the new [~~conductor~~]**one** unless the [~~conductor~~]**one** being removed has been carefully inspected for its entire length and then adjudged to have adequate strength.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0625 Pulling. Each pull [~~shall~~]**must** be snubbed or dead ended at both ends before subsequent pulls.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0635 Stringing Conductors. Conductors being strung [~~shall~~]**must** not be allowed to slack enough to be in reach of traffic or pedestrians, unless guarded by flaggers or other suitable safeguards.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0640 Sleeves. When stringing or removing conductors under tension, [~~there shall be no~~]sleeves **must not be** pulled through the bull wheel or the puller on the tension machine **unless appropriate safeguards are taken**.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(2) Conductors, cables, and pulling and tensioning equipment. For conductors, cables, and pulling and tensioning equipment, the employer shall provide the protective measures required by Sec. 1926.959(d)(3) when employees are installing or removing a conductor or cable close enough to energized conductors that any of the following failures could energize the pulling or tensioning equipment or the conductor or cable being installed or removed:

(i) Failure of the pulling or tensioning equipment,

(ii) Failure of the conductor or cable being pulled, or

(iii) Failure of the previously installed lines or equipment.

(3) Disable automatic-reclosing feature. If the conductors that employees are installing or removing cross over energized conductors in excess of 600 volts and if the design of the circuit-interrupting devices protecting the lines so permits, the employer shall render inoperable the automatic-reclosing feature of these devices.

(4) Induced voltage.

(i) Before employees install lines parallel to existing energized lines, the employer shall make a determination of the approximate voltage to be induced in the new lines, or work shall proceed on the assumption that the induced voltage is hazardous.

(ii) Unless the employer can demonstrate that the lines that employees are installing are not subject to the induction of a hazardous voltage or unless the lines are treated as energized, temporary protective grounds shall be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent exposure of each employee to hazardous differences in electric potential.

Note to paragraph (b)(4)(ii): Appendix C to this subpart contains guidelines for protecting employees from hazardous differences in electric potential as required by this paragraph.

Note to paragraph (b)(4): If the employer takes no precautions to protect employees from hazards associated with involuntary reactions from electric shock, a hazard exists if the induced voltage is sufficient to pass a current of 1 milliampere through a 500-ohm resistor. If the employer protects employees from injury due to involuntary reactions from electric shock, a hazard exists if the resultant current would be more than 6 milliamperes.

(5) Safe operating condition. Reel-handling equipment, including pulling and tensioning devices, shall be in safe operating condition and shall be leveled and aligned.

*437-003-0645 Reel Tender. A lineman or experienced person under the supervision of a lineman [~~shall~~]**must** be placed in charge of the reels as the reel tender.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

*437-003-0655 Equipment Secured. Reel handling equipment, including pulling, braking, and sagging equipment [~~shall~~]**must** be firmly anchored or secured during operations.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(6) Load ratings. The employer shall ensure that employees do not exceed load ratings of stringing lines, pulling lines, conductor grips, load-bearing hardware and accessories, rigging, and hoists.

(7) Defective pulling lines. The employer shall repair or replace defective pulling lines and accessories.

(8) Conductor grips. The employer shall ensure that employees do not use conductor grips on wire rope unless the manufacturer specifically designed the grip for this application.

(9) Communications. The employer shall ensure that employees maintain reliable communications, through two-way radios or other equivalent means, between the reel tender and the pulling-rig operator.

(10) Operation of pulling rig. Employees may operate the pulling rig only when it is safe to do so.

Note to paragraph (b)(10): Examples of unsafe conditions include: employees in locations prohibited by paragraph (b)(11) of this section, conductor and pulling line hang-ups, and slipping of the conductor grip.

(11) Working under overhead operations. While a power-driven device is pulling the conductor or pulling line and the conductor or pulling line is in motion, the employer shall ensure that employees are not directly under overhead operations or on the crossarm, except as necessary for the employees to guide the stringing sock or board over or through the stringing sheave.

Note: Oregon did not adopt 1926.964(c)(1) – (7). In Oregon OAR 437-003-0600 prohibits live-line barehand work.

(c) [~~Live-line barehand work. In addition to other applicable provisions contained in this subpart, the following requirements apply to live-line barehand work:~~

~~(1) Training. Before an employee uses or supervises the use of the live-line barehand technique on energized circuits, the employer shall ensure that the employee completes training conforming to Sec. 1926.950(b) in the technique and in the safety requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.~~

~~(2) Existing conditions. Before any employee uses the live-line barehand technique on energized high-voltage conductors or parts, the employer shall ascertain the following information in addition to information about other existing conditions required by Sec. 1926.950(d):~~

~~(i) The nominal voltage rating of the circuit on which employees will perform the work,~~

~~(ii) The clearances to ground of lines and other energized parts on which employees will perform the work, and~~

~~(iii) The voltage limitations of equipment employees will use.~~

~~(3) Insulated tools and equipment.~~

~~(i) The employer shall ensure that the insulated equipment, insulated tools, and aerial devices and platforms used by employees are designed, tested, and made for live-line barehand work.~~

~~(ii) The employer shall ensure that employees keep tools and equipment clean and dry while they are in use.~~

~~(4) Disable automatic-reclosing feature. The employer shall render inoperable the automatic-reclosing feature of circuit-interrupting devices protecting the lines if the design of the devices permits.~~

~~(5) Adverse weather conditions. The employer shall ensure that employees do not perform work when adverse weather conditions would make the work hazardous even after the employer implements the work practices required by this subpart. Additionally, employees may not perform work when winds reduce the phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground clearances at the work location below the minimum approach distances specified in paragraph (c)(13) of this section, unless insulating guards cover the grounded objects and other lines and equipment.~~

~~Note to paragraph (c)(5): Thunderstorms in the vicinity, high winds, snow storms, and ice storms are examples of adverse weather conditions that make live-line barehand work too hazardous to perform safely even after the employer implements the work practices required by this subpart.~~

~~(6) Bucket liners and electrostatic shielding. The employer shall provide and ensure that employees use a conductive bucket liner or other conductive device for bonding the insulated aerial device to the energized line or equipment.~~

~~(i) The employee shall be connected to the bucket liner or other conductive device by the use of conductive shoes, leg clips, or other means.~~

~~(ii) Where differences in potentials at the worksite pose a hazard to employees, the employer shall provide electrostatic shielding designed for the voltage being worked.~~

~~(7) Bonding the employee to the energized part. The employer shall ensure that, before the employee contacts the energized part, the employee bonds the conductive bucket liner or other conductive device to the energized conductor by means of a positive connection. This connection shall remain attached to the energized conductor until the employee completes the work on the energized circuit.]~~

(8) Aerial-lift controls. Aerial lifts used for live-line barehand work shall have dual controls (lower and upper) as follows:

Note: Aerial lift controls…In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437- 003-0600. Rules in (8) for aerial-lift controls still apply.

(i) The upper controls shall be within easy reach of the employee in the bucket. On a two-bucket-type lift, access to the controls shall be within easy reach of both buckets.

(ii) The lower set of controls shall be near the base of the boom and shall be designed so that they can override operation of the equipment at any time.

(9) Operation of lower controls. Lower (ground-level) lift controls may not be operated with an employee in the lift except in case of emergency.

*437-003-0460 Inadvertent Contact Protection. Controls [~~shall~~]**must** be **so** placed and[~~/or~~] guarded **so** that the equipment cannot be activated by inadvertent contact by the operator, tools, equipment, lines, or foreign objects.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(10) Check controls. The employer shall ensure that, before employees elevate an aerial lift into the work position, the employees check all controls (ground level and bucket) to determine that they are in proper working condition.

(11) Body of aerial lift truck. The employer shall ensure that, before employees elevate the boom of an aerial lift, the employees ground the body of the truck or barricade the body of the truck and treat it as energized.

(12) Boom-current test. The employer shall ensure that employees perform a boom-current test before starting work each day, each time during the day when they encounter a higher voltage, and when changed conditions indicate a need for an additional test.

(i) This test shall consist of placing the bucket in contact with an energized source equal to the voltage to be encountered for a minimum of 3 minutes.

(ii) The leakage current may not exceed 1 microampere per kilovolt of nominal phase-to-ground voltage.

(iii) The employer shall immediately suspend work from the aerial lift when there is any indication of a malfunction in the equipment.

(13) Minimum approach distance. The employer shall ensure that employees maintain the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i), from all grounded objects and from lines and equipment at a potential different from that to which the live-line barehand equipment is bonded, unless insulating guards cover such grounded objects and other lines and equipment.

Note: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437- 003-0600.

(14) Approaching, leaving, and bonding to energized part. The employer shall ensure that, while an employee is approaching, leaving, or bonding to an energized circuit, the employee maintains the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i), between the employee and any grounded parts, including the lower boom and portions of the truck and between the employee and conductive objects energized at different potentials.

(15) Positioning bucket near energized bushing or insulator string. While the bucket is alongside an energized bushing or insulator string, the employer shall ensure that employees maintain the phase-to-ground minimum approach distances, established by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i), between all parts of the bucket and the grounded end of the bushing or insulator string or any other grounded surface.

(16) Handlines. The employer shall ensure that employees do not use handlines between the bucket and the boom or between the bucket and the ground. However, employees may use nonconductive-type handlines from conductor to ground if not supported from the bucket. The employer shall ensure that no one uses ropes used for live-line barehand work for other purposes.

Note: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(17) Passing objects to employee. The employer shall ensure that employees do not pass uninsulated equipment or material between a pole or structure and an aerial lift while an employee working from the bucket is bonded to an energized part.

(18) Nonconductive measuring device. A nonconductive measuring device shall be readily accessible to employees performing live-line barehand work to assist them in maintaining the required minimum approach distance.

Note: In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.

(d) Towers and structures. The following requirements apply to work performed on towers or other structures that support overhead lines.

(1) Working beneath towers and structures. The employer shall ensure that no employee is under a tower or structure while work is in progress, except when the employer can demonstrate that such a working position is necessary to assist employees working above.

(2) Tag lines. The employer shall ensure that employees use tag lines or other similar devices to maintain control of tower sections being raised or positioned, unless the employer can demonstrate that the use of such devices would create a greater hazard to employees.

(3) Disconnecting load lines. The employer shall ensure that employees do not detach the loadline from a member or section until they safely secure the load.

(4) Adverse weather conditions. The employer shall ensure that, except during emergency restoration procedures, employees discontinue work when adverse weather conditions would make the work hazardous in spite of the work practices required by this subpart.

Note to paragraph (d)(4): Thunderstorms in the vicinity, high winds, snow storms, and ice storms are examples of adverse weather conditions that make this work too hazardous to perform even after the employer implements the work practices required by this subpart.

1926.965 Underground electrical installations.

(a) Application. This section provides additional requirements for work on underground electrical installations.

(b) Access. The employer shall ensure that employees use a ladder or other climbing device to enter and exit a manhole or subsurface vault exceeding 1.22 meters (4 feet) in depth. No employee may climb into or out of a manhole or vault by stepping on cables or hangers.

(c) Lowering equipment into manholes.

(1) Hoisting equipment. Equipment used to lower materials and tools into manholes or vaults shall be capable of supporting the weight to be lowered and shall be checked for defects before use.

(2) Clear the area of employees. Before anyone lowers tools or material into the opening for a manhole or vault, each employee working in the manhole or vault shall be clear of the area directly under the opening.

(d) Attendants for manholes and vaults.

(1) When required. While work is being performed in a manhole or vault containing energized electric equipment, an employee with first-aid training shall be available on the surface in the immediate vicinity of the manhole or vault entrance to render emergency assistance.

(2) Brief entries allowed. Occasionally, the employee on the surface may briefly enter a manhole or vault to provide nonemergency assistance.

Note 1 to paragraph (d)(2): Paragraph (h) of 1926.953 may also require an attendant and does not permit this attendant to enter the manhole or vault.

Note 2 to paragraph (d)(2): Paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of Sec. 1926.960 requires employees entering manholes or vaults containing unguarded, uninsulated energized lines or parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more to be qualified.

(3) Entry without attendant. For the purpose of inspection, housekeeping, taking readings, or similar work, an employee working alone may enter, for brief periods of time, a manhole or vault where energized cables or equipment are in service if the employer can demonstrate that the employee will be protected from all electrical hazards.

(4) Communications. The employer shall ensure that employees maintain reliable communications, through two-way radios or other equivalent means, among all employees involved in the job.

(e) Duct rods. The employer shall ensure that, if employees use duct rods, the employees install the duct rods in the direction presenting the least hazard to employees. The employer shall station an employee at the far end of the duct line being rodded to ensure that the employees maintain the required minimum approach distances.

(f) Multiple cables. When multiple cables are present in a work area, the employer shall identify the cable to be worked by electrical means, unless its identity is obvious by reason of distinctive appearance or location or by other readily apparent means of identification. The employer shall protect cables other than the one being worked from damage.

IDENTIFICATION OF LINES, CABLES AND EQUIPMENT

*437-003-0180 Both Ends Identified. All primary cables [~~shall~~]**must** be permanently and plainly identified by tags or other methods at both ends.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(g) Moving cables. Except when paragraph (h)(2) of this section permits employees to perform work that could cause a fault in an energized cable in a manhole or vault, the employer shall ensure that employees inspect energized cables to be moved for abnormalities.

(h) Protection against faults.

(1) Cables with abnormalities. Where a cable in a manhole or vault has one or more abnormalities that could lead to a fault or be an indication of an impending fault, the employer shall deenergize the cable with the abnormality before any employee may work in the manhole or vault, except when service-load conditions and a lack of feasible alternatives require that the cable remain energized. In that case, employees may enter the manhole or vault provided the employer protects them from the possible effects of a failure using shields or other devices that

are capable of containing the adverse effects of a fault. The employer shall treat the following abnormalities as indications of impending faults unless the employer can demonstrate that the conditions could not lead to a fault: Oil or compound leaking from cable or joints, broken cable sheaths or joint sleeves, hot localized surface temperatures of cables or joints, or joints swollen beyond normal tolerance.

(2) Work-related faults. If the work employees will perform in a manhole or vault could cause a fault in a cable, the employer shall deenergize that cable before any employee works in the manhole or vault, except when service-load conditions and a lack of feasible alternatives require that the cable remain energized. In that case, employees may enter the manhole or vault provided the employer protects them from the possible effects of a failure using shields or other devices that are capable of containing the adverse effects of a fault.

(i) Sheath continuity. When employees perform work on buried cable or on cable in a manhole or vault, the employer shall maintain metallic-sheath continuity, or the cable sheath shall be treated as energized.

1926.966 Substations.

(a) Application. This section provides additional requirements for substations and for work performed in them.

(b) Access and working space. The employer shall provide and maintain sufficient access and working space about electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment by employees.

Note to paragraph (b): American National Standard National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2012 contains guidelines for the dimensions of access and working space about electric equipment in substations. Installations meeting the ANSI provisions comply with paragraph (b) of this section. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will determine whether an installation that does not conform to this ANSI standard complies with paragraph (b) of this section based on the following criteria:

(1) Whether the installation conforms to the edition of ANSI C2 that was in effect when the installation was made;

(2) Whether the configuration of the installation enables employees to maintain the minimum approach distances, established by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i), while the employees are working on exposed, energized parts; and

(3) Whether the precautions taken when employees perform work on the installation provide protection equivalent to the protection provided by access and working space meeting ANSI/IEEE C2-2012.

(c) Draw-out-type circuit breakers. The employer shall ensure that, when employees remove or insert draw-out-type circuit breakers, the breaker is in the open position. The employer shall also render the control circuit inoperable if the design of the equipment permits.

(d) Substation fences. Conductive fences around substations shall be grounded. When a substation fence is expanded or a section is removed, fence sections shall be isolated, grounded, or bonded as necessary to protect employees from hazardous differences in electric potential.

Note to paragraph (d): IEEE Std 80-2000, IEEE Guide for Safety in AC Substation Grounding, contains guidelines for protection against hazardous differences in electric potential.

(e) Guarding of rooms and other spaces containing electric supply equipment.

(1) When to guard rooms and other spaces. Rooms and other spaces in which electric supply lines or equipment are installed shall meet the requirements of paragraphs (e)(2) through (e)(5) of this section under the following conditions:

(i) If exposed live parts operating at 50 to 150 volts to ground are within 2.4 meters (8 feet) of the ground or other working surface inside the room or other space,

(ii) If live parts operating at 151 to 600 volts to ground and located within 2.4 meters (8 feet) of the ground or other working surface inside the room or other space are guarded only by location, as permitted under paragraph (f)(1) of this section, or

(iii) If live parts operating at more than 600 volts to ground are within the room or other space, unless:

(A) The live parts are enclosed within grounded, metal-enclosed equipment whose only openings are designed so that foreign objects inserted in these openings will be deflected from energized parts, or

(B) The live parts are installed at a height, above ground and any other working surface, that provides protection at the voltage on the live parts corresponding to the protection provided by a 2.4-meter (8-foot) height at 50 volts.

(2) Prevent access by unqualified persons. Fences, screens, partitions, or walls shall enclose the rooms and other spaces so as to minimize the possibility that unqualified persons will enter.

*437-003-0820 Use of Barrier. A **qualified** safety watcher [~~shall~~]**must** be provided for all other work being performed in any energized substation yard except when the work is separated from all energized equipment by a suitable and adequate barrier.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(3) Restricted entry. Unqualified persons may not enter the rooms or other spaces while the electric supply lines or equipment are energized.

(4) Warning signs. The employer shall display signs at entrances to the rooms and other spaces warning unqualified persons to keep out.

*437-003-0790 Designation and Posting. Proper identification and warning signs [~~shall~~]**must** be posted at all entrances to battery rooms or compartments.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

(5) Entrances to rooms and other. The employer shall keep each entrance to a room or other space locked, unless the entrance is under the observation of a person who is attending the room or other space for the purpose of preventing unqualified employees from entering.

(f) Guarding of energized parts.

(1) Type of guarding. The employer shall provide guards around all live parts operating at more than 150 volts to ground without an insulating covering unless the location of the live parts gives sufficient clearance (horizontal, vertical, or both) to minimize the possibility of accidental employee contact.

Note to paragraph (f)(1): American National Standard National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2002 contains guidelines for the dimensions of clearance distances about electric equipment in substations. Installations meeting the ANSI provisions comply with paragraph (f)(1) of this section. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will determine whether an installation that does not conform to this ANSI standard complies with paragraph (f)(1) of this section based on the following criteria:

(*1*) Whether the installation conforms to the edition of ANSI C2 that was in effect when the installation was made;

(*2*) Whether each employee is isolated from energized parts at the point of closest approach; and

(*3*) Whether the precautions taken when employees perform work on the installation provide protection equivalent to the protection provided by horizontal and vertical clearances meeting ANSI/IEEE C2-2002.

(2) Maintaining guards during operation. Except for fuse replacement and other necessary access by qualified persons, the employer shall maintain guarding of energized parts within a compartment during operation and maintenance functions to prevent accidental contact with energized parts and to prevent dropped tools or other equipment from contacting energized parts.

(3) Temporary removal of guards. Before guards are removed from energized equipment, the employer shall install barriers around the work area to prevent employees who are not working on the equipment, but who are in the area, from contacting the exposed live parts.

(g) Substation entry.

*437-003-0825 Nonelectrical Workers. As an exception to [~~OAR 437-003-0165 and 437-003-0820~~]**OAR 437-003-0145**, certain nonelectrical workers will be allowed to work in substations without barriers and without a safety watcher if all the following conditions are observed:*
(1) Permission to enter must be obtained from the substation operator or other authorized person.
(2) The worker must not get off the ground without the specific approval of the person responsible for control of entry except to operate such equipment as light motor vehicles, which have no equipment or loads that can project above the cab.
*(3) The worker must be qualified as having sufficient experience and knowledge to protect [~~himself~~]**themself** against electrical hazards.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.

(1) Report upon entering. Upon entering an attended substation, each employee, other than employees regularly working in the station, shall report his or her presence to the employee in charge of substation activities to receive information on special system conditions affecting employee safety.

(2) Job briefing. The job briefing required by Sec. 1926.952 shall cover information on special system conditions affecting employee safety, including the location of energized equipment in or adjacent to the work area and the limits of any deenergized work area.

1926.967 Special conditions.

(a) Capacitors. The following additional requirements apply to work on capacitors and on lines connected to capacitors.

Note to paragraph (a): See Sec. 1926.961 and 1926.962 for requirements pertaining to the deenergizing and grounding of capacitor installations.

(1) Disconnect from energized source. Before employees work on capacitors, the employer shall disconnect the capacitors from energized sources and short circuit the capacitors. The employer shall ensure that the employee short circuiting the capacitors waits at least 5 minutes from the time of disconnection before applying the short circuit,

(2) Short circuiting units. Before employees handle the units, the employer shall short circuit each unit in series-parallel capacitor banks between all terminals and the capacitor case or its rack. If the cases of capacitors are on ungrounded substation racks, the employer shall bond the racks to ground.

(3) Short circuiting connected lines. The employer shall short circuit any line connected to capacitors before the line is treated as deenergized.

(b) Current transformer secondaries. The employer shall ensure that employees do not open the secondary of a current transformer while the transformer is energized. If the employer cannot deenergize the primary of the current transformer before employees perform work on an instrument, a relay, or other section of a current transformer secondary circuit, the employer shall bridge the circuit so that the current transformer secondary does not experience an open-circuit condition.

(c) Series street lighting.

(1) Applicable requirements. If the open-circuit voltage exceeds 600 volts, the employer shall ensure that employees work on series street lighting circuits in accordance with Sec. 1926.964 or Sec. 1926.965, as appropriate.

(2) Opening a series loop. Before any employee opens a series loop, the employer shall deenergize the street lighting transformer and isolate it from the source of supply or shall bridge the loop to avoid an open-circuit condition.

(d) Illumination. The employer shall provide sufficient illumination to enable the employee to perform the work safely.

Note to paragraph (d): See Sec. 1926.56, which requires specific levels of illumination.

(e) Protection against drowning.

(1) Personal flotation devices. Whenever an employee may be pulled or pushed, or might fall, into water where the danger of drowning exists, the employer shall provide the employee with, and shall ensure that the employee uses, a personal flotation device meeting Sec. 1926.106.

(2) Maintaining flotation devices in safe condition. The employer shall maintain each personal flotation device in safe condition and shall inspect each personal flotation device frequently enough to ensure that it does not have rot, mildew, water saturation, or any other condition that could render the device unsuitable for use.

(3) Crossing bodies of water. An employee may cross streams or other bodies of water only if a safe means of passage, such as a bridge, is available.

(f) Excavations. Excavation operations shall comply with Subpart P of this part.

(g) Employee protection in public work areas.

(1) Traffic control devices. Traffic-control signs and traffic-control devices used for the protection of employees shall meet Sec. 1926.200(g)(2).

(2) Controlling traffic. Before employees begin work in the vicinity of vehicular or pedestrian traffic that may endanger them, the employer shall place warning signs or flags and other traffic-control devices in conspicuous locations to alert and channel approaching traffic.

(3) Barricades. The employer shall use barricades where additional employee protection is necessary.

(4) Excavated areas. The employer shall protect excavated areas with barricades.

(5) Warning lights. The employer shall display warning lights prominently at night.

(h) Backfeed. When there is a possibility of voltage backfeed from sources of cogeneration or from the secondary system (for example, backfeed from more than one energized phase feeding a common load), the requirements of Sec. 1926.960 apply if employees will work the lines or equipment as energized, and the requirements of Sec. 1926.961 and 1926.962 apply if employees will work the lines or equipment as deenergized.

(i) Lasers. The employer shall install, adjust, and operate laser equipment in accordance with Sec. 1926.54.

(j) Hydraulic fluids. Hydraulic fluids used for the insulated sections of equipment shall provide insulation for the voltage involved.

(k) Communication facilities.

(1) Microwave transmission.

(i) The employer shall ensure that no employee looks into an open waveguide or antenna connected to an energized microwave source.

(ii) If the electromagnetic-radiation level within an accessible area associated with microwave communications systems exceeds the radiation-protection guide specified by Sec.

1910.97(a)(2) of this chapter, the employer shall post the area with warning signs containing the warning symbol described in Sec. 1910.97(a)(3) of this chapter. The lower half of the warning symbol shall include the following statements, or ones that the employer can demonstrate are equivalent: "Radiation in this area may exceed hazard limitations and special precautions are required. Obtain specific instruction before entering."

(iii) When an employee works in an area where the electromagnetic radiation could exceed the radiation-protection guide, the employer shall institute measures that ensure that the employee's exposure is not greater than that permitted by that guide. Such measures may include administrative and engineering controls and personal protective equipment.

(2) Power-line carrier. The employer shall ensure that employees perform power-line carrier work, including work on equipment used for coupling carrier current to power line conductors, in accordance with the requirements of this subpart pertaining to work on energized lines.

1926.968 Definitions.

Attendant. An employee assigned to remain immediately outside the entrance to an enclosed or other space to render assistance as needed to employees inside the space.

Automatic circuit recloser. A self-controlled device for automatically interrupting and reclosing an alternating-current circuit, with a predetermined sequence of opening and reclosing followed by resetting, hold closed, or lockout.

Barricade. A physical obstruction such as tapes, cones, or A-frame type wood or metal structures that provides a warning about, and limits access to, a hazardous area.

Barrier. A physical obstruction that prevents contact with energized lines or equipment or prevents unauthorized access to a work area.

Bond. The electrical interconnection of conductive parts designed to maintain a common electric potential.

Bus. A conductor or a group of conductors that serve as a common connection for two or more circuits.

Bushing. An insulating structure that includes a through conductor or that provides a passageway for such a conductor, and that, when mounted on a barrier, insulates the conductor from the barrier for the purpose of conducting current from one side of the barrier to the other.

Cable. A conductor with insulation, or a stranded conductor with or without insulation and other coverings (single-conductor cable), or a combination of conductors insulated from one another (multiple-conductor cable).

Cable sheath. A conductive protective covering applied to cables.

Note to the definition of "cable sheath": A cable sheath may consist of multiple layers one or more of which is conductive.

Circuit. A conductor or system of conductors through which an electric current is intended to flow.

Clearance (between objects). The clear distance between two objects measured surface to surface.

437-003-0890 Additional Definitions. *[~~The following Oregon-initiated definitions are additional to those found in 29 CFR 1926.960~~]***Oregon-initiated definitions (1)-(4) in italics are additional to those found in 29 CFR 1926.968:**

[~~(1) Aerial manlift equipment – all types of mobile equipment primarily designed to place personnel aloft to work on elevated structures and equipment. This equipment includes, but is not necessarily limited to, extending towers, boom-mounted cages or baskets, and truck-mounted ladders.~~]

*([~~2~~]**1**) Clearance **(electrical)** – notification from an authorized person that all necessary actions have been taken to de-energize a circuit, line, or equipment and the line or equipment is safe to be worked, so that workers may be authorized to proceed with intended operations.*

[~~(3) Dispatcher – a properly qualified and authorized worker who shall be in charge of the operation of electrical circuits and equipment and who is directly responsible for their safe operation.~~]
[~~(4) Low Voltage – any voltage of less than 750 volts phase to phase.~~]
[~~(5) High Voltage – any voltage between 750 and 230,000 volts inclusive phase to phase.~~]
[~~(6) Extra high voltage – any voltage of over 230,000 volts phase to phase.~~]

Clearance (for work). Authorization to perform specified work or permission to enter a restricted area.

Communication lines. (See Lines; (1) Communication lines.)

Conductor. A material, usually in the form of a wire, cable, or bus bar, used for carrying an electric current.

Contract employer. An employer, other than a host employer, that performs work covered by Subpart V of this part under contract.

Covered conductor. A conductor covered with a dielectric having no rated insulating strength or having a rated insulating strength less than the voltage of the circuit in which the conductor is used.

Current-carrying part. A conducting part intended to be connected in an electric circuit to a source of voltage. Non-current-carrying parts are those not intended to be so connected.

Deenergized. Free from any electrical connection to a source of potential difference and from electric charge; not having a potential that is different from the potential of the earth.

Note to the definition of "deenergized": The term applies only to current-carrying parts, which are sometimes energized (alive).

Designated employee (designated person). An employee (or person) who is assigned by the employer to perform specific duties under the terms of this subpart and who has sufficient knowledge of the construction and operation of the equipment, and the hazards involved, to perform his or her duties safely.

Electric line truck. A truck used to transport personnel, tools, and material for electric supply line work.

Electric supply equipment. Equipment that produces, modifies, regulates, controls, or safeguards a supply of electric energy.

Electric supply lines. (See "Lines; (2) Electric supply lines.")

Electric utility. An organization responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of an electric supply system.

Enclosed space. A working space, such as a manhole, vault, tunnel, or shaft, that has a limited means of egress or entry, that is designed for periodic employee entry under normal operating conditions, and that, under normal conditions, does not contain a hazardous atmosphere, but may contain a hazardous atmosphere under abnormal conditions.

Energized (alive, live). Electrically connected to a source of potential difference, or electrically charged so as to have a potential significantly different from that of earth in the vicinity.

Energy source. Any electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, nuclear, thermal, or other energy source that could cause injury to employees.

Entry (as used in Sec. 1926.953). The action by which a person passes through an opening into an enclosed space. Entry includes ensuing work activities in that space and is considered to have occurred as soon as any part of the entrant's body breaks the plane of an opening into the space.

Equipment (electric). A general term including material, fittings, devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus, and the like used as part of or in connection with an electrical installation.

Exposed, Exposed to contact (as applied to energized parts). Not isolated or guarded.

Fall restraint system. A fall protection system that prevents the user from falling any distance.

First-aid training. Training in the initial care, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (which includes chest compressions, rescue breathing, and, as appropriate, other heart and lung resuscitation techniques), performed by a person who is not a medical practitioner, of a sick or injured person until definitive medical treatment can be administered.

Ground. A conducting connection, whether planned or unplanned, between an electric circuit or equipment and the earth, or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

Grounded. Connected to earth or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

Guarded. Covered, fenced, enclosed, or otherwise protected, by means of suitable covers or casings, barrier rails or screens, mats, or platforms, designed to minimize the possibility, under normal conditions, of dangerous approach or inadvertent contact by persons or objects.

Note to the definition of "guarded": Wires that are insulated, but not otherwise protected, are not guarded.

Hazardous atmosphere. An atmosphere that may expose employees to the risk of death, incapacitation, impairment of ability to self-rescue (that is, escape unaided from an enclosed space), injury, or acute illness from one or more of the following causes:

(1) Flammable gas, vapor, or mist in excess of 10 percent of its lower flammable limit (LFL);

(2) Airborne combustible dust at a concentration that meets or exceeds its LFL;

Note to the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" (2): This concentration may be approximated as a condition in which the dust obscures vision at a distance of 1.52 meters (5 feet) or less.

(3) Atmospheric oxygen concentration below 19.5 percent or above 23.5 percent;

(4) Atmospheric concentration of any substance for which a dose or a permissible exposure limit is published in Subpart D, Occupational Health and Environmental Controls, or in Subpart Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances, of this part and which could result in employee exposure in excess of its dose or permissible exposure limit;

Note to the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" (4): An atmospheric concentration of any substance that is not capable of causing death, incapacitation, impairment of ability to self-rescue, injury, or acute illness due to its health effects is not covered by this provision.

(5) Any other atmospheric condition that is immediately dangerous to life or health.

Note to the definition of "hazardous atmosphere" (5): For air contaminants for which the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has not determined a dose or permissible exposure limit, other sources of information, such as Material Safety Data Sheets that comply with the Hazard Communication Standard, Sec. 1926.59, published information, and internal documents can provide guidance in establishing acceptable atmospheric conditions.

High-power tests. Tests in which the employer uses fault currents, load currents, magnetizing currents, and line-dropping currents to test equipment, either at the equipment's rated voltage or at lower voltages.

High-voltage tests. Tests in which the employer uses voltages of approximately 1,000 volts as a practical minimum and in which the voltage source has sufficient energy to cause injury.

High wind. A wind of such velocity that one or more of the following hazards would be present:

(1) The wind could blow an employee from an elevated location,

(2) The wind could cause an employee or equipment handling material to lose control of the material, or

(3) The wind would expose an employee to other hazards not controlled by the standard involved.

Note to the definition of "high wind": The Occupational Safety and Health Administration normally considers winds exceeding 64.4 kilometers per hour (40 miles per hour), or 48.3 kilometers per hour (30 miles per hour) if the work involves material handling, as meeting this criteria, unless the employer takes precautions to protect employees from the hazardous effects of the wind.

Host employer. An employer that operates, or that controls the operating procedures for, an electric power generation, transmission, or distribution installation on which a contract employer is performing work covered by Subpart V of this part.

Note to the definition of "host employer": The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will treat the electric utility or the owner of the installation as the host employer if it operates or controls operating procedures for the installation. If the electric utility or installation owner neither operates nor controls operating procedures for the installation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will treat the employer that the utility or owner has contracted with to operate or control the operating procedures for the installation as the host employer. In no case will there be more than one host employer.

Immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH). Any condition that poses an immediate or delayed threat to life or that would cause irreversible adverse health effects or that would interfere with an individual's ability to escape unaided from a permit space.

Note to the definition of "immediately dangerous to life or health": Some materials--hydrogen fluoride gas and cadmium vapor, for example--may produce immediate transient effects that, even if severe, may

pass without medical attention, but are followed by sudden, possibly fatal collapse 12-72 hours after exposure. The victim "feels normal" from recovery from transient effects until collapse. Such materials in hazardous quantities are considered to be "immediately" dangerous to life or health.

Insulated. Separated from other conducting surfaces by a dielectric (including air space) offering a high resistance to the passage of current.

Note to the definition of "insulated": When any object is said to be insulated, it is understood to be insulated for the conditions to which it normally is subjected. Otherwise, it is, for the purpose of this subpart, uninsulated.

Insulation (cable). Material relied upon to insulate the conductor from other conductors or conducting parts or from ground.

Isolated. Not readily accessible to persons unless special means for access are used.

Line-clearance tree trimming. The pruning, trimming, repairing, maintaining, removing, or clearing of trees, or the cutting of brush, that is within the following distance of electric supply lines and equipment:

(1) For voltages to ground of 50 kilovolts or less--3.05 meters (10 feet);

(2) For voltages to ground of more than 50 kilovolts--3.05 meters (10 feet) plus 0.10 meters (4 inches) for every 10 kilovolts over 50 kilovolts.

Lines.

(1) Communication lines. The conductors and their supporting or containing structures which are used for public or private signal or communication service, and which operate at potentials not exceeding 400 volts to ground or 750 volts between any two points of the circuit, and the transmitted power of which does not exceed 150 watts. If the lines are operating at less than 150 volts, no limit is placed on the transmitted power of the system. Under certain conditions, communication cables may include communication circuits exceeding these limitations where such circuits are also used to supply power solely to communication equipment.

Note to the definition of "communication lines": Telephone, telegraph, railroad signal, data, clock, fire, police alarm, cable television, and other systems conforming to this definition are included. Lines used for signaling purposes, but not included under this definition, are considered as electric supply lines of the same voltage.

(2) Electric supply lines. Conductors used to transmit electric energy and their necessary supporting or containing structures. Signal lines of more than 400 volts are always supply lines within this subpart, and those of less than 400 volts are considered as supply lines, if so run and operated throughout.

Manhole. A subsurface enclosure that personnel may enter and that is used for installing, operating, and maintaining submersible equipment or cable.

Minimum approach distance. The closest distance an employee may approach an energized or a grounded object.

Note to the definition of "minimum approach distance": Paragraph (c)(1)(i) of Sec. 1926.960 requires employers to establish minimum approach distances.

Personal fall arrest system. A system used to arrest an employee in a fall from a working level.

Qualified employee (qualified person). An employee (person) knowledgeable in the construction and operation of the electric power generation, transmission, and distribution equipment involved, along with the associated hazards.

Note 1 to the definition of "qualified employee (qualified person)": An employee must have the training required by Sec. 1926.950(b)(2) to be a qualified employee.

Note 2 to the definition of "qualified employee (qualified person)": Except under Sec. 1926.954(b)(3)(iii), an employee who is undergoing on-the-job training and who has demonstrated, in the course of such training, an ability to perform duties safely at his or her level of training and who is under the direct supervision of a qualified person is a qualified person for the performance of those duties.

Statistical sparkover voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 97.72-percent probability of sparkover (that is, two standard deviations above the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

Statistical withstand voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 0.14-percent probability of sparkover (that is, three standard deviations below the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

Switch. A device for opening and closing or for changing the connection of a circuit. In this subpart, a switch is manually operable, unless otherwise stated.

System operator. A qualified person designated to operate the system or its parts.

(2) System operator – a qualified person who has been designated by the employer to have authority over switching, clearances, and operation of the system and its parts.

Vault. An enclosure, above or below ground, that personnel may enter and that is used for installing, operating, or maintaining equipment or cable.

Vented vault. A vault that has provision for air changes using exhaust-flue stacks and low-level air intakes operating on pressure and temperature differentials that provide for airflow that precludes a hazardous atmosphere from developing.

Voltage. The effective (root mean square, or rms) potential difference between any two conductors or between a conductor and ground. This subpart expresses voltages in nominal values, unless otherwise indicated. The nominal voltage of a system or circuit is the value assigned to a system or circuit of a given voltage class for the purpose of convenient designation. The operating voltage of the system may vary above or below this value.

(3) Voltage (low) – any voltage of less than 600 volts phase to phase.
(4) Voltage (high) – any voltage between 600 and 230,000 volts inclusive phase to phase.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726([~~3~~]**4**).
Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
OR-OSHA Admin. Order X-20XX, f. X/X/XX, ef. X/X/XX.

Work-positioning equipment. A body belt or body harness system rigged to allow an employee to be supported on an elevated vertical surface, such as a utility pole or tower leg, and work with both hands free while leaning.

Appendix A to Subpart V of Part 1926--[Reserved]

Appendix B to Subpart V of Part 1926--Working on Exposed Energized Parts

I. Introduction

Electric utilities design electric power generation, transmission, and distribution installations to meet National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), ANSI C2, requirements. Electric utilities also design transmission and distribution lines to limit line outages as required by system reliability criteria \1\ and to withstand the maximum overvoltages impressed on the system. Conditions such as switching surges, faults, and lightning can cause overvoltages. Electric utilities generally select insulator design and lengths and the clearances to structural parts so as to prevent outages from contaminated line insulation and during storms. Line insulator lengths and structural clearances have, over the years, come closer to the minimum approach distances used by workers. As minimum approach distances and structural clearances converge, it is increasingly important that system designers and system operating and maintenance personnel understand the concepts underlying minimum approach distances.

\1\ Federal, State, and local regulatory bodies and electric utilities set reliability requirements that limit the number and duration of system outages.

The information in this appendix will assist employers in complying with the minimum approach-distance requirements contained in Sec. 1926.960(c)(1) and 1926.964(c). Employers must use the technical criteria and methodology presented in this appendix in establishing minimum approach distances in accordance with Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(i) and Table V-2 and Table V-7. This appendix provides essential background information and technical criteria for the calculation of the required minimum approach distances for live-line work on electric power generation, transmission, and distribution installations.

Unless an employer is using the maximum transient overvoltages specified in Table V-8 for voltages over 72.5 kilovolts, the employer must use persons knowledgeable in the techniques discussed in this appendix, and competent in the field of electric transmission and distribution system design, to determine the maximum transient overvoltage.

II. General

A. Definitions. The following definitions from Sec. 1926.968 relate to work on or near electric power generation, transmission, and distribution lines and equipment and the electrical hazards they present.

Exposed. . . . Not isolated or guarded.

Guarded. Covered, fenced, enclosed, or otherwise protected, by means of suitable covers or casings, barrier rails or screens, mats, or platforms, designed to minimize the possibility, under normal conditions, of dangerous approach or inadvertent contact by persons or objects.

Note to the definition of "guarded": Wires that are insulated, but not otherwise protected, are not guarded.

Insulated. Separated from other conducting surfaces by a dielectric (including air space) offering a high resistance to the passage of current.

Note to the definition of "insulated": When any object is said to be insulated, it is understood to be insulated for the conditions to which it normally is subjected. Otherwise, it is, for the purpose of this subpart, uninsulated.

Isolated. Not readily accessible to persons unless special means for access are used.

Statistical sparkover voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 97.72-percent probability of sparkover (that is, two standard deviations above the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

Statistical withstand voltage. A transient overvoltage level that produces a 0.14-percent probability of sparkover (that is, three standard deviations below the voltage at which there is a 50-percent probability of sparkover).

B. Installations energized at 50 to 300 volts. The hazards posed by installations energized at 50 to 300 volts are the same as those found in many other workplaces. That is not to say that there is no hazard, but the complexity of electrical protection required does not compare to that required for high-voltage systems. The employee must avoid contact with the exposed parts, and the protective equipment used (such as rubber insulating gloves) must provide insulation for the voltages involved.

C. Exposed energized parts over 300 volts AC. Paragraph (c)(1)(i) of Sec. 1926.960 requires the employer to establish minimum approach distances no less than the distances computed by Table V-2 for ac systems so that employees can work safely without risk of sparkover.\2\

\2\ Sparkover is a disruptive electric discharge in which an electric arc forms and electric current passes through air.

Unless the employee is using electrical protective equipment, air is the insulating medium between the employee and energized parts. The distance between the employee and an energized part must be sufficient for the air to withstand the maximum transient overvoltage that can reach the worksite under the working conditions and practices the employee is using. This distance is the minimum air insulation distance, and it is equal to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

Normal system design may provide or include a means (such as lightning arrestors) to control maximum anticipated transient overvoltages, or the employer may use temporary devices (portable protective gaps) or measures (such as preventing automatic circuit breaker reclosing) to achieve the same result. Paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of Sec. 1926.960 requires the employer to determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit
transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table V-8, which specifies the following maximums for ac systems:

72.6 to 420.0 kilovolts..... 3.5 per unit.
420.1 to 550.0 kilovolts..... 3.0 per unit.
550.1 to 800.0 kilovolts..... 2.5 per unit.

See paragraph IV.A.2, later in this appendix, for additional discussion of maximum transient overvoltages.

D. Types of exposures. Employees working on or near energized electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems face two kinds of exposures: Phase-to-ground and phase-to-phase. The exposure is phase-to-ground: (1) With respect to an energized part, when the employee is at ground potential or (2) with respect to ground, when an employee is at the potential of the energized part during live-line barehand work. The exposure is phase-to-phase, with respect to an energized part, when an employee is at the potential of another energized part (at a different potential) during live-line barehand work. ***Note:*** *In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.*

III. Determination of Minimum Approach Distances for AC Voltages Greater Than 300 Volts

A. Voltages of 301 to 5,000 volts. Test data generally forms the basis of minimum air insulation distances. The lowest voltage for which sufficient test data exists is 5,000 volts, and these data indicate that the minimum air insulation distance at that voltage is 20 millimeters (1 inch). Because the minimum air insulation distance increases with increasing voltage, and, conversely, decreases with decreasing voltage, an assumed minimum air insulation distance of 20 millimeters will protect against sparkover at voltages of 301 to 5,000 volts. Thus, 20 millimeters is the electrical component of the minimum approach distance for these voltages.

B. Voltages of 5.1 to 72.5 kilovolts. For voltages from 5.1 to 72.5 kilovolts, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration bases the methodology for calculating the electrical component of the minimum approach distance on Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standard 4-1995, Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing. Table 1 lists the critical sparkover distances from that standard as listed in IEEE Std 516-2009, IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines.

Table 1—Sparkover Distance for Rod-to-Rod Gap

60 Hz Rod-to-Rod Sparkover (kV peak)	Gap Spacing from IEEE Std 4-1995 (cm)
25	2
36	3
46	4
53	5
60	6
70	8
79	10
86	12
95	14
104	16
112	18
120	20
143	25
167	30
192	35
218	40
243	45
270	50
322	60

Source: IEEE Std 516-2009.

To use this table to determine the electrical component of the minimum approach distance, the employer must determine the peak phase-to-ground transient overvoltage and select a gap from the table that corresponds to that voltage as a withstand voltage rather than a critical sparkover voltage. To calculate the electrical component of the minimum approach distance for voltages between 5 and 72.5 kilovolts, use the following procedure:

1. Divide the phase-to-phase voltage by the square root of 3 to convert it to a phase-to-ground voltage.

2. Multiply the phase-to-ground voltage by the square root of 2 to convert the rms value of the voltage to the peak phase-to-ground voltage.

3. Multiply the peak phase-to-ground voltage by the maximum per-unit transient overvoltage, which, for this voltage range, is 3.0, as discussed later in this appendix. This is the maximum phase-to-ground transient overvoltage, which corresponds to the withstand voltage for the relevant exposure.\3\

\3\ The withstand voltage is the voltage at which sparkover is not likely to occur across a specified distance. It is the voltage taken at the 3[sigma] point below the sparkover voltage, assuming that the sparkover curve follows a normal distribution.
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4. Divide the maximum phase-to-ground transient overvoltage by 0.85 to determine the corresponding critical sparkover voltage. (The critical sparkover voltage is 3 standard deviations (or 15 percent) greater than the withstand voltage.)

5. Determine the electrical component of the minimum approach distance from Table 1 through interpolation.

Table 2 illustrates how to derive the electrical component of the minimum approach distance for voltages from 5.1 to 72.5 kilovolts, before the application of any altitude correction factor, as explained later.

Table 2— Calculating the Electrical Component of MAD

751 V to 72.5 kV

Step	**Maximum System Phase-to-Phase Voltage (kV)**			
	15	**36**	**46**	**72.5**
1. Divide by $\sqrt{3}$	8.7	20.8	26.6	41.9
2. Multiply by $\sqrt{2}$	12.2	29.4	37.6	59.2
3. Multiply by 3.0	36.7	88.2	112.7	177.6
4. Divide by 0.85	43.2	103.7	132.6	208.9
5. Interpolate from Table 1	3+(7.2/10)*1	14+(8.7/9)*2	20+(12.6/23)*5	35+(16.9/26)*5
Electrical component of MAD (cm)	3.72	15.93	22.74	38.25

C. Voltages of 72.6 to 800 kilovolts. For voltages of 72.6 kilovolts to 800 kilovolts, this subpart bases the electrical component of minimum approach distances, before the application of any altitude correction factor, on the following formula:

Equation 1--For voltages of 72.6 kV to 800 kV

D = 0.3048(C + a)VL-GT

Where:

D = Electrical component of the minimum approach distance in air in meters;

C = a correction factor associated with the variation of gap sparkover with voltage;

a = A factor relating to the saturation of air at system voltages of 345 kilovolts or higher; \4\

\4\ Test data demonstrates that the saturation factor is greater than 0 at peak voltages of about 630 kilovolts. Systems operating at 345 kilovolts (or maximum system voltages of 362 kilovolts) can have peak maximum transient overvoltages exceeding 630 kilovolts. Table V-2 sets equations for calculating a based on peak voltage.

VL-G = Maximum system line-to-ground rms voltage in kilovolts--it should be the "actual" maximum, or the normal highest voltage for the range (for example, 10 percent above the nominal voltage); and

T = Maximum transient overvoltage factor in per unit.

In Equation 1, C is 0.01: (1) For phase-to-ground exposures that the employer can demonstrate consist only of air across the approach distance (gap) and (2) for phase-to-phase exposures if the employer can demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap. Otherwise, C is 0.011.

In Equation 1, the term a varies depending on whether the employee's exposure is phase-to-ground or phase-to-phase and on whether objects are in the gap. The employer must use the equations in Table 3 to calculate a. Sparkover test data with insulation spanning the gap form the basis for the equations for phase-to-ground exposures, and sparkover test data with only air in the gap form the basis for the equations for phase-to-phase exposures. The phase-to-ground equations result in slightly higher values of a, and, consequently, produce larger minimum approach distances, than the phase-to-phase equations for the same value of VPeak.

Table 3—Equations for Calculating the Surge Factor, *a*

Phase-to-Ground Exposures			
$V_{Peak} = T_{L\text{-}G}V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}$	635 kV or less	635.1 to 915 kV	915.1 to 1,050 kV
a	0	$(V_{Peak}$- 635)/140,000	$(V_{Peak}$-645)/135,000
$V_{Peak} = T_{L\text{-}G}V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}$	More than 1,050 kV		
a	$(V_{Peak}$-675)/125,000		
Phase-to-Phase Exposures[1]			
$V_{Peak} = (1.35T_{L\text{-}G} + 0.45)V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}$	630 kV or less	630.1 to 848 kV	848.1 to 1,131 kV
a	0	$(V_{Peak}$-630)/155,000	$(V_{Peak}$-633.6)/152,207
$V_{Peak} = (1.35T_{L\text{-}G} + 0.45)V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}$	1,131.1 to 1,485 kV	More than 1,485 kV	
a	$(V_{Peak}$-628)/153,846	$(V_{Peak}$-350.5)/203,666	

In Equation 1, T is the maximum transient overvoltage factor in per unit. As noted earlier, Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(ii) requires the employer to determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table V-8. For phase-to-ground exposures, the employer uses this value, called TL-G, as T in Equation 1. IEEE Std 516-2009 provides the following formula to calculate the phase-to-phase maximum transient overvoltage, TL-L, from TL-G:

TL-L = 1.35TL-G + 0.45.

For phase-to-phase exposures, the employer uses this value as T in Equation 1.

D. Provisions for inadvertent movement. The minimum approach distance must include an "adder" to compensate for the inadvertent movement of the worker relative to an energized part or the movement of the part relative to the worker. This "adder" must account for this possible inadvertent movement and provide the worker with a comfortable and safe zone in which to work. Employers must add the distance for inadvertent movement (called the "ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance") to the electrical component to determine the total safe minimum approach distances used in live-line work.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration based the ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance on response time-distance analysis. This technique uses an estimate of the total response time to a hazardous incident and converts that time to the distance traveled. For example, the driver of a car takes a given amount of time to respond to a "stimulus" and stop the vehicle. The elapsed time involved results in the car's traveling some distance before coming to a complete stop. This distance depends on the speed of the car at the time the stimulus appears and the reaction time of the driver.

In the case of live-line work, the employee must first perceive that he or she is approaching the danger zone. Then, the worker responds to the danger and must decelerate and stop all motion toward the energized part. During the time it takes to stop, the employee will travel some distance. This is the

distance the employer must add to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance to obtain the total safe minimum approach distance.

At voltages from 751 volts to 72.5 kilovolts,\5\ the electrical component of the minimum approach distance is smaller than the ergonomic component. At 72.5 kilovolts, the electrical component is only a little more than 0.3 meters (1 foot). An ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance must provide for all the worker's unanticipated movements. At these voltages, workers generally use rubber insulating gloves; however, these gloves protect only a worker's hands and arms. Therefore, the energized object must be at a safe approach distance to protect the worker's face. In this case, 0.61 meters (2 feet) is a sufficient and practical ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance.

\5\ For voltages of 50 to 300 volts, Table V-2 specifies a minimum approach distance of "avoid contact." The minimum approach distance for this voltage range contains neither an electrical component nor an ergonomic component.

For voltages between 72.6 and 800 kilovolts, employees must use different work practices during energized line work. Generally, employees use live-line tools (hot sticks) to perform work on energized equipment. These tools, by design, keep the energized part at a constant distance from the employee and, thus, maintain the appropriate minimum approach distance automatically.

The location of the worker and the type of work methods the worker is using also influence the length of the ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance. In this higher voltage range, the employees use work methods that more tightly control their movements than when the workers perform work using rubber insulating gloves. The worker, therefore, is farther from the energized line or equipment and must be more precise in his or her movements just to perform the work. For these reasons, this subpart adopts an ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance of 0.31 m (1 foot) for voltages between 72.6 and 800 kilovolts.

Table 4 summarizes the ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance for various voltage ranges.

Table 4—Ergonomic Component of Minimum Approach Distance

Voltage Range (kV)	Distance	
	m	ft
0.301 to 0.750	0.31	1.0
0.751 to 72.5	0.61	2.0
72.6 to 800	0.31	1.0

Note: The employer must add this distance to the electrical component of the minimum approach distance to obtain the full minimum approach distance.

The ergonomic component of the minimum approach distance accounts for errors in maintaining the minimum approach distance (which might occur, for example, if an employee misjudges the length of a conductive object he or she is holding), and for errors in judging the minimum approach distance. The

ergonomic component also accounts for inadvertent movements by the employee, such as slipping. In contrast, the working position selected to properly maintain the minimum approach distance must account for all of an employee's reasonably likely movements and still permit the employee to adhere to the applicable minimum approach distance. (See Figure 1.) Reasonably likely movements include an employee's adjustments to tools, equipment, and working positions and all movements needed to perform the work. For example, the employee should be able to perform all of the following actions without straying into the minimum approach distance:

Adjust his or her hardhat,

maneuver a tool onto an energized part with a reasonable amount of overreaching or underreaching,

reach for and handle tools, material, and equipment passed to him or her, and

adjust tools, and replace components on them, when necessary during the work procedure.

The training of qualified employees required under Sec. 1926.950, and the job planning and briefing required under Sec. 1926.952, must address selection of a proper working position.
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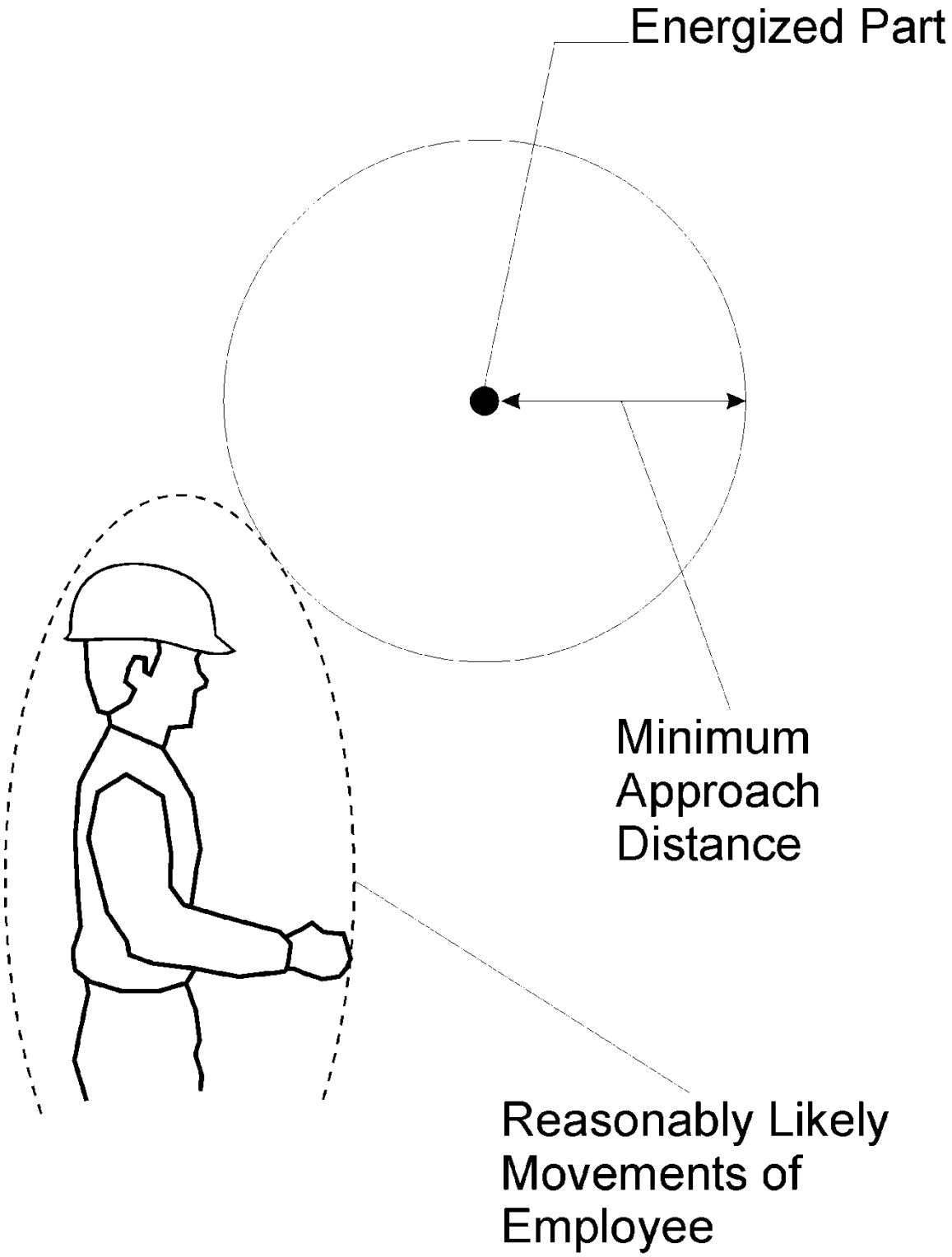

Figure 1—Maintaining the Minimum Approach Distance

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E. Miscellaneous correction factors. Changes in the air medium that forms the insulation influences the strength of an air gap. A brief discussion of each factor follows.

1. Dielectric strength of air. The dielectric strength of air in a uniform electric field at standard atmospheric conditions is approximately 3 kilovolts per millimeter.\6\ The pressure, temperature, and humidity of the air, the shape, dimensions, and separation of the electrodes, and the characteristics of the applied voltage (wave shape) affect the disruptive gradient.

\6\ For the purposes of estimating arc length, Subpart V generally assumes a more conservative dielectric strength of 10 kilovolts per 25.4 millimeters, consistent with assumptions made in consensus standards such as the National Electrical Safety Code (IEEE C2-2012). The more conservative value accounts for variables such as electrode shape, wave shape, and a certain amount of overvoltage.

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2. Atmospheric effect. The empirically determined electrical strength of a given gap is normally applicable at standard atmospheric conditions (20 [deg]C, 101.3 kilopascals, 11 grams/cubic centimeter humidity). An increase in the density (humidity) of the air inhibits sparkover for a given air gap. The combination of temperature and air pressure that results in the lowest gap sparkover voltage is high temperature and low pressure. This combination of conditions is not likely to occur. Low air pressure, generally associated with high humidity, causes increased electrical strength. An average air pressure generally correlates with low humidity. Hot and dry working conditions normally result in reduced electrical strength. The equations for minimum approach distances in Table V-2 assume standard atmospheric conditions.

3. Altitude. The reduced air pressure at high altitudes causes a reduction in the electrical strength of an air gap. An employer must increase the minimum approach distance by about 3 percent per 300 meters (1,000 feet) of increased altitude for altitudes above 900 meters (3,000 feet). Table V-4 specifies the altitude correction factor that the employer must use in calculating minimum approach distances.

IV. Determining Minimum Approach Distances

A. Factors Affecting Voltage Stress at the Worksite

1. System voltage (nominal). The nominal system voltage range determines the voltage for purposes of calculating minimum approach distances. The employer selects the range in which the nominal system voltage falls, as given in the relevant table, and uses the highest value within that range in per-unit calculations.

2. Transient overvoltages. Operation of switches or circuit breakers, a fault on a line or circuit or on an adjacent circuit, and similar activities may generate transient overvoltages on an electrical system. Each overvoltage has an associated transient voltage wave shape. The wave shape arriving at the site and its magnitude vary considerably.

In developing requirements for minimum approach distances, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration considered the most common wave shapes and the magnitude of transient overvoltages found on electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems. The equations in Table V-2 for minimum approach distances use per-unit maximum transient overvoltages, which are relative to the nominal maximum voltage of the system. For example, a maximum transient overvoltage value of 3.0 per unit indicates that the highest transient overvoltage is 3.0 times the nominal maximum system voltage.

3. Typical magnitude of overvoltages. Table 5 lists the magnitude of typical transient overvoltages.

Table 5—Magnitude of Typical Transient Overvoltages

Cause	Magnitude (per unit)
Energized 200-mile line without closing resistors	3.5
Energized 200-mile line with one-step closing resistor	2.1
Energized 200-mile line with multistep resistor	2.5
Reclosing with trapped charge one-step resistor	2.2
Opening surge with single restrike	3.0
Fault initiation unfaulted phase	2.1
Fault initiation adjacent circuit	2.5
Fault clearing	1.7 to 1.9

4. Standard deviation--air-gap withstand. For each air gap length under the same atmospheric conditions, there is a statistical variation in the breakdown voltage. The probability of breakdown against voltage has a normal (Gaussian) distribution. The standard deviation of this distribution varies with the wave shape, gap geometry, and atmospheric conditions. The withstand voltage of the air gap is three standard deviations (3[sigma]) below the critical sparkover voltage. (The critical sparkover voltage is the crest value of the impulse wave that, under specified conditions, causes sparkover 50 percent of the time. An impulse wave of three standard deviations below this value, that is, the withstand voltage, has a probability of sparkover of approximately 1 in 1,000.)

5. Broken Insulators. Tests show reductions in the insulation strength of insulator strings with broken skirts. Broken units may lose up to 70 percent of their withstand capacity. Because an employer cannot determine the insulating capability of a broken unit without testing it, the employer must consider damaged units in an insulator to have no insulating value. Additionally, the presence of a live-line tool alongside an insulator string with broken units may further reduce the overall insulating strength. The number of good units that must be present in a string for it to be "insulated" as defined by Sec. 1926.968 depends on the maximum overvoltage possible at the worksite.

B. Minimum Approach Distances Based on Known, Maximum-Anticipated Per-Unit Transient Overvoltages

1. Determining the minimum approach distance for AC systems. Under Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(ii), the employer must determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis or must assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table V-8. When the employer conducts an engineering analysis of the system and determines that the maximum transient overvoltage is lower than specified by Table V-8, the employer must ensure that any conditions assumed in the analysis, for example, that employees block reclosing on a circuit or install portable protective gaps, are present during energized work. To ensure that these conditions are present, the employer may need to institute new live-work procedures reflecting the conditions and limitations set by the engineering analysis.

2. Calculation of reduced approach distance values. An employer may take the following steps to reduce minimum approach distances when the maximum transient overvoltage on the system (that is, the maximum transient overvoltage without additional steps to control overvoltages) produces unacceptably large minimum approach distances:

Step 1. Determine the maximum voltage (with respect to a given nominal voltage range) for the energized part.

Step 2. Determine the technique to use to control the maximum transient overvoltage. (See paragraphs IV.C and IV.D of this appendix.) Determine the maximum transient overvoltage that can exist at the worksite with that form of control in place and with a confidence level of 3[sigma]. This voltage is the withstand voltage for the purpose of calculating the appropriate minimum approach distance.

Step 3. Direct employees to implement procedures to ensure that the control technique is in effect during the course of the work.

Step 4. Using the new value of transient overvoltage in per unit, calculate the required minimum approach distance from Table V-2.

C. Methods of Controlling Possible Transient Overvoltage Stress Found on a System

1. Introduction. There are several means of controlling overvoltages that occur on transmission systems. For example, the employer can modify the operation of circuit breakers or other switching devices to reduce switching transient overvoltages. Alternatively, the employer can hold the overvoltage to an acceptable level by installing surge arresters or portable protective gaps on the system. In addition, the employer can change the transmission system to minimize the effect of switching operations. Section 4.8 of IEEE Std 516-2009 describes various ways of controlling, and thereby reducing, maximum transient overvoltages.

2. Operation of circuit breakers.\7\ The maximum transient overvoltage that can reach the worksite is often the result of switching on the line on which employees are working. Disabling automatic reclosing during energized line work, so that the line will not be reenergized after being opened for any reason, limits the maximum switching surge overvoltage to the larger of the opening surge or the greatest possible fault-generated surge, provided that the devices (for example, insertion resistors) are operable and will function to limit the transient overvoltage and that circuit breaker restrikes do not occur. The employer must ensure the proper functioning of insertion resistors and other overvoltage-limiting devices when the employer's engineering analysis assumes their proper operation to limit the overvoltage level. If the employer cannot disable the reclosing feature (because of system operating conditions), other methods of controlling the switching surge level may be necessary.

\7\ The detailed design of a circuit interrupter, such as the design of the contacts, resistor insertion, and breaker timing control, are beyond the scope of this appendix. The design of the system generally accounts for these features. This appendix only discusses features that can limit the maximum switching transient overvoltage on a system.

Transient surges on an adjacent line, particularly for double circuit construction, may cause a significant overvoltage on the line on which employees are working. The employer's engineering analysis must account for coupling to adjacent lines.

3. Surge arresters. The use of modern surge arresters allows a reduction in the basic impulse-insulation levels of much transmission system equipment. The primary function of early arresters was to protect the

system insulation from the effects of lightning. Modern arresters not only dissipate lightning-caused transients, but may also control many other system transients caused by switching or faults.

The employer may use properly designed arresters to control transient overvoltages along a transmission line and thereby reduce the requisite length of the insulator string and possibly the maximum transient overvoltage on the line.\8\

\8\ Surge arrester application is beyond the scope of this appendix. However, if the employer installs the arrester near the work site, the application would be similar to the protective gaps discussed in paragraph IV.D of this appendix.

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4. Switching Restrictions. Another form of overvoltage control involves establishing switching restrictions, whereby the employer prohibits the operation of circuit breakers until certain system conditions are present. The employer restricts switching by using a tagging system, similar to that used for a permit, except that the common term used for this activity is a "hold-off" or "restriction." These terms indicate that the restriction does not prevent operation, but only modifies the operation during the live-work activity.

D. Minimum Approach Distance Based on Control of Maximum Transient Overvoltage at the Worksite

When the employer institutes control of maximum transient overvoltage at the worksite by installing portable protective gaps, the employer may calculate the minimum approach distance as follows:

Step 1. Select the appropriate withstand voltage for the protective gap based on system requirements and an acceptable probability of gap sparkover.\9\

\9\ The employer should check the withstand voltage to ensure that it results in a probability of gap flashover that is acceptable from a system outage perspective. (In other words, a gap sparkover will produce a system outage. The employer should determine whether such an outage will impact overall system performance to an acceptable degree.) In general, the withstand voltage should be at least 1.25 times the maximum crest operating voltage.

Step 2. Determine a gap distance that provides a withstand voltage \10\ greater than or equal to the one selected in the first step.\11\

\10\ The manufacturer of the gap provides, based on test data, the critical sparkover voltage for each gap spacing (for example, a critical sparkover voltage of 665 kilovolts for a gap spacing of 1.2 meters). The withstand voltage for the gap is equal to 85 percent of its critical sparkover voltage.

\11\ Switch steps 1 and 2 if the length of the protective gap is known.

Step 3. Use 110 percent of the gap's critical sparkover voltage to determine the phase-to-ground peak voltage at gap sparkover (VPPG Peak).

Step 4. Determine the maximum transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, at the worksite from the following formula:

$$T = \frac{V_{PPG\,Peak}}{V_{L\text{-}G}\sqrt{2}}.$$

Step 5. Use this value of T \12\ in the equation in Table V-2 to obtain the minimum approach distance. If the worksite is no more than 900 meters (3,000 feet) above sea level, the employer may use this value of T to determine the minimum approach distance from Table 7 through Table 14.

\12\ IEEE Std 516-2009 states that most employers add 0.2 to the calculated value of T as an additional safety factor.

Note: All rounding must be to the next higher value (that is, always round up).

Sample protective gap calculations.

Problem: Employees are to perform work on a 500-kilovolt transmission line at sea level that is subject to transient overvoltages of 2.4 p.u. The maximum operating voltage of the line is 550 kilovolts. Determine the length of the protective gap that will provide the minimum practical safe approach distance. Also, determine what that minimum approach distance is.

Step 1. Calculate the smallest practical maximum transient overvoltage (1.25 times the crest phase-to-ground voltage): \13\

\13\ To eliminate sparkovers due to minor system disturbances, the employer should use a withstand voltage no lower than 1.25 p.u. Note that this is a practical, or operational, consideration only. It may be feasible for the employer to use lower values of withstand voltage.

$$550kV \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \times 1.25 = 561kV.$$

This value equals the withstand voltage of the protective gap.

Step 2. Using test data for a particular protective gap, select a gap that has a critical sparkover voltage greater than or equal to:

561kV / 0.85 = 660kV

For example, if a protective gap with a 1.22-m (4.0-foot) spacing tested to a critical sparkover voltage of 665 kilovolts (crest), select this gap spacing.

Step 3. The phase-to-ground peak voltage at gap sparkover (VPPG Peak) is 110 percent of the value from the previous step:

665kVx 1.10 = 732kV

This value corresponds to the withstand voltage of the electrical component of the minimum approach distance.

Step 4. Use this voltage to determine the worksite value of T:

$$T = \frac{732}{564} = 1.7\,p.u.$$

Step 5. Use this value of T in the equation in Table V-2 to obtain the minimum approach distance, or look up the minimum approach distance in Table 7 through Table 14:

MAD = 2.29m(7.6ft)

E. Location of Protective Gaps

1. Adjacent structures. The employer may install the protective gap on a structure adjacent to the worksite, as this practice does not significantly reduce the protection afforded by the gap.

2. Terminal stations. Gaps installed at terminal stations of lines or circuits provide a level of protection; however, that level of protection may not extend throughout the length of the line to the worksite. The use of substation terminal gaps raises the possibility that separate surges could enter the line at opposite ends, each with low enough magnitude to pass the terminal gaps without sparkover. When voltage surges occur simultaneously at each end of a line and travel toward each other, the total voltage on the line at the point where they meet is the arithmetic sum of the two surges. A gap installed within 0.8 km (0.5 mile) of the worksite will protect against such intersecting waves. Engineering studies of a particular line or system may indicate that employers can adequately protect employees by installing gaps at even more distant locations. In any event, unless using the default values for T from Table V-8, the employer must determine T at the worksite.

3. Worksite. If the employer installs protective gaps at the worksite, the gap setting establishes the worksite impulse insulation strength. Lightning strikes as far as 6 miles from the worksite can cause a voltage surge greater than the gap withstand voltage, and a gap sparkover can occur. In addition, the gap can sparkover from overvoltages on the line that exceed the withstand voltage of the gap. Consequently, the employer must protect employees from hazards resulting from any sparkover that could occur.

F. Disabling automatic reclosing. There are two reasons to disable the automatic-reclosing feature of circuit-interrupting devices while employees are performing live-line work:

To prevent reenergization of a circuit faulted during the work, which could create a hazard or result in more serious injuries or damage than the injuries or damage produced by the original fault;

To prevent any transient overvoltage caused by the switching surge that would result if the circuit were reenergized.

However, due to system stability considerations, it may not always be feasible to disable the automatic-reclosing feature.

V. Minimum Approach-Distance Tables

A. Legacy tables. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 6 until March 31, 2015.

Table 6—Minimum Approach Distances Until March 31, 2015

Voltage Range	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
Phase to Phase (kV)	m	ft	m	ft
2.1 to 15.0	0.64	2.1	0.61	2.0
15.1 to 35.0	0.71	2.3	0.71	2.3
35.1 to 46.0	0.76	2.5	0.76	2.5
46.1 to 72.5	0.91	3.0	0.91	3.0
72.6 to 121	1.02	3.3	1.37	4.5
138 to 145	1.07	3.5	1.52	5.0
161 to 169	1.12	3.7	1.68	5.5
230 to 242	1.52	5.0	2.54	8.3
345 to 362*	2.13	7.0	4.06	13.3
500 to 552*	3.35	11.0	6.10	20.0
700 to 765*	4.57	15.0	9.45	31.0

*The minimum approach distance may be the shortest distance between the energized part and the grounded surface.

B. *Alternative minimum approach distances*. Employers may use the minimum approach distances in Table 7 through Table 14 provided that the employer follows the notes to those tables.

Table 7—AC Minimum Approach Distances—72.6 to 121.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	0.67	2.2	0.84	2.8
1.6	0.69	2.3	0.87	2.9
1.7	0.71	2.3	0.90	3.0
1.8	0.74	2.4	0.93	3.1
1.9	0.76	2.5	0.96	3.1
2.0	0.78	2.6	0.99	3.2
2.1	0.81	2.7	1.01	3.3
2.2	0.83	2.7	1.04	3.4
2.3	0.85	2.8	1.07	3.5
2.4	0.88	2.9	1.10	3.6
2.5	0.90	3.0	1.13	3.7
2.6	0.92	3.0	1.16	3.8
2.7	0.95	3.1	1.19	3.9
2.8	0.97	3.2	1.22	4.0
2.9	0.99	3.2	1.24	4.1
3.0	1.02	3.3	1.27	4.2
3.1	1.04	3.4	1.30	4.3
3.2	1.06	3.5	1.33	4.4
3.3	1.09	3.6	1.36	4.5
3.4	1.11	3.6	1.39	4.6
3.5	1.13	3.7	1.42	4.7

Table 8—AC Minimum Approach Distances—121.1 to 145.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	0.74	2.4	0.95	3.1
1.6	0.76	2.5	0.98	3.2
1.7	0.79	2.6	1.02	3.3
1.8	0.82	2.7	1.05	3.4
1.9	0.85	2.8	1.08	3.5
2.0	0.88	2.9	1.12	3.7
2.1	0.90	3.0	1.15	3.8
2.2	0.93	3.1	1.19	3.9
2.3	0.96	3.1	1.22	4.0
2.4	0.99	3.2	1.26	4.1
2.5	1.02	3.3	1.29	4.2
2.6	1.04	3.4	1.33	4.4
2.7	1.07	3.5	1.36	4.5
2.8	1.10	3.6	1.39	4.6
2.9	1.13	3.7	1.43	4.7
3.0	1.16	3.8	1.46	4.8
3.1	1.19	3.9	1.50	4.9
3.2	1.21	4.0	1.53	5.0
3.3	1.24	4.1	1.57	5.2
3.4	1.27	4.2	1.60	5.2
3.5	1.30	4.3	1.64	5.4

Table 9—AC Minimum Approach Distances—145.1 to 169.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	0.81	2.7	1.05	3.4
1.6	0.84	2.8	1.09	3.6
1.7	0.87	2.9	1.13	3.7
1.8	0.90	3.0	1.17	3.8
1.9	0.94	3.1	1.21	4.0
2.0	0.97	3.2	1.25	4.1
2.1	1.00	3.3	1.29	4.2
2.2	1.03	3.4	1.33	4.4
2.3	1.07	3.5	1.37	4.5
2.4	1.10	3.6	1.41	4.6
2.5	1.13	3.7	1.45	4.8
2.6	1.17	3.8	1.49	4.9
2.7	1.20	3.9	1.53	5.0
2.8	1.23	4.0	1.57	5.2
2.9	1.26	4.1	1.61	5.3
3.0	1.30	4.3	1.65	5.4
3.1	1.33	4.4	1.70	5.6
3.2	1.36	4.5	1.76	5.8
3.3	1.39	4.6	1.82	6.0
3.4	1.43	4.7	1.88	6.2
3.5	1.46	4.8	1.94	6.4

Table 10—AC Minimum Approach Distances—169.1 to 242.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.02	3.3	1.37	4.5
1.6	1.06	3.5	1.43	4.7
1.7	1.11	3.6	1.48	4.9
1.8	1.16	3.8	1.54	5.1
1.9	1.21	4.0	1.60	5.2
2.0	1.25	4.1	1.66	5.4
2.1	1.30	4.3	1.73	5.7
2.2	1.35	4.4	1.81	5.9
2.3	1.39	4.6	1.90	6.2
2.4	1.44	4.7	1.99	6.5
2.5	1.49	4.9	2.08	6.8
2.6	1.53	5.0	2.17	7.1
2.7	1.58	5.2	2.26	7.4
2.8	1.63	5.3	2.36	7.7
2.9	1.67	5.5	2.45	8.0
3.0	1.72	5.6	2.55	8.4
3.1	1.77	5.8	2.65	8.7
3.2	1.81	5.9	2.76	9.1
3.3	1.88	6.2	2.86	9.4
3.4	1.95	6.4	2.97	9.7
3.5	2.01	6.6	3.08	10.1

Table 11—AC Minimum Approach Distances—242.1 to 362.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.37	4.5	1.99	6.5
1.6	1.44	4.7	2.13	7.0
1.7	1.51	5.0	2.27	7.4
1.8	1.58	5.2	2.41	7.9
1.9	1.65	5.4	2.56	8.4
2.0	1.72	5.6	2.71	8.9
2.1	1.79	5.9	2.87	9.4
2.2	1.87	6.1	3.03	9.9
2.3	1.97	6.5	3.20	10.5
2.4	2.08	6.8	3.37	11.1
2.5	2.19	7.2	3.55	11.6
2.6	2.29	7.5	3.73	12.2
2.7	2.41	7.9	3.91	12.8
2.8	2.52	8.3	4.10	13.5
2.9	2.64	8.7	4.29	14.1
3.0	2.76	9.1	4.49	14.7
3.1	2.88	9.4	4.69	15.4
3.2	3.01	9.9	4.90	16.1
3.3	3.14	10.3	5.11	16.8
3.4	3.27	10.7	5.32	17.5
3.5	3.41	11.2	5.52	18.1

Table 12—AC Minimum Approach Distances—362.1 to 420.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.53	5.0	2.40	7.9
1.6	1.62	5.3	2.58	8.5
1.7	1.70	5.6	2.75	9.0
1.8	1.78	5.8	2.94	9.6
1.9	1.88	6.2	3.13	10.3
2.0	1.99	6.5	3.33	10.9
2.1	2.12	7.0	3.53	11.6
2.2	2.24	7.3	3.74	12.3
2.3	2.37	7.8	3.95	13.0
2.4	2.50	8.2	4.17	13.7
2.5	2.64	8.7	4.40	14.4
2.6	2.78	9.1	4.63	15.2
2.7	2.93	9.6	4.87	16.0
2.8	3.07	10.1	5.11	16.8
2.9	3.23	10.6	5.36	17.6
3.0	3.38	11.1	5.59	18.3
3.1	3.55	11.6	5.82	19.1
3.2	3.72	12.2	6.07	19.9
3.3	3.89	12.8	6.31	20.7
3.4	4.07	13.4	6.56	21.5
3.5	4.25	13.9	6.81	22.3

Table 13—AC Minimum Approach Distances—420.1 to 550.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	1.95	6.4	3.46	11.4
1.6	2.11	6.9	3.73	12.2
1.7	2.28	7.5	4.02	13.2
1.8	2.45	8.0	4.31	14.1
1.9	2.62	8.6	4.61	15.1
2.0	2.81	9.2	4.92	16.1
2.1	3.00	9.8	5.25	17.2
2.2	3.20	10.5	5.55	18.2
2.3	3.40	11.2	5.86	19.2
2.4	3.62	11.9	6.18	20.3
2.5	3.84	12.6	6.50	21.3
2.6	4.07	13.4	6.83	22.4
2.7	4.31	14.1	7.18	23.6
2.8	4.56	15.0	7.52	24.7
2.9	4.81	15.8	7.88	25.9
3.0	5.07	16.6	8.24	27.0

Table 14—AC Minimum Approach Distances—550.1 to 800.0 kV

T (p.u.)	Phase-to-Ground Exposure		Phase-to-Phase Exposure	
	m	ft	m	ft
1.5	3.16	10.4	5.97	19.6
1.6	3.46	11.4	6.43	21.1
1.7	3.78	12.4	6.92	22.7
1.8	4.12	13.5	7.42	24.3
1.9	4.47	14.7	7.93	26.0
2.0	4.83	15.8	8.47	27.8
2.1	5.21	17.1	9.02	29.6
2.2	5.61	18.4	9.58	31.4
2.3	6.02	19.8	10.16	33.3
2.4	6.44	21.1	10.76	35.3
2.5	6.88	22.6	11.38	37.3

Notes to Table 7 through Table 14:
1. The employer must determine the maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, through an engineering analysis, as required by Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(ii), or assume a maximum anticipated per-unit transient overvoltage, phase-to-ground, in accordance with Table V-8.
2. For phase-to-phase exposures, the employer must demonstrate that no insulated tool spans the gap and that no large conductive object is in the gap.
3. The worksite must be at an elevation of 900 meters (3,000 feet) or less above sea level.

Appendix C to Subpart V of Part 1926--Protection From Hazardous Differences in Electric Potential

I. Introduction

Current passing through an impedance impresses voltage across that impedance. Even conductors have some, albeit low, value of impedance. Therefore, if a "grounded" \1\ object, such as a crane or deenergized and grounded power line, results in a ground fault on a power line, voltage is impressed on that grounded object. The voltage impressed on the grounded object depends largely on the voltage on the line, on the impedance of the faulted conductor, and on the impedance to "true," or "absolute," ground represented by the object. If the impedance of the object causing the fault is relatively large, the voltage impressed on the object is essentially the phase-to-ground system voltage. However, even faults to grounded power lines or to well grounded transmission towers or substation structures (which have relatively low values of impedance to ground) can result in hazardous voltages.\2\ In all cases, the degree of the hazard depends on the magnitude of the current through the employee and the time of exposure. This appendix discusses methods of protecting workers against the possibility that grounded objects, such as cranes and other mechanical equipment, will contact energized power lines and that deenergized and grounded power lines will become accidentally energized.

\1\ This appendix generally uses the term "grounded" only with respect to grounding that the employer intentionally installs, for example, the grounding an employer installs on a deenergized conductor. However, in this case, the term "grounded" means connected to earth, regardless of whether or not that connection is intentional.

\2\ Thus, grounding systems for transmission towers and substation structures should be designed to minimize the step and touch potentials involved.

II. Voltage-Gradient Distribution

A. Voltage-gradient distribution curve. Absolute, or true, ground serves as a reference and always has a voltage of 0 volts above ground potential. Because there is an impedance between a grounding electrode and absolute ground, there will be a voltage difference between the grounding electrode and absolute ground under ground-fault conditions. Voltage dissipates from the grounding electrode (or from the grounding point) and creates a ground potential gradient. The voltage decreases rapidly with increasing distance from the grounding electrode. A voltage drop associated with this dissipation of voltage is a ground potential. Figure 1 is a typical voltage-gradient distribution curve (assuming a uniform soil texture).

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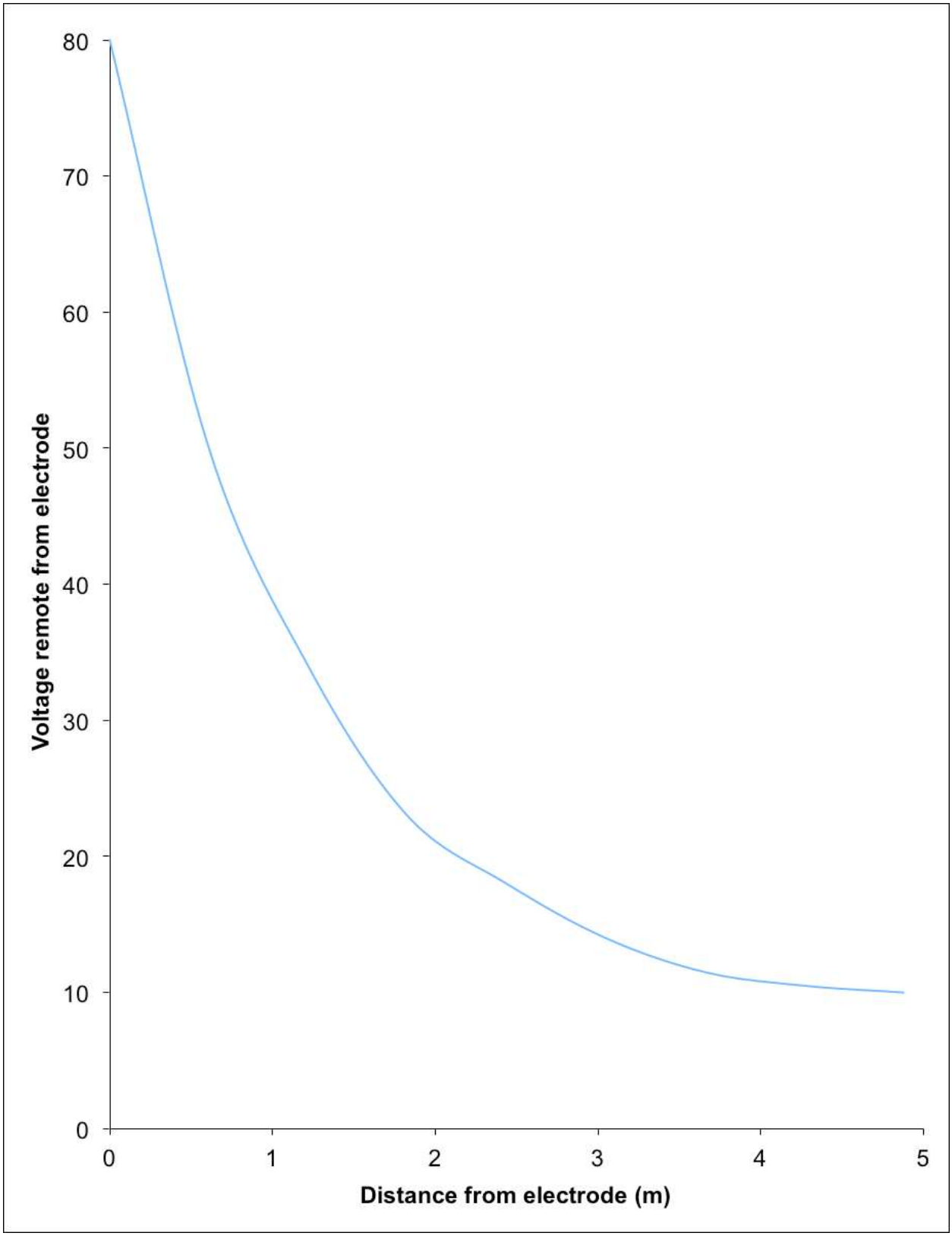
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B. Step and touch potentials. Figure 1 also shows that workers are at risk from step and touch potentials. Step potential is the voltage between the feet of a person standing near an energized grounded object (the electrode). In Figure 1, the step potential is equal to the difference in voltage between two points at different distances from the electrode (where the points represent the location of each foot in relation to the electrode). A person could be at risk of injury during a fault simply by standing near the object.

Touch potential is the voltage between the energized grounded object (again, the electrode) and the feet of a person in contact with the object. In Figure 1, the touch potential is equal to the difference in voltage between the electrode (which is at a distance of 0 meters) and a point some distance away from the electrode (where the point represents the location of the feet of the person in contact with the object). The touch potential could be nearly the full voltage across the grounded object if that object is grounded at a point remote from the place where the person is in contact with it. For example, a crane grounded to the system neutral and that contacts an energized line would expose any person in contact with the crane or its uninsulated load line to a touch potential nearly equal to the full fault voltage.

Figure 2 illustrates step and touch potentials.

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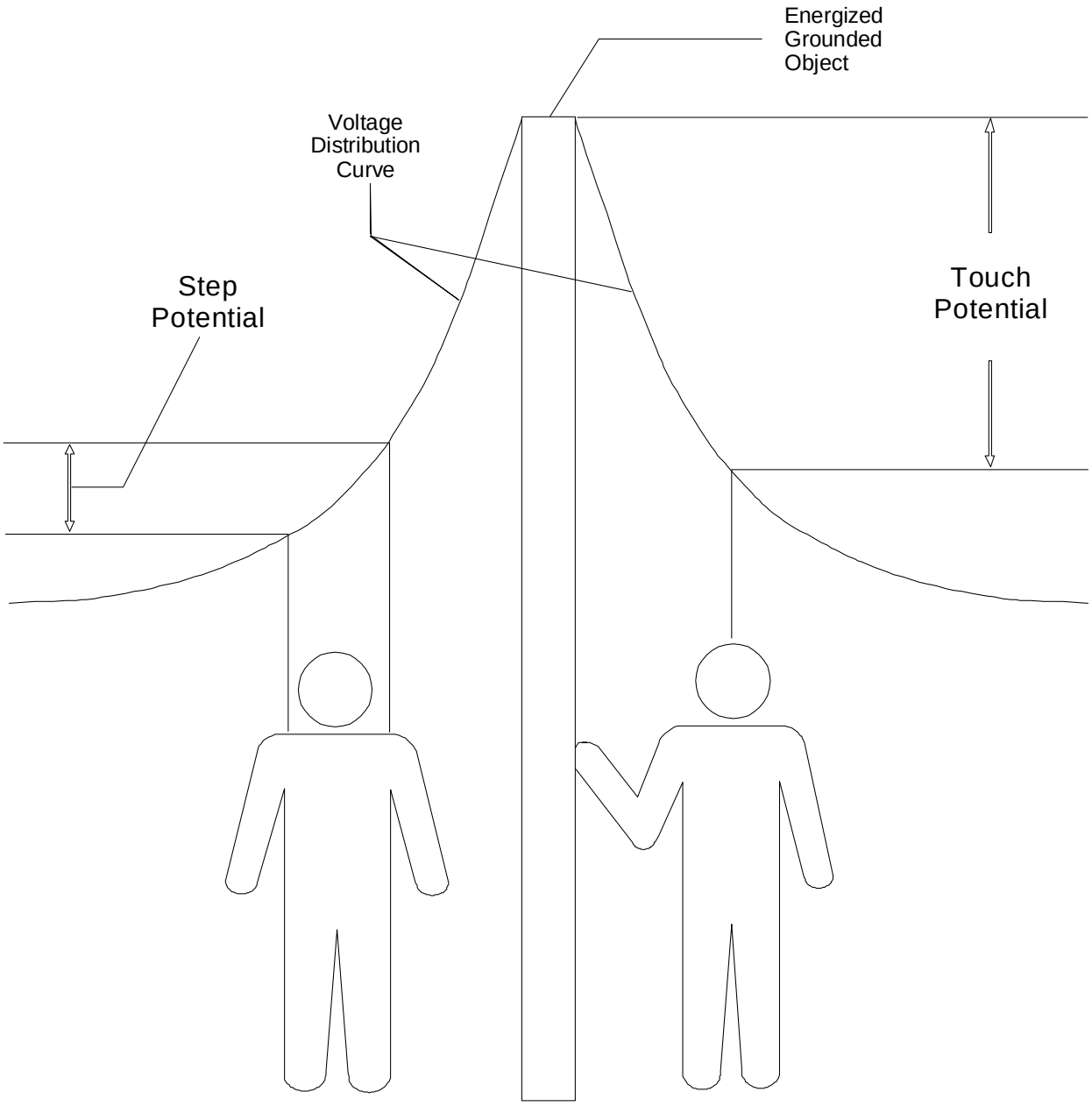
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III. Protecting Workers From Hazardous Differences in Electrical Potential

A. Definitions. The following definitions apply to section III of this appendix:

Bond. The electrical interconnection of conductive parts designed to maintain a common electric potential.

Bonding cable (bonding jumper). A cable connected to two conductive parts to bond the parts together.

Cluster bar. A terminal temporarily attached to a structure that provides a means for the attachment and bonding of grounding and bonding cables to the structure.

Ground. A conducting connection between an electric circuit or equipment and the earth, or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

Grounding cable (grounding jumper). A cable connected between a deenergized part and ground. Note that grounding cables carry fault current and bonding cables generally do not. A cable that bonds two conductive parts but carries substantial fault current (for example, a jumper connected between one phase and a grounded phase) is a grounding cable.

Ground mat (grounding grid). A temporarily or permanently installed metallic mat or grating that establishes an equipotential surface and provides connection points for attaching grounds.

B. Analyzing the hazard. The employer can use an engineering analysis of the power system under fault conditions to determine whether hazardous step and touch voltages will develop. The analysis should determine the voltage on all conductive objects in the work area and the amount of time the voltage will be present. Based on the this analysis, the employer can select appropriate measures and protective equipment, including the measures and protective equipment outlined in Section III of this appendix, to protect each employee from hazardous differences in electric potential. For example, from the analysis, the employer will know the voltage remaining on conductive objects after employees install bonding and grounding equipment and will be able to select insulating equipment with an appropriate rating, as described in paragraph III.C.2 of this appendix.

C. Protecting workers on the ground. The employer may use several methods, including equipotential zones, insulating equipment, and restricted work areas, to protect employees on the ground from hazardous differences in electrical potential.

1. An equipotential zone will protect workers within it from hazardous step and touch potentials. (See Figure 3.) Equipotential zones will not, however, protect employees located either wholly or partially outside the protected area. The employer can establish an equipotential zone for workers on the ground, with respect to a grounded object, through the use of a metal mat connected to the grounded object. The employer can use a grounding grid to equalize the voltage within the grid or bond conductive objects in the immediate work area to minimize the potential between the objects and between each object and ground. (Bonding an object outside the work area can increase the touch potential to that object, however.) Section III.D of this appendix discusses equipotential zones for employees working on deenergized and grounded power lines.

2. Insulating equipment, such as rubber gloves, can protect employees handling grounded equipment and conductors from hazardous touch potentials. The insulating equipment must be rated for the highest voltage that can be impressed on the grounded objects under fault conditions (rather than for the full system voltage).

3. Restricting employees from areas where hazardous step or touch potentials could arise can protect employees not directly involved in performing the operation. The employer must ensure that employees on the ground in the vicinity of transmission structures are at a distance where step voltages would be insufficient to cause injury. Employees must not handle grounded conductors or equipment likely to become energized to hazardous voltages unless the employees are within an equipotential zone or protected by insulating equipment.

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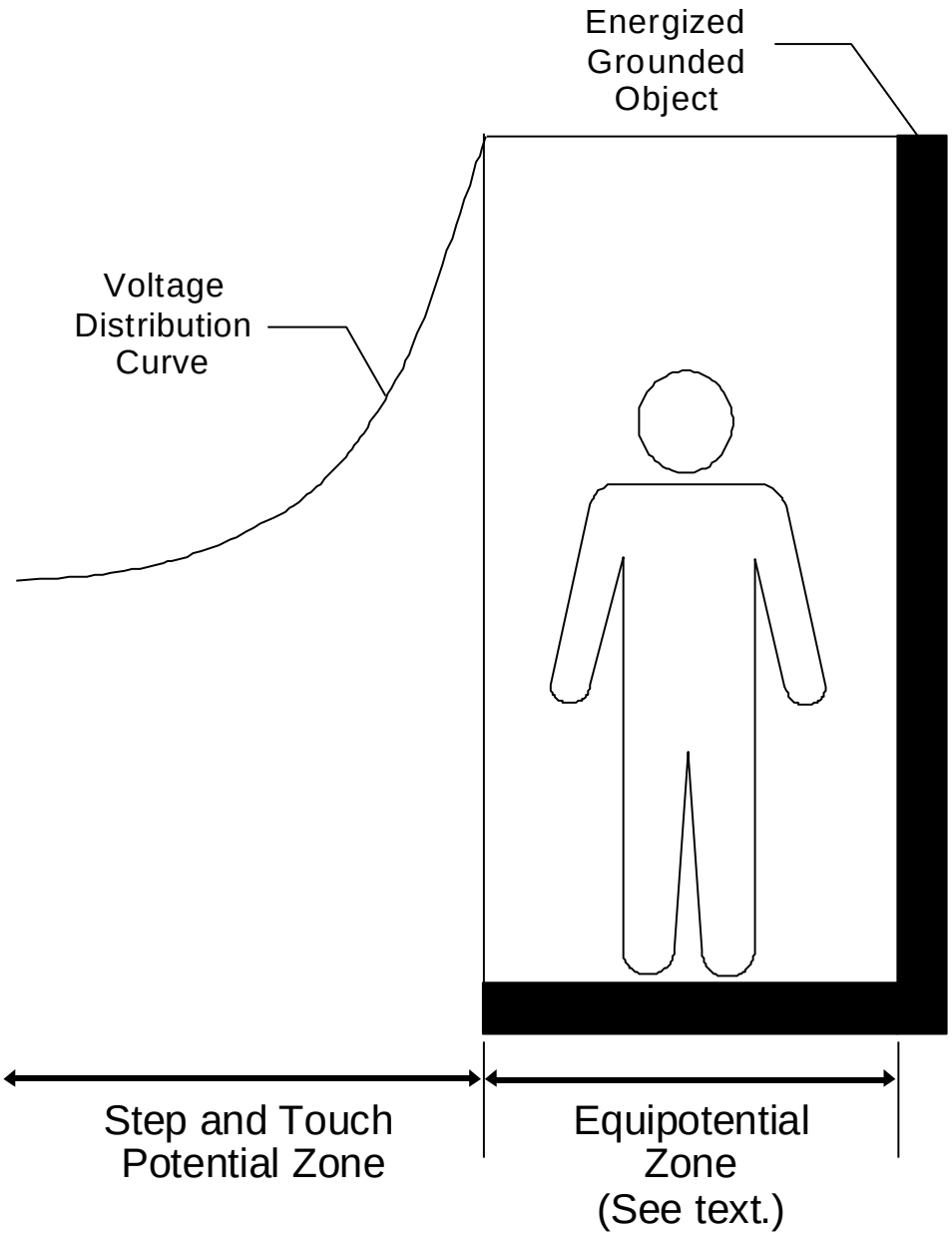
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D. Protecting employees working on deenergized and grounded power lines. This Section III.D of Appendix C establishes guidelines to help employers comply with requirements in Sec. 1926.962 for using protective grounding to protect employees working on deenergized power lines. Section 1926.962 applies to grounding of transmission and distribution lines and equipment for the purpose of protecting workers. Paragraph (c) of Sec. 1926.962 requires temporary protective grounds to be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent exposure of each employee to hazardous differences in electric potential.\3\ Sections III.D.1 and III.D.2 of this appendix provide guidelines that employers can use in making the demonstration required by Sec. 1926.962(c). Section III.D.1 of this appendix provides guidelines on how the employer can determine whether particular grounding practices expose employees to hazardous differences in electric potential. Section III.D.2 of this appendix describes grounding methods that the employer can use in lieu of an engineering analysis to make the demonstration required by Sec. 1926.962(c). The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider employers that comply with the criteria in this appendix as meeting Sec. 1926.962(c).

\3\ The protective grounding required by Sec. 1926.962 limits to safe values the potential differences between accessible objects in each employee's work environment. Ideally, a protective grounding system would create a true equipotential zone in which every point is at the same electric potential. In practice, current passing through the grounding and bonding elements creates potential differences. If these potential differences are hazardous, the employer may not treat the zone as an equipotential zone.

Finally, Section III.D.3 of this appendix discusses other safety considerations that will help the employer comply with other requirements in Sec. 1926.962. Following these guidelines will protect workers from hazards that can occur when a deenergized and grounded line becomes energized.

1. Determining safe body current limits. This Section III.D.1 of Appendix C provides guidelines on how an employer can determine whether any differences in electric potential to which workers could be exposed are hazardous as part of the demonstration required by Sec. 1926.962(c).

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standard 1048-2003, IEEE Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines, provides the following equation for determining the threshold of ventricular fibrillation when the duration of the electric shock is limited:

$$I = \frac{116}{\sqrt{t}},$$

where I is the current through the worker's body, and t is the duration of the current in seconds. This equation represents the ventricular fibrillation threshold for 95.5 percent of the adult population with a mass of 50 kilograms (110 pounds) or more. The equation is valid for current durations between 0.0083 to 3.0 seconds.

To use this equation to set safe voltage limits in an equipotential zone around the worker, the employer will need to assume a value for the resistance of the worker's body. IEEE Std 1048-2003 states that "total body resistance is usually taken as 1000 [Omega] for determining . . . body current limits." However, employers should be aware that the impedance of a worker's body can be substantially less than that value. For instance, IEEE Std 1048-2003 reports a minimum hand-to-hand resistance of 610

ohms and an internal body resistance of 500 ohms. The internal resistance of the body better represents the minimum resistance of a worker's body when the skin resistance drops near zero, which occurs, for example, when there are breaks in the worker's skin, for instance, from cuts or from blisters formed as a result of the current from an electric shock, or when the worker is wet at the points of contact.

Employers may use the IEEE Std 1048-2003 equation to determine safe body current limits only if the employer protects workers from hazards associated with involuntary muscle reactions from electric shock (for example, the hazard to a worker from falling as a result of an electric shock). Moreover, the equation applies only when the duration of the electric shock is limited. If the precautions the employer takes, including those required by applicable standards, do not adequately protect employees from hazards associated with involuntary reactions from electric shock, a hazard exists if the induced voltage is sufficient to pass a current of 1 milliampere through a 500-ohm resistor. (The 500-ohm resistor represents the resistance of an employee. The 1-milliampere current is the threshold of perception.) Finally, if the employer protects employees from injury due to involuntary reactions from electric shock, but the duration of the electric shock is unlimited (that is, when the fault current at the work location will be insufficient to trip the devices protecting the circuit), a hazard exists if the resultant current would be more than 6 milliamperes (the recognized let-go threshold for workers \4\).

\4\ Electric current passing through the body has varying effects depending on the amount of the current. At the let-go threshold, the current overrides a person's control over his or her muscles. At that level, an employee grasping an object will not be able to let go of the object. The let-go threshold varies from person to person; however, the recognized value for workers is 6 milliamperes.
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2. Acceptable methods of grounding for employers that do not perform an engineering determination. The grounding methods presented in this section of this appendix ensure that differences in electric potential are as low as possible and, therefore, meet Sec. 1926.962(c) without an engineering determination of the potential differences. These methods follow two principles: (i) The grounding method must ensure that the circuit opens in the fastest available clearing time, and (ii) the grounding method must ensure that the potential differences between conductive objects in the employee's work area are as low as possible.

Paragraph (c) of Sec. 1926.962 does not require grounding methods to meet the criteria embodied in these principles. Instead, the paragraph requires that protective grounds be "placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate will prevent exposure of each employee to hazardous differences in electric potential." However, when the employer's grounding practices do not follow these two principles, the employer will need to perform an engineering analysis to make the demonstration required by Sec. 1926.962(c).

i. Ensuring that the circuit opens in the fastest available clearing time. Generally, the higher the fault current, the shorter the clearing times for the same type of fault. Therefore, to ensure the fastest available clearing time, the grounding method must maximize the fault current with a low impedance connection to ground. The employer accomplishes this objective by grounding the circuit conductors to the best ground available at the worksite. Thus, the employer must ground to a grounded system neutral conductor, if one is present. A grounded system neutral has a direct connection to the system ground at the source, resulting in an extremely low impedance to ground. In a substation, the employer may instead ground to the substation grid, which also has an extremely low impedance to the system ground and, typically, is connected to a grounded system neutral when one is present. Remote system grounds, such as pole and tower grounds, have a higher impedance to the system ground than grounded system neutrals and substation grounding grids; however, the employer may use a remote ground when lower impedance grounds are not available. In the absence of a grounded system neutral, substation grid, and remote ground, the employer may use a temporary driven ground at the worksite.

In addition, if employees are working on a three-phase system, the grounding method must short circuit all three phases. Short circuiting all phases will ensure faster clearing and lower the current through the grounding cable connecting the deenergized line to ground, thereby lowering the voltage across that cable. The short circuit need not be at the worksite; however, the employer must treat any conductor that is not grounded at the worksite as energized because the ungrounded conductors will be energized at fault voltage during a fault.

ii. Ensuring that the potential differences between conductive objects in the employee's work area are as low as possible. To achieve as low a voltage as possible across any two conductive objects in the work area, the employer must bond all conductive objects in the work area. This section of this appendix discusses how to create a zone that minimizes differences in electric potential between conductive objects in the work area.

The employer must use bonding cables to bond conductive objects, except for metallic objects bonded through metal-to-metal contact. The employer must ensure that metal-to-metal contacts are tight and free of contamination, such as oxidation, that can increase the impedance across the connection. For example, a bolted connection between metal lattice tower members is acceptable if the connection is tight and free of corrosion and other contamination. Figure 4 shows how to create an equipotential zone for metal lattice towers.

Wood poles are conductive objects. The poles can absorb moisture and conduct electricity, particularly at distribution and transmission voltages. Consequently, the employer must either: (1) Provide a conductive platform, bonded to a grounding cable, on which the worker stands or (2) use cluster bars to bond wood poles to the grounding cable. The employer must ensure that employees install the cluster bar below, and close to, the worker's feet. The inner portion of the wood pole is more conductive than the outer shell, so it is important that the cluster bar be in conductive contact with a metal spike or nail that penetrates the wood to a depth greater than or equal to the depth the worker's climbing gaffs will penetrate the wood. For example, the employer could mount the cluster bar on a bare pole ground wire fastened to the pole with nails or staples that penetrate to the required depth. Alternatively, the employer may temporarily nail a conductive strap to the pole and connect the strap to the cluster bar. Figure 5 shows how to create an equipotential zone for wood poles.

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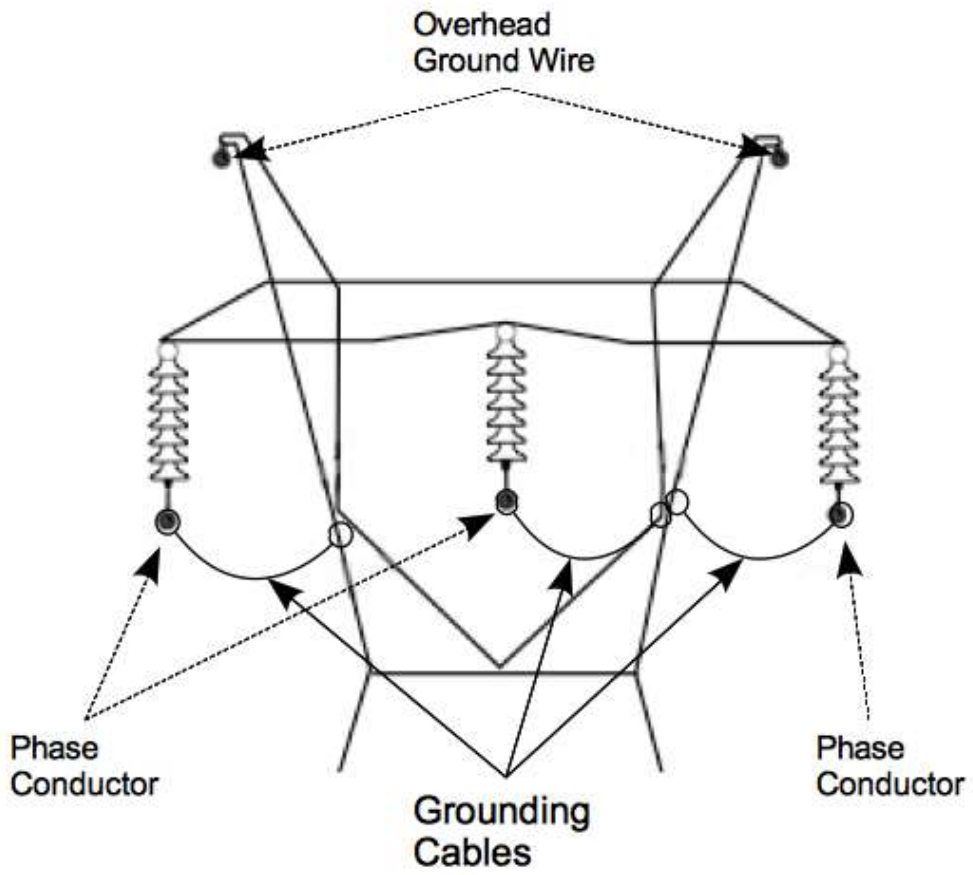
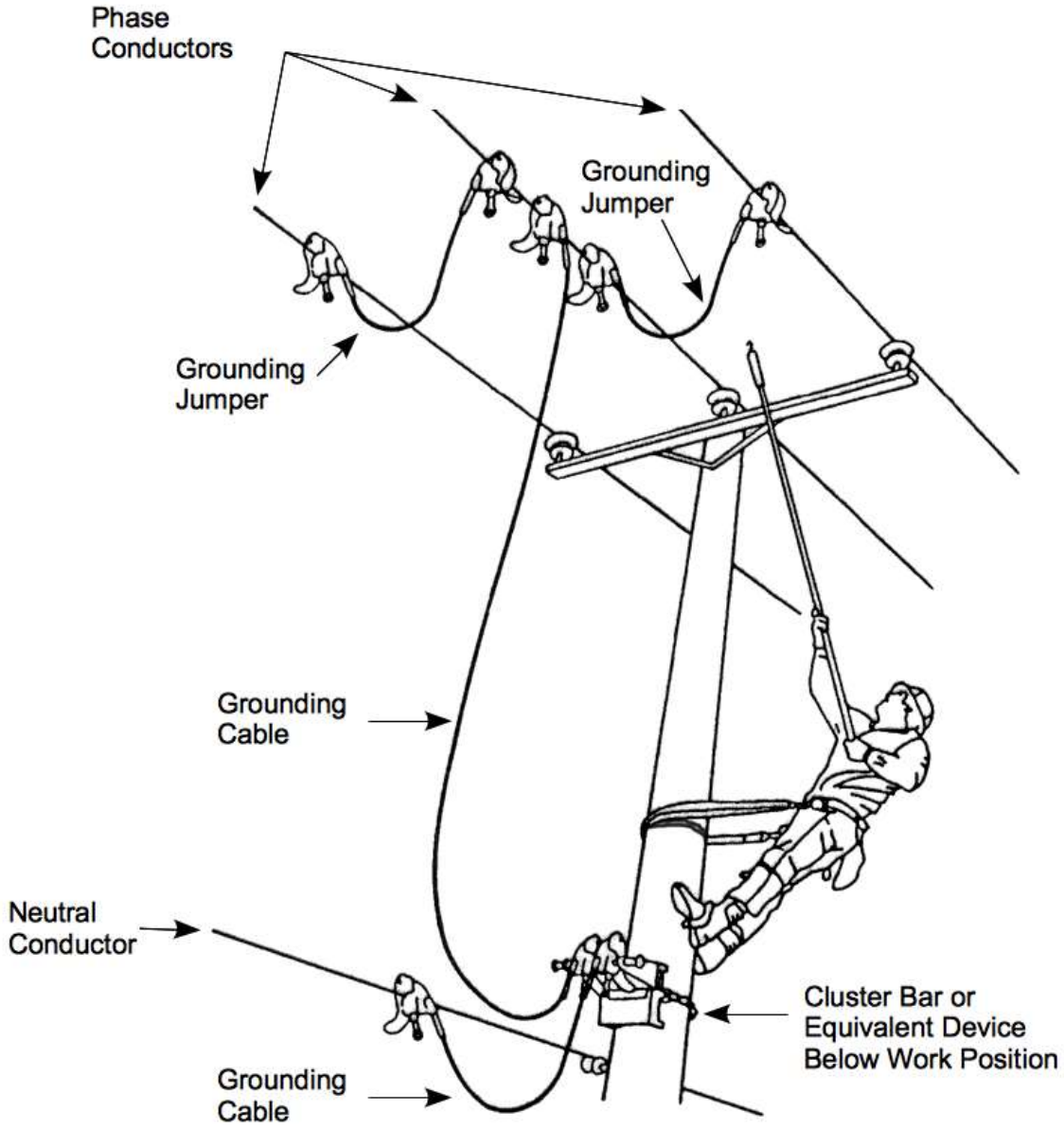


Notes:

1. Employers must ground overhead ground wires that are within reach of the employee.

2. The grounding cable must be as short as practicable; therefore, the attachment points between the grounding cable and the tower may be different from that shown in the figure.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For underground systems, employers commonly install grounds at the points of disconnection of the underground cables. These grounding points are typically remote from the manhole or underground vault where employees will be working on the cable. Workers in contact with a cable grounded at a remote location can experience hazardous potential differences if the cable becomes energized or if a fault occurs on a different, but nearby, energized cable. The fault current causes potential gradients in the earth, and a potential difference will exist between the earth where the worker is standing and the earth where the cable is grounded. Consequently, to create an equipotential zone for the worker, the employer must provide a means of connecting the deenergized cable to ground at the worksite by having the worker stand on a conductive mat bonded to the deenergized cable. If the cable is cut, the employer must install a bond across the opening in the cable or install one bond on each side of the opening to ensure that the separate cable ends are at the same potential. The employer must protect the worker from any hazardous differences in potential any time there is no bond between the mat and the cable (for example, before the worker installs the bonds).

3. Other safety-related considerations. To ensure that the grounding system is safe and effective, the employer should also consider the following factors: \5\

\5\ This appendix only discusses factors that relate to ensuring an equipotential zone for employees. The employer must consider other factors in selecting a grounding system that is capable of conducting the maximum fault current that could flow at the point of grounding for the time necessary to clear the fault, as required by Sec. 1926.962(d)(1)(i). IEEE Std 1048-2003 contains guidelines for selecting and installing grounding equipment that will meet Sec. 1926.962(d)(1)(i).

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i. Maintenance of grounding equipment. It is essential that the employer properly maintain grounding equipment. Corrosion in the connections between grounding cables and clamps and on the clamp surface can increase the resistance of the cable, thereby increasing potential differences. In addition, the surface to which a clamp attaches, such as a conductor or tower member, must be clean and free of corrosion and oxidation to ensure a low-resistance connection. Cables must be free of damage that could reduce their current-carrying capacity so that they can carry the full fault current without failure. Each clamp must have a tight connection to the cable to ensure a low resistance and to ensure that the clamp does not separate from the cable during a fault.

ii. Grounding cable length and movement. The electromagnetic forces on grounding cables during a fault increase with increasing cable length. These forces can cause the cable to move violently during a fault and can be high enough to damage the cable or clamps and cause the cable to fail. In addition, flying cables can injure workers. Consequently, cable lengths should be as short as possible, and grounding cables that might carry high fault current should be in positions where the cables will not injure workers during a fault.

Appendix D to Subpart V of Part 1926--Methods of Inspecting and Testing Wood Poles

I. Introduction

When employees are to perform work on a wood pole, it is important to determine the condition of the pole before employees climb it. The weight of the employee, the weight of equipment to be installed, and other working stresses (such as the removal or retensioning of conductors) can lead to the failure of a defective pole or a pole that is not designed to handle the additional stresses.\1\ For these reasons, it is essential that, before an employee climbs a wood pole, the employer ascertain that the pole is capable of sustaining the stresses of the work. The determination that the pole is capable of sustaining these stresses includes an inspection of the condition of the pole.

\1\ A properly guyed pole in good condition should, at a minimum, be able to handle the weight of an employee climbing it.

If the employer finds the pole to be unsafe to climb or to work from, the employer must secure the pole so that it does not fail while an employee is on it. The employer can secure the pole by a line truck boom, by ropes or guys, or by lashing a new pole alongside it. If a new one is lashed alongside the defective pole, employees should work from the new one.

II. Inspecting Wood Poles

A qualified employee should inspect wood poles for the following conditions:\2\

\2\ The presence of any of these conditions is an indication that the pole may not be safe to climb or to work from. The employee performing the inspection must be qualified to make a determination as to whether it is safe to perform the work without taking additional precautions.

A. General condition. Buckling at the ground line or an unusual angle with respect to the ground may indicate that the pole has rotted or is broken.

B. Cracks. Horizontal cracks perpendicular to the grain of the wood may weaken the pole. Vertical cracks, although not normally considered to be a sign of a defective pole, can pose a hazard to the climber, and the employee should keep his or her gaffs away from them while climbing.

C. Holes. Hollow spots and woodpecker holes can reduce the strength of a wood pole.

D. Shell rot and decay. Rotting and decay are cutout hazards and possible indications of the age and internal condition of the pole.

E. Knots. One large knot or several smaller ones at the same height on the pole may be evidence of a weak point on the pole.

F. Depth of setting. Evidence of the existence of a former ground line substantially above the existing ground level may be an indication that the pole is no longer buried to a sufficient depth.

G. Soil conditions. Soft, wet, or loose soil around the base of the pole may indicate that the pole will not support any change in stress.

H. Burn marks. Burning from transformer failures or conductor faults could damage the pole so that it cannot withstand changes in mechanical stress.

III. Testing Wood Poles

The following tests, which are from Sec. 1910.268(n)(3) of this chapter, are acceptable methods of testing wood poles:

A. Hammer test. Rap the pole sharply with a hammer weighing about 1.4 kg (3 pounds), starting near the ground line and continuing upwards circumferentially around the pole to a height of approximately 1.8 meters (6 feet). The hammer will produce a clear sound and rebound sharply when striking sound wood. Decay pockets will be indicated by a dull sound or a less pronounced hammer rebound. Also, prod the pole as near the ground line as possible using a pole prod or a screwdriver with a blade at least 127 millimeters (5 inches) long. If substantial decay is present, the pole is unsafe.

B. Rocking test. Apply a horizontal force to the pole and attempt to rock it back and forth in a direction perpendicular to the line. Exercise caution to avoid causing power lines to swing together. Apply the force to the pole either by pushing it with a pike pole or pulling the pole with a rope. If the pole cracks during the test, it is unsafe.

Appendix E to Subpart V of Part 1926--Protection From Flames and Electric Arcs

I. Introduction

Paragraph (g) of Sec. 1926.960 addresses protecting employees from flames and electric arcs. This paragraph requires employers to: (1) Assess the workplace for flame and electric-arc hazards (paragraph (g)(1)); (2) estimate the available heat energy from electric arcs to which employees would be exposed (paragraph (g)(2)); (3) ensure that employees wear clothing that will not melt, or ignite and continue to burn, when exposed to flames or the estimated heat energy (paragraph (g)(3)); and (4) ensure that employees wear flame-resistant clothing \1\ and protective clothing and other protective equipment that has an arc rating greater than or equal to the available heat energy under certain conditions (paragraphs (g)(4) and (g)(5)). This appendix contains information to help employers estimate available heat energy as required by Sec. 1926.960(g)(2), select protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating suitable for the available heat energy as required by Sec. 1926.960(g)(5), and ensure that employees do not wear flammable clothing that could lead to burn injury as addressed by Sec. Sec. 1926.960(g)(3) and (g)(4).

\1\ Flame-resistant clothing includes clothing that is inherently flame resistant and clothing chemically treated with a flame retardant. (See ASTM F1506-10a, Standard Performance Specification for Flame Resistant Textile Materials for Wearing Apparel for Use by Electrical Workers Exposed to Momentary Electric Arc and Related Thermal Hazards, and ASTM F1891-12 Standard Specification for Arc and Flame Resistant Rainwear.)

II. Assessing the Workplace for Flame and Electric-Arc Hazards

Paragraph (g)(1) of Sec. 1926.960 requires the employer to assess the workplace to identify employees exposed to hazards from flames or from electric arcs. This provision ensures that the employer evaluates employee exposure to flames and electric arcs so that employees who face such exposures receive the required protection. The employer must conduct an assessment for each employee who performs work on or near exposed, energized parts of electric circuits.

A. Assessment Guidelines

Sources electric arcs. Consider possible sources of electric arcs, including:

Energized circuit parts not guarded or insulated,

Switching devices that produce electric arcs in normal operation,

Sliding parts that could fault during operation (for example, rack-mounted circuit breakers), and

Energized electric equipment that could fail (for example, electric equipment with damaged insulation or with evidence of arcing or overheating).

Exposure to flames. Identify employees exposed to hazards from flames. Factors to consider include:

The proximity of employees to open flames, and

For flammable material in the work area, whether there is a reasonable likelihood that an electric arc or an open flame can ignite the material.

Probability that an electric arc will occur. Identify employees exposed to electric-arc hazards. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider an employee exposed to electric-arc hazards if there is a reasonable likelihood that an electric arc will occur in the employee's work area, in other words, if the probability of such an event is higher than it is for the normal operation of enclosed equipment. Factors to consider include:

For energized circuit parts not guarded or insulated, whether conductive objects can come too close to or fall onto the energized parts,

For exposed, energized circuit parts, whether the employee is closer to the part than the minimum approach distance established by the employer (as permitted by Sec. 1926.960(c)(1)(iii)).

Whether the operation of electric equipment with sliding parts that could fault during operation is part of the normal operation of the equipment or occurs during servicing or maintenance, and

For energized electric equipment, whether there is evidence of impending failure, such as evidence of arcing or overheating.

B. Examples

Table 1 provides task-based examples of exposure assessments.

Table 1—Example Assessments for Various Tasks

Task		Is Employee Exposed to Flame or Electric-Arc Hazard?
Normal operation of enclosed equipment, such as closing or opening a switch.	The employer properly installs and maintains enclosed equipment, and there is no evidence of impending failure.	No
	There is evidence of arcing or overheating.	Yes
	Parts of the equipment are loose or sticking, or the equipment otherwise exhibits signs of lack of maintenance.	Yes
Servicing electric equipment, such as racking in a circuit breaker or replacing a switch.		Yes
Inspection of electric equipment with exposed energized parts.	The employee is not holding conductive objects and remains outside the minimum approach distance established by the employer.	No
	The employee is holding a conductive object, such as a flashlight, that could fall or otherwise contact energized parts (irrespective of whether the employee maintains the minimum approach distance).	Yes
	The employee is closer than the minimum approach distance established by the employer (for example, when wearing rubber insulating gloves or rubber insulating gloves and sleeves).	Yes
Using open flames, for example, in wiping cable splice sleeves.		Yes

III. Protection Against Burn Injury

A. Estimating Available Heat Energy

Calculation methods. Paragraph (g)(2) of Sec. 1926.960 provides that, for each employee exposed to an electric-arc hazard, the employer must make a reasonable estimate of the heat energy to which the employee would be exposed if an arc occurs. Table 2 lists various methods of calculating values of available heat energy from an electric circuit. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not endorse any of these specific methods. Each method requires the input of various parameters, such as fault current, the expected length of the electric arc, the distance from the arc to the employee, and the clearing time for the fault (that is, the time the circuit protective devices take to open the circuit and clear the fault). The employer can precisely determine some of these parameters, such as the fault current and the clearing time, for a given system. The employer will need to estimate other parameters, such as the length of the arc and the distance between the arc and the employee, because such parameters vary widely.

Table 2—Methods of Calculating Incident Heat Energy from an Electric Arc

1. *Standard for Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces*, NFPA 70E-2012, Annex D, "Sample Calculation of Flash Protection Boundary."

2. Doughty, T.E., Neal, T.E., and Floyd II, H.L., "Predicting Incident Energy to Better Manage the Electric Arc Hazard on 600 V Power Distribution Systems," *Record of Conference Papers IEEE IAS 45th Annual Petroleum and Chemical Industry Conference*, September 28 – 30, 1998.

3. *Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations*, IEEE Std 1584-2002, 1584a-2004 (Amendment 1 to IEEE Std 1584-2002), and 1584b-2011 (Amendment 2: Changes to Clause 4 of IEEE Std 1584-2002).*

4. ARCPRO, a commercially available software program developed by Kinectrics, Toronto, ON, CA.

*This appendix refers to IEEE Std 1584-2002 with both amendments as IEEE Std 1584b-2011.

The amount of heat energy calculated by any of the methods is approximately inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the employee and the arc. In other words, if the employee is very close to the arc, the heat energy is very high; but if the employee is just a few more centimeters away, the heat energy drops substantially. Thus, estimating the distance from the arc to the employee is key to protecting employees.

The employer must select a method of estimating incident heat energy that provides a reasonable estimate of incident heat energy for the exposure involved. Table 3 shows which methods provide reasonable estimates for various exposures.

Table 3—Selecting a Reasonable Incident-Energy Calculation Method[1]

Incident-Energy Calculation Method	600 V and Less[2]			601 V to 15 kV[2]			More than 15 kV		
	1Φ	3Φa	3Φb	1Φ	3Φa	3Φb	1Φ	3Φa	3Φb
NFPA 70E-2012 Annex D (Lee equation)	Y-C	Y	N	Y-C	Y-C	N	N[3]	N[3]	N[3]
Doughty, Neal, and Floyd	Y-C	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
IEEE Std 1584b-2011	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
ARCPRO	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y[4]	Y[4]

Key:

- 1Φ: Single-phase arc in open air
- 3Φa: Three-phase arc in open air
- 3Φb: Three-phase arc in an enclosure (box)
- Y: Acceptable; produces a reasonable estimate of incident heat energy from this type of electric arc
- N: Not acceptable; does not produce a reasonable estimate of incident heat energy from this type of electric arc
- Y-C: Acceptable; produces a reasonable, but conservative, estimate of incident heat energy from this type of electric arc.

Notes:\1\ Although the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider these methods reasonable for enforcement purposes when employers use the methods in accordance with this table, employers should be aware that the listed methods do not necessarily result in estimates that will provide full protection from internal faults in transformers and similar equipment or from arcs in underground manholes or vaults.
\2\ At these voltages, the presumption is that the arc is three-phase unless the employer can demonstrate that only one phase is present or that the spacing of the phases is sufficient to prevent a multiphase arc from occurring.
\3\ Although the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider this method acceptable for purposes of assessing whether incident energy exceeds 2.0 cal/cm\2\, the results at voltages of more than 15 kilovolts are extremely conservative and unrealistic.
\4\The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will deem the results of this method reasonable when the employer adjusts them using the conversion factors for three-phase arcs in open air or in an enclosure, as indicated in the program's instructions.

Selecting a reasonable distance from the employee to the arc. In estimating available heat energy, the employer must make some reasonable assumptions about how far the employee will be from the electric arc. Table 4 lists reasonable distances from the employee to the electric arc. The distances in Table 4 are consistent with national consensus standards, such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI/IEEE C2-2012, and IEEE Guide for Performing Arc-

Flash Hazard Calculations, IEEE Std 1584b-2011. The employer is free to use other reasonable distances, but must consider equipment enclosure size and the working distance to the employee in selecting a distance from the employee to the arc. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider a distance reasonable when the employer bases it on equipment size and working distance.

Table 4—Selecting a Reasonable Distance from the Employee to the Electric Arc

Class of Equipment	Single-Phase Arc mm (inches)	Three-Phase Arc mm (inches)
Cable	NA*	455 (18)
Low voltage MCCs and panelboards	NA	455 (18)
Low-voltage switchgear	NA	610 (24)
5-kV switchgear	NA	910 (36)
15-kV switchgear	NA	910 (36)
Single conductors in air (up to 46 kilovolts), work with rubber insulating gloves	380 (15)	NA
Single conductors in air, work with live-line tools and live-line barehand work	$MAD-(2\times kV\times 2.54)$ (MAD - (2 ´ kV / 10))†	NA

Note: *In Oregon, live-line barehand work is prohibited by OAR 437-003-0600.*

*NA = not applicable.

†The terms in this equation are:

MAD = The applicable minimum approach distance, and

kV = The system voltage in kilovolts.

Selecting a reasonable arc gap. For a single-phase arc in air, the electric arc will almost always occur when an energized conductor approaches too close to ground. Thus, an employer can determine the arc gap, or arc length, for these exposures by the dielectric strength of air and the voltage on the line. The dielectric strength of air is approximately 10 kilovolts for every 25.4 millimeters (1 inch). For example, at 50 kilovolts, the arc gap would be 50 / 10 x 25.4 (or 50 x 2.54), which equals 127 millimeters (5 inches).

For three-phase arcs in open air and in enclosures, the arc gap will generally be dependent on the spacing between parts energized at different electrical potentials. Documents such as IEEE Std 1584b-2011 provide information on these distances. Employers may select a reasonable arc gap from Table 5, or they may select any other reasonable arc gap based on sparkover distance or on the spacing between (1) live parts at different potentials or (2) live parts and grounded parts (for example, bus or conductor

spacings in equipment). In any event, the employer must use an estimate that reasonably resembles the actual exposures faced by the employee.

Table 5—Selecting a Reasonable Arc Gap

Class of Equipment	Single-Phase Arc mm (inches)	Three-Phase Arc mm[1] (inches)
Cable	NA[2]	13 (0.5)
Low voltage MCCs and panelboards	NA	25 (1.0)
Low-voltage switchgear	NA	32 (1.25)
5-kV switchgear	NA	104 (4.0)
15-kV switchgear	NA	152 (6.0)
Single conductors in air, 15 kV and less	51 (2.0)	Phase conductor spacing
Single conductor in air, more than 15 kV	Voltage in kV × 2.54 (Voltage in kV × 0.1), but no less than 51 mm (2 inches)	Phase conductor spacing

[1]Source: IEEE Std 1584b-2011.

[2]NA = not applicable.

Making estimates over multiple system areas. The employer need not estimate the heat-energy exposure for every job task performed by each employee. Paragraph (g)(2) of Sec. 1926.960 permits the employer to make broad estimates that cover multiple system areas provided that: (1) The employer uses reasonable assumptions about the energy-exposure distribution throughout the system, and (2) the estimates represent the maximum exposure for those areas. For example, the employer can use the maximum fault current and clearing time to cover several system areas at once.

Incident heat energy for single-phase-to-ground exposures. Table 6 and Table 7 provide incident heat energy levels for open-air, phase-to-ground electric-arc exposures typical for overhead systems.\2\ Table 6 presents estimates of available energy for employees using rubber insulating gloves to perform work on overhead systems operating at 4 to 46 kilovolts. The table assumes that the employee will be 380 millimeters (15 inches) from the electric arc, which is a reasonable estimate for rubber insulating glove work. Table 6 also assumes that the arc length equals the sparkover distance for the maximum transient overvoltage of each voltage range.\3\ To use the table, an employer would use the voltage, maximum fault current, and maximum clearing time for a system area and, using the appropriate voltage range and fault-current and clearing-time values corresponding to the next higher values listed in the table, select the appropriate heat energy (4, 5, 8, or 12 cal/cm\2\) from the table. For example, an employer might have a 12,470-volt power line supplying a system area. The power line can supply a maximum fault

current of 8 kiloamperes with a maximum clearing time of 10 cycles. For rubber glove work, this system falls in the 4.0-to-15.0-kilovolt range; the next-higher fault current is 10 kA (the second row in that voltage range); and the clearing time is under 18 cycles (the first column to the right of the fault current column). Thus, the available heat energy for this part of the system will be 4 cal/cm\2\ or less (from the column heading), and the employer could select protection with a 5-cal/cm\2\ rating to meet Sec. 1926.960(g)(5). Alternatively, an employer could select a base incident-energy value and ensure that the clearing times for each voltage range and fault current listed in the table do not exceed the corresponding clearing time specified in the table. For example, an employer that provides employees with arc-flash protective equipment rated at 8 cal/cm\2\ can use the table to determine if any system area exceeds 8 cal/cm\2\ by checking the clearing time for the highest fault current for each voltage range and ensuring that the clearing times do not exceed the values specified in the 8-cal/cm\2\ column in the table.

\2\ The Occupational Safety and Health Administration used metric values to calculate the clearing times in Table 6 and Table 7. An employer may use English units to calculate clearing times instead even though the results will differ slightly.

\3\ The Occupational Safety and Health Administration based this assumption, which is more conservative than the arc length specified in Table 5, on Table 410-2 of the 2012 NESC.

Table 7 presents similar estimates for employees using live-line tools to perform work on overhead systems operating at voltages of 4 to 800 kilovolts. The table assumes that the arc length will be equal to the sparkover distance \4\ and that the employee will be a distance from the arc equal to the minimum approach distance minus twice the sparkover distance.

\4\ The dielectric strength of air is about 10 kilovolts for every 25.4 millimeters (1 inch). Thus, the employer can estimate the arc length in millimeters to be the phase-to-ground voltage in kilovolts multiplied by 2.54 (or voltage (in kilovolts) x 2.54).

The employer will need to use other methods for estimating available heat energy in situations not addressed by Table 6 or Table 7. The calculation methods listed in Table 2 and the guidance provided in Table 3 will help employers do this. For example, employers can use IEEE Std 1584b-2011 to estimate the available heat energy (and to select appropriate protective equipment) for many specific conditions, including lower-voltage, phase-to-phase arc, and enclosed arc exposures.

Table 6—Incident Heat Energy for Various Fault Currents, Clearing Times, and Voltages of 4.0 to 46.0 kV: Rubber Insulating Glove Exposures Involving Phase-to-Ground Arcs in Open Air Only*†‡

Voltage Range (kV)**	Fault Current (kA)	Maximum Clearing Time (cycles)			
		4 cal/cm^2	5 cal/cm^2	8 cal/cm^2	12 cal/cm^2
4.0 to 15.0	5	46	58	92	138
	10	18	22	36	54
	15	10	12	20	30
	20	6	8	13	19
15.1 to 25.0	5	28	34	55	83
	10	11	14	23	34
	15	7	8	13	20
	20	4	5	9	13
25.1 to 36.0	5	21	26	42	62
	10	9	11	18	26
	15	5	6	10	16
	20	4	4	7	11
36.1 to 46.0	5	16	20	32	48
	10	7	9	14	21
	15	4	5	8	13
	20	3	4	6	9

Notes:

*This table is for open-air, phase-to-ground electric-arc exposures. It is not for phase-to-phase arcs or enclosed arcs (arc in a box).

†The table assumes that the employee will be 380 mm (15 in.) from the electric arc. The table also assumes the arc length to be the sparkover distance for the maximum transient overvoltage of each voltage range (see Appendix B to this subpart), as follows:

4.0 to 15.0 kV	51 mm (2 in.)
15.1 to 25.0 kV	102 mm (4 in.)
25.1 to 36.0 kV	152 mm (6 in.)
36.1 to 46.0 kV	229 mm (9 in.)

‡The Occupational Safety and Health Administration calculated the values in this table using the ARCPRO method listed in Table 2.

**The voltage range is the phase-to-phase system voltage.

Table 7—Incident Heat Energy for Various Fault Currents, Clearing Times, and Voltages: Live-Line Tool Exposures Involving Phase-to-Ground Arcs in Open Air Only*†‡#

Voltage Range (kV)**	Fault Current (kA)	Maximum Clearing Time (cycles)			
		4 cal/cm^2	5 cal/cm^2	8 cal/cm^2	12 cal/cm^2
4.0 to 15.0	5	197	246	394	591
	10	73	92	147	220
	15	39	49	78	117
	20	24	31	49	73
15.1 to 25.0	5	197	246	394	591
	10	75	94	150	225
	15	41	51	82	122
	20	26	33	52	78
25.1 to 36.0	5	138	172	275	413
	10	53	66	106	159
	15	30	37	59	89
	20	19	24	38	58
36.1 to 46.0	5	129	161	257	386
	10	51	64	102	154
	15	29	36	58	87
	20	19	24	38	57
46.1 to 72.5	20	18	23	36	55
	30	10	13	20	30
	40	6	8	13	19
	50	4	6	9	13
72.6 to 121.0	20	10	12	20	30
	30	6	7	11	17
	40	4	5	7	11
	50	3	3	5	8
121.1 to 145.0	20	12	15	24	35
	30	7	9	15	22
	40	5	6	10	15
	50	4	5	8	11
145.1 to 169.0	20	12	15	24	36
	30	7	9	15	22
	40	5	7	10	16
	50	4	5	8	12

Table 7—Incident Heat Energy for Various Fault Currents, Clearing Times, and Voltages: Live-Line Tool Exposures Involving Phase-to-Ground Arcs in Open Air Only—Continued

Voltage Range (kV)**	Fault Current (kA)	Maximum Clearing Time (cycles)			
		4 cal/cm^2	5 cal/cm^2	8 cal/cm^2	12 cal/cm^2
169.1 to 242.0	20	13	17	27	40
	30	8	10	17	25
	40	6	7	12	17
	50	4	5	9	13
242.1 to 362.0	20	25	32	51	76
	30	16	19	31	47
	40	11	14	22	33
	50	8	10	16	25
362.1 to 420.0	20	12	15	25	37
	30	8	10	15	23
	40	5	7	11	16
	50	4	5	8	12
420.1 to 550.0	20	23	29	47	70
	30	14	18	29	43
	40	10	13	20	30
	50	8	9	15	23
550.1 to 800.0	20	25	31	50	75
	30	15	19	31	46
	40	11	13	21	32
	50	8	10	16	24

Notes:

*This table is for open-air, phase-to-ground electric-arc exposures. It is not for phase-to-phase arcs or enclosed arcs (arc in a box).

†The table assumes the arc length to be the sparkover distance for the maximum phase-to-ground voltage of each voltage range (see Appendix B to this subpart). The table also assumes that the employee will be the minimum approach distance minus twice the arc length from the electric arc.

‡The Occupational Safety and Health Administration calculated the values in this table using the ARCPRO method listed in Table 2.

#For voltages of more than 72.6 kV, employers may use this table only when the minimum approach distance established under §1926.960(c)(1) is greater than or equal to the following values:

72.6 to 121.0 kV	1.02 m	169.1 to 242.0 kV	1.72 m	420.1 to 550.0 kV	3.62 m
121.1 to 145.0 kV	1.16 m	242.1 to 362.0 kV	2.76 m	550.1 to 800.0 kV	4.83 m
145.1 to 169.0 kV	1.30 m	362.1 to 420.0 kV	2.50 m		

**The voltage range is the phase-to-phase system voltage.

B. Selecting Protective Clothing and Other Protective Equipment

Paragraph (g)(5) of Sec. 1926.960 requires employers, in certain situations, to select protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating that is greater than or equal to the incident heat energy

estimated under Sec. 1926.960(g)(2). Based on laboratory testing required by ASTM F1506-10a, the expectation is that protective clothing with an arc rating equal to the estimated incident heat energy will be capable of preventing second-degree burn injury to an employee exposed to that incident heat energy from an electric arc. Note that actual electric-arc exposures may be more or less severe than the estimated value because of factors such as arc movement, arc length, arcing from reclosing of the system, secondary fires or explosions, and weather conditions. Additionally, for arc rating based on the fabric's arc thermal performance value \5\ (ATPV), a worker exposed to incident energy at the arc rating has a 50-percent chance of just barely receiving a second-degree burn. Therefore, it is possible (although not likely) that an employee will sustain a second-degree (or worse) burn wearing clothing conforming to Sec. 1926.960(g)(5) under certain circumstances. However, reasonable employer estimates and maintaining appropriate minimum approach distances for employees should limit burns to relatively small burns that just barely extend beyond the epidermis (that is, just barely a second-degree burn). Consequently, protective clothing and other protective equipment meeting Sec. 1926.960(g)(5) will provide an appropriate degree of protection for an employee exposed to electric-arc hazards.

\5\ ASTM F1506-10a defines "arc thermal performance value" as "the incident energy on a material or a multilayer system of materials that results in a 50% probability that sufficient heat transfer through the tested specimen is predicted to cause the onset of a second-degree skin burn injury based on the Stoll [footnote] curve, cal/cm\2\." The footnote to this definition reads: "Derived from: Stoll, A.M., and Chianta, M.A., `Method and Rating System for Evaluations of Thermal Protection,' Aerospace Medicine, Vol 40, 1969, pp. 1232-1238 and Stoll A.M., and Chianta, M.A., `Heat Transfer through Fabrics as Related to Thermal Injury,' Transactions--New York Academy of Sciences, Vol 33(7), Nov. 1971, pp. 649-670."

Paragraph (g)(5) of Sec. 1926.960 does not require arc-rated protection for exposures of 2 cal/cm\2\ or less. Untreated cotton clothing will reduce a 2-cal/cm\2\ exposure below the 1.2- to 1.5-cal/cm\2\ level necessary to cause burn injury, and this material should not ignite at such low heat energy levels. Although Sec. 1926.960(g)(5) does not require clothing to have an arc rating when exposures are 2 cal/cm\2\ or less, Sec. 1926.960(g)(4) requires the outer layer of clothing to be flame resistant under certain conditions, even when the estimated incident heat energy is less than 2 cal/cm\2\, as discussed later in this appendix. Additionally, it is especially important to ensure that employees do not wear undergarments made from fabrics listed in the note to Sec. 1926.960(g)(3) even when the outer layer is flame resistant or arc rated. These fabrics can melt or ignite easily when an electric arc occurs. Logos and name tags made from non-flame-resistant material can adversely affect the arc rating or the flame-resistant characteristics of arc-rated or flame-resistant clothing. Such logos and name tags may violate Sec. 1926.960(g)(3), (g)(4), or (g)(5).

Paragraph (g)(5) of Sec. 1926.960 requires that arc-rated protection cover the employee's entire body, with limited exceptions for the employee's hands, feet, face, and head. Paragraph (g)(5)(i) of Sec. 1926.960 provides that arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's hands under the following conditions:

For any estimated incident heat energy	When the employee is wearing rubber insulating gloves with protectors
If the estimated incident heat energy does not exceed 14 cal/cm^2	When the employee is wearing heavy-duty leather work gloves with a weight of at least 407 gm/m^2 (12 oz/yd^2)

Paragraph (g)(5)(ii) of Sec. 1926.960 provides that arc-rated protection is not necessary for the employee's feet when the employee is wearing heavy-duty work shoes or boots. Finally, Sec. 1926.960(g)(5)(iii), (g)(5)(iv), and (g)(5)(v) require arc-rated head and face protection as follows:

Exposure	Minimum Head and Face Protection		
	None*	Arc-Rated Faceshield with a Minimum Rating of 8 cal/cm^2 *	Arc-Rated Hood or Faceshield with Balaclava
Single-phase, open air	2 – 8 cal/cm^2	9 – 12 cal/cm^2	13 cal/cm^2 or higher†
Three-phase	2 – 4 cal/cm^2	5 – 8 cal/cm^2	9 cal/cm^2 or higher‡

*These ranges assume that employees are wearing hardhats meeting the specifications in §1910.135 or §1926.100(b)(2), as applicable.

†The arc rating must be a minimum of 4 cal/cm^2 less than the estimated incident energy. Note that §1926.960(g)(5)(v) permits this type of head and face protection, with a minimum arc rating of 4 cal/cm^2 less than the estimated incident energy, at any incident energy level.

‡Note that §1926.960(g)(5) permits this type of head and face protection at any incident energy level.

IV. Protection Against Ignition

Paragraph (g)(3) of Sec. 1926.960 prohibits clothing that could melt onto an employee's skin or that could ignite and continue to burn when exposed to flames or to the available heat energy estimated by the employer under Sec. 1926.960(g)(2). Meltable fabrics, such as acetate, nylon, polyester, and polypropylene, even in blends, must be avoided. When these fibers melt, they can adhere to the skin, thereby transferring heat rapidly, exacerbating burns, and complicating treatment. These outcomes can result even if the meltable fabric is not directly next to the skin. The remainder of this section focuses on the prevention of ignition.

Paragraph (g)(5) of Sec. 1926.960 generally requires protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating greater than or equal to the employer's estimate of available heat energy. As explained earlier in this appendix, untreated cotton is usually acceptable for exposures of 2 cal/cm\2\ or less.\6\ If the exposure is greater than that, the employee generally must wear flame-resistant clothing with a suitable arc rating in accordance with Sec. 1926.960(g)(4) and (g)(5). However, even if an employee is wearing a layer of flame-resistant clothing, there are circumstances under which flammable layers of clothing would be uncovered, and an electric arc could ignite them. For example, clothing ignition is possible if the employee is wearing flammable clothing under the flame-resistant clothing and the underlayer is uncovered because of an opening in the flame-resistant clothing. Thus, for purposes of Sec. 1926.960(g)(3), it is important for the employer to consider the possibility of clothing ignition even when an employee is wearing flame-resistant clothing with a suitable arc rating.

\6\ See Sec. 1926.960(g)(4)(i), (g)(4)(ii), and (g)(4)(iii) for conditions under which employees must wear flame-resistant clothing as the outer layer of clothing even when the incident heat energy does not exceed 2 cal/cm\2\.

Under Sec. 1926.960(g)(3), employees may not wear flammable clothing in conjunction with flame-resistant clothing if the flammable clothing poses an ignition hazard.\7\ Although outer flame-resistant layers may not have openings that expose flammable inner layers, when an outer flame-resistant layer would be unable to resist breakopen,\8\ the next (inner) layer must be flame-resistant if it could ignite.

\7\ Paragraph (g)(3) of Sec. 1926.960 prohibits clothing that could ignite and continue to burn when exposed to the heat energy estimated under paragraph (g)(2) of that section.
\8\ Breakopen occurs when a hole, tear, or crack develops in the exposed fabric such that the fabric no longer effectively blocks incident heat energy.

Non-flame-resistant clothing can ignite even when the heat energy from an electric arc is insufficient to ignite the clothing. For example, nearby flames can ignite an employee's clothing; and, even in the absence of flames, electric arcs pose ignition hazards beyond the hazard of ignition from incident energy under certain conditions. In addition to requiring flame-resistant clothing when the estimated incident energy exceeds 2.0 cal/cm\2\, Sec. 1926.960(g)(4) requires flame-resistant clothing when: The employee is exposed to contact with energized circuit parts operating at more than 600 volts (Sec. 1926.960(g)(4)(i)), an electric arc could ignite flammable material in the work area that, in turn, could ignite the employee's clothing (Sec. 1926.960(g)(4)(ii)), and molten metal or electric arcs from faulted conductors in the work area could ignite the employee's clothing (Sec. 1926.960(g)(4)(iii)). For example, grounding conductors can become a source of heat energy if they cannot carry fault current without failure. The employer must consider these possible sources of electric arcs \9\ in determining whether the employee's clothing could ignite under Sec. 1926.960(g)(4)(iii).

\9\ Static wires and pole grounds are examples of grounding conductors that might not be capable of carrying fault current without failure. Grounds that can carry the maximum available fault current are not a concern, and employers need not consider such grounds a possible electric arc source.

Appendix F to Subpart V of Part 1926--Work-Positioning Equipment Inspection Guidelines

I. Body Belts

Inspect body belts to ensure that:

A. The hardware has no cracks, nicks, distortion, or corrosion;
B. No loose or worn rivets are present;
C. The waist strap has no loose grommets;
D. The fastening straps are not 100-percent leather; and
E. No worn materials that could affect the safety of the user are present.

II. Positioning Straps

Inspect positioning straps to ensure that:

A. The warning center of the strap material is not exposed;
B. No cuts, burns, extra holes, or fraying of strap material is present;
C. Rivets are properly secured;
D. Straps are not 100-percent leather; and
E. Snaphooks do not have cracks, burns, or corrosion.

III. Climbers

Inspect pole and tree climbers to ensure that:

A. Gaffs are at least as long as the manufacturer's recommended minimums (generally 32 and 51 millimeters (1.25 and 2.0 inches) for pole and tree climbers, respectively, measured on the underside of the gaff);

Note: Gauges are available to assist in determining whether gaffs are long enough and shaped to easily penetrate poles or trees.

B. Gaffs and leg irons are not fractured or cracked;
C. Stirrups and leg irons are free of excessive wear;
D. Gaffs are not loose;
E. Gaffs are free of deformation that could adversely affect use;
F. Gaffs are properly sharpened; and
G. There are no broken straps or buckles.

Appendix G to Subpart V of Part 1926--Reference Documents

The references contained in this appendix provide information that can be helpful in understanding and complying with the requirements contained in Subpart V of this part. The national consensus standards referenced in this appendix contain detailed specifications that employers may follow in complying with the more performance-based requirements of Subpart V of this part. Except as specifically noted in Subpart V of this part, however, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will not necessarily deem compliance with the national consensus standards to be compliance with the provisions of Subpart V of this part.

ANSI/SIA A92.2-2009, American National Standard for Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices.

ANSI Z133-2012, American National Standard Safety Requirements for Arboricultural Operations--Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush.

ANSI/IEEE Std 935-1989, IEEE Guide on Terminology for Tools and Equipment to Be Used in Live Line Working.

ASME B20.1-2012, Safety Standard for Conveyors and Related Equipment.

ASTM D120-09, Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves.

ASTM D149-09 (2013), Standard Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies.

ASTM D178-01 (2010), Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting.

ASTM D1048-12, Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets.

ASTM D1049-98 (2010), Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers.

ASTM D1050-05 (2011), Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose.

ASTM D1051-08, Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves.

ASTM F478-09, Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Line Hose and Covers.

ASTM F479-06 (2011), Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Blankets.

ASTM F496-08, Standard Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves.

ASTM F711-02 (2007), Standard Specification for Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Rod and Tube Used in Live Line Tools.

ASTM F712-06 (2011), Standard Test Methods and Specifications for Electrically Insulating Plastic Guard Equipment for Protection of Workers.

ASTM F819-10, Standard Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers.

ASTM F855-09, Standard Specifications for Temporary Protective Grounds to Be Used on De-energized Electric Power Lines and Equipment.

ASTM F887-12\e1\, Standard Specifications for Personal Climbing Equipment.

ASTM F914/F914M-10, Standard Test Method for Acoustic Emission for Aerial Personnel Devices Without Supplemental Load Handling Attachments.

ASTM F1116-03 (2008), Standard Test Method for Determining Dielectric Strength of Dielectric Footwear.

ASTM F1117-03 (2008), Standard Specification for Dielectric Footwear.

ASTM F1236-96 (2012), Standard Guide for Visual Inspection of Electrical Protective Rubber Products.

ASTM F1430/F1430M-10, Standard Test Method for Acoustic Emission Testing of Insulated and Non-Insulated Aerial Personnel Devices with Supplemental Load Handling Attachments.

ASTM F1505-10, Standard Specification for Insulated and Insulating Hand Tools.

ASTM F1506-10a, Standard Performance Specification for Flame Resistant and Arc Rated Textile Materials for Wearing Apparel for Use by Electrical Workers Exposed to Momentary Electric Arc and Related Thermal Hazards.

ASTM F1564-13, Standard Specification for Structure-Mounted Insulating Work Platforms for Electrical Workers.

ASTM F1701-12, Standard Specification for Unused Polypropylene Rope with Special Electrical Properties.

ASTM F1742-03 (2011), Standard Specification for PVC Insulating Sheeting.

ASTM F1796-09, Standard Specification for High Voltage Detectors--Part 1 Capacitive Type to be Used for Voltages Exceeding 600 Volts AC.

ASTM F1797-09 [egr] \1\, Standard Test Method for Acoustic Emission Testing of Insulated and Non-Insulated Digger Derricks.

ASTM F1825-03 (2007), Standard Specification for Clampstick Type Live Line Tools.

ASTM F1826-00 (2011), Standard Specification for Live Line and Measuring Telescoping Tools.

ASTM F1891-12, Standard Specification for Arc and Flame Resistant Rainwear.

ASTM F1958/F1958M-12, Standard Test Method for Determining the Ignitability of Non-flame-Resistant Materials for Clothing by Electric Arc Exposure Method Using Mannequins.

ASTM F1959/F1959M-12, Standard Test Method for Determining the Arc Rating of Materials for Clothing.

IEEE Stds 4-1995, 4a-2001 (Amendment to IEEE Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing), IEEE Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing.

IEEE Std 62-1995, IEEE Guide for Diagnostic Field Testing of Electric Power Apparatus--Part 1: Oil Filled Power Transformers, Regulators, and Reactors.

IEEE Std 80-2000, Guide for Safety in AC Substation Grounding.

IEEE Std 100-2000, The Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards Terms Seventh Edition.

IEEE Std 516-2009, IEEE Guide for Maintenance Methods on Energized Power Lines.

IEEE Std 524-2003, IEEE Guide to the Installation of Overhead Transmission Line Conductors.

IEEE Std 957-2005, IEEE Guide for Cleaning Insulators.

IEEE Std 1048-2003, IEEE Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines.

IEEE Std 1067-2005, IEEE Guide for In-Service Use, Care, Maintenance, and Testing of Conductive Clothing for Use on Voltages up to 765 kV AC and 750 kV DC.

IEEE Std 1307-2004, IEEE Standard for Fall Protection for Utility Work.

IEEE Stds 1584-2002, 1584a-2004 (Amendment 1 to IEEE Std 1584-2002), and 1584b-2011 (Amendment 2: Changes to Clause 4 of IEEE Std 1584-2002), IEEE Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations.

IEEE C2-2012, National Electrical Safety Code.

NFPA 70E-2012, Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace.

Oregon-initiated rules removed from Division 3/V, because some were no longer necessary, in the new federal OSHA rules, or merged into other existing rules.

[437-003-0120 More Than 750 Volts.
(1) Two journeymen shall work together on the same pole or structure when working energized cir- cuits in excess of 750 volts between phases. Two separate poles or structures shall be considered as one for the purpose of this rule if both workers can step to the other pole or structure without having to descend to the ground to do so.
(2) Exceptions: *The following exceptions to the two-worker rule apply:*
(a) When re-fusing circuits with a hot stick.
(b) When operating switches by means of operating handles or switch sticks.
(c) When a qualified apprentice is assigned to work with a journeyman for the purpose of training.
(d) Where life or the public safety are in immediate danger, one worker may remove only the immediate hazard if no other workers are immediately available.
(e) When installing or removing a hot line clamp connection with an approved hot stick on single phase line or apparatus, providing that the connection or disconnection does not interrupt or pick up a load.
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0130 Training/Experience. *At least two journeymen or workers having the equivalent training and experience are required to work where contact with energized high voltage is possible, unless or until proper guards or barriers have been installed.*
Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0140 Working Foreman. *A foreman shall not work as a journeyman while super- vising two or more other journeymen who are engaged in high voltage or equally hazardous work.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0150 Foreman as Safety Watcher. *The foreman may act as the safety watcher providing his other duties do not interfere. Should the foreman, for any reason, find his attention distracted or leave the immediate vicinity, he shall either designate another qualified person as the safety watcher or order the work stopped.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0155 Selection. *The foreman or worker in charge of the work will be held respon- sible for the designation of the safety watcher. It is the foreman's responsibility to select a quali- fied worker for this job who is capable, and who is familiar with the work being done.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0160 Request for Safety Worker. *Any worker may ask for a safety watcher when one is required by this code.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89]

[437-003-0165 Safety Watcher for Nonelectrical Workers.

(1) *A safety watcher shall be provided whenever a clearance is necessary for the performance of nonelectric work. Safety watchers shall obtain such clearances and see that necessary grounds are installed.*

(2) ***Exceptions:***

(a) *Clearances and safety watchers are not required for the painting of transmission line towers as long as all painters and their rigging remain below the level of the lowest energized conductor and at least 10 feet from such conductor.*

(b) *Warning signs or danger flags shall be attached to each tower leg that can be climbed at a location consistent with the above.*

(c) *Painters shall be clearly instructed to remain below these signs or workers.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0170 No Defacement. *Marks of identification on electrical equipment shall not be defaced.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0175 Proper Identification. *Lines, cables or equipment that are or may become energized shall not be worked upon until properly identified.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0185 Energized Cables. *Energized cables shall be spliced only by persons quali- fied for such work. Extreme caution and suitable tools and protective devices shall be used for such operations.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0190 Cable Tests. *Cables shall not be cut until tests are made to verify that cables are not energized.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0220 Working Clearance. *When de-energizing lines or equipment and the means of disconnecting from electric energy are not visibly locked out, the following requirements shall be met:*
(1) The section of line or equipment to be de-energized shall be clearly identified, and it shall be isolated from all sources of voltage.
(2) All switches and disconnectors through which electric energy may be supplied to the line or equipment to be worked on shall be de-energized.
(3) All switches and disconnectors shall be plainly tagged indicating that workers are at work.
(4) When the design of switches and disconnectors permit, they shall be rendered inoperable.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0227 Clearing/Tagging Before Work and Removal After Work.

(1) When more than one independent crew requires the same line or equipment to be de-energized, each crew must have the de-energized circuit or equipment cleared and tagged for itself individually, unless working under the direct supervision of a single foreman or supervisor who has the circuit or equipment cleared and tagged for himself.
(2) Upon completion of work on de-energized lines or equipment, each designated employee in charge shall determine that all employees in his crew are clear, that protective grounds installed by his crew have been removed, and he shall report to the designated authority that all tags protecting his crew may be removed.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0230 Verification Before Contact. *No person shall contact a circuit or equipment that has been taken out of service to be worked on until he has assured himself the circuit or equipment is cleared, tagged and grounded.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0215 Emergency Procedures and First Aid. *All linemen and persons doing aerial work shall be trained in pole top rescue.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0260 NEC Compliance. *Fixed protective guards and barriers, when installed and maintained in compliance with the National Electric Code, shall be considered as providing adequate clearance.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89].

[437-003-0265 Tests and Records. *Rubber blankets, line hose and hoods shall be electrically tested at least once each six months after they are checked out for use, and complete records kept of all such tests and date of issue. Rubber protective equipment not checked out for use within one year shall be re-tested before being issued.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0270 Rubber Gloves. *Rubber gloves referred to in these rules shall be those guaran- teed by the manufacturer to pass a minimum dielectric test of 10,000 volts. Rubber gloves shall not be used for working on circuits in excess of 5,000 volts between phases.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0275 Tests of Gloves and Sleeves. *Rubber gloves and sleeves shall be electrically tested at least once each sixty days after they are checked out for use, and complete records shall be kept of all such tests and date of issue. Rubber gloves and sleeves not checked out for use within one year shall be re-tested before being issued.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0280 Glove Assignment. *A pair of rubber gloves with protectors and a container shall be assigned to each worker who is required to work on, or to be exposed to, energized parts where rubber protective equipment is necessary.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0285 Required Protection. *Rubber gloves or hot sticks shall be used while installing or removing protective equipment on conductors or equipment energized at 5,000 volts or less.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0290 Hot Sticks or Other Protective Devices. *Protective equipment and devices shall be installed with hot sticks when used on conductors or equipment energized in excess of 5,000 volts. If no protective equipment or device has been manufactured for a particular situation, protective equipment may be installed with rubber gloves on voltages not over 15,000 for that situation only.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0295 Adequate Protection.

(1) Rubber protective equipment shall be considered as adequate barriers when used on voltages of not more than 5,000 volts between phases.

(2) Exceptions:

(a) Rubber protective equipment may be used for protection against accidental contact only up to 15,000 volts between phases to cover those parts of energized equipment for which no satis- factory protecting device has been developed.

(b) Rubber gloves shall be used as protection, from accidental contact only, on voltages above 5,000 and not over 15,000 volts between phases.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0300 Removal of Foreign Objects. *Rubber gloves shall be worn or hot sticks used while handling or removing foreign materials or objects that are in contact with high voltage equip- ment or conductors.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0305 High Voltage Vicinity. *Workers shall have rubber gloves on before reaching a position where they can touch high voltage conductors or equipment that are not protected and they shall not remove their rubber gloves until entirely clear and out of reach of all such high voltage conductors or equipment.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0310 Two-Worker Rules. *When the two-worker rules apply and rubber gloves are required, they shall be worn by both workers.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0315 Leather Protectors. *Workers shall use leather protectors over rubber gloves at all times.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0320 Glove Containers. *When not in use, rubber gloves shall be carried in a protec- tive container designed for this purpose.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0325 Correct Use. *Rubber gloves shall not be worn or stored inside out.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0330 Defective Gloves. *Defective rubber gloves shall not be used.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89].

[437-003-0340 Design and Use. *All protective equipment or protective devices shall be of safe design, fabrication and condition, and their use shall be restricted to the use and purpose for which they are designed.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0345 Suspected Defect. *Any piece of protective equipment suspected of being defective shall be tested and found safe before use. Any protective equipment found to be defective shall be removed from service.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0350 Housekeeping. *All protective equipment and protective devices shall be properly stored when not in use to prevent damage and resist deterioration.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89].

[437-003-0360 Gaffs Guarded. *While climbers are not being worn, the gaffs shall be properly guarded.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0365 Restrictions on Use of Climbers.

~~*(1) Workers shall remove climbers before driving any vehicle.*~~
~~*(2) Climbers shall not be worn except when required.*~~
~~*(3) Workers shall not continue to wear their climbers while working on the ground except for brief periods when a worker is necessarily off the pole.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0410 Damaged/Defective Ladders.*** *Damaged or defective ladders shall be removed from the jobsite.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0370 Inspection and Condition.*** *Hot line tools shall be inspected by a competent person frequently enough to insure that they will not be used in an unsafe condition. The surface finish shall be kept free from scratches and abrasions which would reduce the insulating qualities.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0375 Handling and Transporting.*** *Hot line tools shall be handled carefully and maintained in first class condition. They shall be kept in a dry place. When transporting, they shall be kept in separate special storage compartments, or be contained in protective bags. They shall not be laid directly on the ground.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0380 Margin of Safety.*** *All hot line tools shall be designed and constructed to provide an ample margin of safety for the voltage on which they are recommended for use. They shall be of sufficient length to allow the user to remain outside the minimum required clearances.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0415 General.***~~
~~*(1) Equipment and rigging shall be regularly inspected and maintained in safe operating condition.*~~
~~*(2) Positive measures shall be taken to prevent vehicles or pedestrians from coming in contact with wires, rope or equipment being used.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0425 Rigging.*** *Workers shall stand in the clear of rigging under tension.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0430 Suitable Equipment.*** *Equipment used for handling conductors under tension shall be suitable for the purpose.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0435 Position for Hoisting.*** *Means shall be provided to hold all outriggers securely in a retracted position when blocked for hoisting.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0440 Stability. *When outriggers are placed on soft or unstable soil, additional pads shall be placed to prevent slipping or sinking of outriggers.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89].

[437-003-0445 High Voltage Contact. *Direct contact between the basket, supporting boom, or ladder on aerial equipment and energized high voltage conductors or equipment shall be avoided. Special tools, fittings, or masts designed for use on energized equipment are excepted.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0450 Two-Worker Rules. *The use of aerial equipment shall not create an exception to the two-worker rules. The presence of a second lineman in a position to operate the controls or otherwise observe and render immediate assistance will be considered in compliance with the two-worker rules.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0455 Proximity to High Voltage. *Workers operating controls of aerial equipment shall not stand on the ground or a grounded surface unless wearing rubber gloves or standing on an insulating board or mat where equipment is exposed to high voltage conductors.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0465 Operation/Maintenance Manual. *The manufacturer's operation and main- tenance manual shall be available. The operating instructions, proper sequence, and maintenance procedures prescribed by the manufacturer should be followed.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89].

[437-003-0470 Posted Capacity. *The rated load capacity shall be posted at a conspicuous place on the equipment and shall be kept in a legible condition.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0475 Operational Check.

(1) The operator shall make an operational test or check of all parts of his vehicle vital to safe operation at the beginning of each shift.

(2) Any malfunction noted shall be reported to the proper authority, and the necessary repairs or adjustments shall be made before the vehicle is placed in regular operation.

(3) Any vehicle which develops defects in parts vital to safe operation during a work shift shall be removed from service until necessary repairs are made.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0490 Overhead Static Wires. *When work is being done on overhead static wires (ground wires), they shall be grounded as though they were line conductors, unless they are perma- nently grounded on the structure where the work is being performed.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0500 Clearance Request. *Clearance shall be requested from the dispatcher or person acting in that capacity on all circuits and equipment under his control.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0505 Identity of Dispatcher. *Workers shall obtain the name of the dispatcher when requesting clearance.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0515 Request Content. *The person requesting the clearance shall state exactly what circuit or equipment he wants de-energized and the reason.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0520 Request Verification. *The dispatcher shall repeat the request for clearance and be certain that the request is fully understood.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0525 Notification Necessary. *The circuit or equipment shall be considered as energized until notification from the dispatcher to the contrary is received.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0535 Multiple Workers. *If two or more workers are required to do a job on a circuit or equipment which has been removed from service, each worker must understand who is in charge and responsible for the clearance.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0540 Release of Clearance. *A dispatcher shall not authorize any person to energize the circuit or equipment that has been taken out of service for the purpose of having work done on it until all persons having clearances on such circuit or equipment have released their clearances and authorized their* ***"Hold"*** *or* ***"Work in Progress"*** *tags to be removed.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89]

[437-003-0545 Tags Prohibit Use. *No person shall operate a switch to which* ***"Hold"*** *or* ***"Work in Progress"*** *tags are attached.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0550 Tag Removal. *No person shall remove any* ***"Hold"*** *or* ***"Work in Progress"*** *tags for any purpose without the authorization of the dispatcher.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0555 Responsibility of Requestor. *Any person to whom a clearance has been given shall be held responsible for removing all protective grounds and shorts installed by him or under his direction, before releasing the circuits or equipment to the dispatcher for service.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0560 Attaching and Removing Grounds. *Grounding shall conform to the following rules:*
(1) A ground set or grounding device shall be a positive pressure contact clamp that can be applied with insulated hot stick or sticks, and shall be of sufficient current carrying capacity to activate the protective devices without damaging the ground set.
(2) A short and ground shall be placed at the point of work on all phase conductors. When the con- ductor is to be opened, a short and ground set shall be placed on both sides of the opening at the point of work. When the placement of a short and ground at the point of work increases the hazard to workers, a short and ground may be placed as near to the point of work as possible.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0565 Dead End Towers. *Removing structural or lacing members of dead end towers during stringing operations shall be prohibited except on tangent (0° angle) dead end towers.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0575 Ladders. *Ladders or other suitable devices shall be used when working on strands or conductors that cannot be ridden. If ladders are used, they must either be held by another worker until the ladder can be securely lashed to the strand or conductor, or secured by strand hooks. After making the ladder secure, the worker shall attach his safety strap to the strand, conductor or other support.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0580 Strength Check. *Before riding a conductor, every precaution shall be taken to determine that the conductor in the span, and its supports are of sufficient strength to safely bear the weight of the workers and their equipment.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0585 Route Check. *Before riding a strand or conductor, a worker shall survey his proposed route to insure that there will be no hazardous contacts.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0610 Proximity to High Voltage. *When setting, moving, or removing poles using cranes, derricks, gin poles, A frames, or other mechanized equipment near energized lines or equip- ment, precautions shall be taken to avoid contact with energized lines or equipment.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0250 Housekeeping. *Loose tools and materials shall not be left on poles, crossarms, ladders, or other elevated locations.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0615 Positive Control. *Conductors being strung in or removed shall be kept under positive control by the use of adequate tension reels, guard structures, tielines, or other means to prevent accidental contact with energized circuits.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0630 Bare Conductors. *Bare conductors being strung or removed shall be run through an effectively grounded block or be grounded at the reel or the first possible point where the conductor could contact energized high voltage conductors.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0650 Reel Tending Equipment. *Reels shall be grounded. Reel tenders shall be provided with and use a suitable insulated platform or rubber mat on which to stand, and shall wear rubber gloves.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89].

[437-003-0720 CPR Training. *Tree trimming personnel shall be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0725 Rescue Training. *All tree trimmers shall be trained in rendering pole top rescue.*

Stat. Auth.: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).
Hist: APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]

[437-003-0707 Chipper equipment and operation.

(1) Enclose chipper rotating components in a housing capable of retaining broken chipper knives or foreign material.

(2) Chipper feed chutes and side members must be designed to prevent operator contact with rotating blades during normal operation.

(3) Chippers without a mechanical infeed system must have:

(a) An infeed hopper that measures at least 85 inches from the blades or knives to ground level at the centerline of the hopper.

(b) A flexible antikickback device in the feed hopper. This device must protect the operator and other persons in the area from flying chips and debris.

(c) A shut-off switch within convenient reach of the worker feeding the chipper.

(4) Chippers with a mechanical infeed system must have a quick stop reversing device on the infeed. The quick stop reversing device control lever must be across the top and along each side of the hop- per, as close to the feed end of the hopper as practicable within easy reach of the operator.

(5) Employees in the immediate area of an operating chipper must wear personal protective equipment as required by Subdivision E of this Division.

(6) Workers feeding chippers must not wear loose clothing, gauntlet-type gloves, rings or watches.

(7) Prevent accidental restart of equipment shut down for adjustment or repair as required by Division 2/J, 1910.147, Lockout/Tagout.

(8) Guard exposed adjacent blades when replacing chipper blades.

~~*(9) Close and secure all access panels before operating the chipper.*~~
~~*(10) The chipper operator must have a coworker in the immediate vicinity when feeding chipper.*~~
~~*(11) Do not feed foreign objects into chipper.*~~
~~*(12) Feed chippers from the side of the centerline. The operator must immediately turn away from the feed table as brush is drawn into the rotor. Feed chippers from curbside whenever practical.*~~
~~*(13) Feed and discharge chutes must be in place to prevent contact with rotating blades during chipper operation.*~~
~~*(14) Chipper operators must be familiar with the manufacturer's operating instructions, maintenance and safe work practices.*~~
~~*(15) When trailer chippers are detached from trucks they must be chocked or otherwise secured.*~~
~~*(16) Before towing chipper, cross safety chains under the tongue of the chipper and attach them to the towing vehicle.*~~
~~**Stat. Auth:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4).~~
~~**Stats. Implemented:** ORS 654.001 through 654.295.~~
~~**Hist:** OR-OSHA Admin. Order 5-2001, f. 4/6/01, ef. 4/6/01.~~]

~~*[437-003-0770 Barriers, Guards, Warning Signs.*~~

~~*(1) Protective barriers or suitable guards shall be erected and appropriate warning signs shall be placed before covers over openings are removed or excavations made in places accessible to vehicular or pedestrian traffic:*~~
~~*(2) Warning lights or flares shall be displayed if work is being done in reduced visibility.*~~
~~*(3) Protective measures shall be maintained until permanent or adequate covers are in place or the hazard removed.*~~
~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.~~]

~~*[437-003-0775 Guarding Required Before Entering.*~~ ~~*No employee shall enter an open- ing or excavation accessible to vehicular or pedestrian traffic which is not protected by a barrier, temporary cover, or other suitable guard.*~~
~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.~~]

~~*[437-003-0780 Test for Flammability.*~~

~~*(1) No torch, open flame, or other source of ignition shall be used in any excavation, manhole, or similarly confined work area until the atmosphere of such work area has been tested and found safe, or cleared of combustible vapors or liquids:*~~
~~*(2) A test for flammability of the vapors in the work area shall be made, using an appropriate device for this purpose.*~~
~~*(3) Unless the percentage of flammable vapor is found to be less than 20 percent of its lower explosive limit, no source of ignition shall be permitted.*~~
~~*(4) Frequent testing for determining the concentration of flammable vapors shall be made, and if the concentration exceeds 20 percent of its lower explosive limit, sources of ignition shall be removed immediately.*~~
~~*(5) Fire extinguishing equipment adequate to cope with possible hazards shall be maintained close at hand.*~~
~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.~~]

~~*[437-003-0785 Illumination.*~~ ~~*When it is necessary to illuminate a manhole, guarded electric lights only shall be used. Leads, sockets and connections shall be well insulated and maintained in good condition.*~~
~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.~~]

~~*[437-003-0800 Personal Protection.*~~ ~~*Workers shall wear goggles, acid proof gloves and aprons when handling battery solution.*~~
~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~

~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0805 Static Electricity. ~~*Workers having occasion to work on storage batteries should first discharge the static electricity from their bodies.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0810 Ventilation. ~~*Suitable ventilation or other equally effective means shall be provided to make certain that toxic or flammable gases are not present in hazardous quantities.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0815 Use of Equipment. ~~*Use of vehicles, gin poles, cranes, and other equipment in restricted or hazardous areas shall at all times be controlled by a safety watcher other than the equipment operator.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0830 Additional Rules. ~~*The rules in Division 2/N, Material Handling and Storage, §1910.183, Helicopters, shall apply to all helicopter operations.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0835 Hooking and Unloading Loads. ~~*Employees may work under hovering helicopters only for that limited period of time necessary to guide, secure, hook, or unhook the loads. In addition:*~~

~~*(1) When guiding, securing, hooking or unhooking the load in transmission and distribution struc- tures at elevated positions, employees shall be assisted by, and use, a positive positioning guide system. The following definitions shall apply:*~~

~~***(a) Elevated*** *— Any position where work is performed with the worker's feet above ground or water level.*~~

~~***(b) Positive positioning guide system*** *— System or method of installing a load into position so that the load is capable of being released from the helicopter without being otherwise secured so that the load will remain in position permanently or until otherwise secured by physical means.*~~

~~*(2) When under hovering helicopters at any other location, the employee shall have a safe means of access and egress, including readily available escape route or routes in the event of an emergency.*~~

~~*(3) No other work or work-related activity, other than the aforementioned, shall be permitted under hovering helicopters.*~~

~~*(4) Bolting of, or otherwise permanently securing the structures, is prohibited under hovering heli- copters, except that in the event of an unforeseen contingency of an emergency nature which repre- sents a substantial hazard to life or property, an employee may do such work as is necessary to pre- serve life or protect substantial property.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0855 Use of Straps and Lanyards. ~~*Body belts with straps or lanyards shall be worn to protect employees working at elevated locations on poles, towers, or other structures except where such use creates a greater hazard to the safety of the employees, in which case other safeguards shall be employed.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

[437-003-0860 Equipment Criteria. ~~*Body belts and safety straps shall meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.959(a)(2) through 1926.959(b)(7)(iii). In addition to being used as an employee safeguarding item, body*~~

~~*belts with approved tool loops may be used for the purpose of holding tools. Body belts shall be free from additional metal hooks and tool loops other than those permitted in 29 CFR 1926.959(a)(2) through 1926.959(b)(7)(iii).*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0865 Equipment Inspection Before Use.*** *Body belts and straps shall be inspected before use each day to determine that they are in safe working condition.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0870 Monthly Supervisory Inspection.*** *Foremen shall inspect, at least once each month, the belts, spurs and safety straps of all workers under their supervision. Whenever such equipment is found to be unsafe, it shall be withdrawn from service immediately.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0875 Additional Rules.*** *Life lines and lanyards shall comply with the requirements of OAR 437-002-0125 in Division 2/I, Personal Protective Equipment.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

~~***[437-003-0885 Replacement.*** *Defective safety line ropes shall be replaced.*~~

~~**Stat. Auth.:** ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(3).~~
~~**Hist:** APD Admin. Order 8-1989, f. 7/7/89, ef. 7/7/89.]~~

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(b) . . .
(12) Ladders shall have nonconductive siderails if they are used where the employee or the ladder could contact exposed energized electrical equipment, except as provided in ~~[§1926.951(c)(1)]~~**1926.955(b) and (c)** of this part.

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(g) For work covered by [s]**S**ubpart V of this part, compliance with [~~29 CFR 1910.269(p)~~]**1926.959** is deemed compliance with 1926.1407 through 1926.1411.

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(c) . . . .

(2) Paragraph (c)(1) of this section does not apply to work covered by subpart V of this part; instead, for such work, the minimum [~~clearance~~]**approach** distances **established by the employer under 1926.960(c)(1)(i)apply.**[~~specified in 1926.950 Table V-1 apply. Employers engaged in subpart V work are permitted to work closer than the distances in 1926.950 Table V-1 where both the requirements of this section and 1926.952(c)(3)(i) or (ii) are met.~~]

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(d) . . . .

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(ii) [~~For work covered by subpart V of this part, the requirement in p~~]**P**aragraph (d)(4)(i) of this section [~~applies only when working inside the 1926.950 Table V-1 clearance distances~~]**does not apply to work covered by Subpart V of this part**.

(iii) [~~For work covered by subpart V of this part involving operations where use of an insulating link/device is infeasible, the requirements of 1910.269(p)(4)(iii)(B) or (C) may be substituted for the requirement in (d)(4)(i) of this section.~~]**[Removed and Reserved]**