

November 24, 2008

Ron Piksa, President  
Iron Workers District Council of the Pacific Northwest  
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Dear Mr. Piksa:

Thank you for your letter dated November 10, as well as for the time you, Steve Rank and Kevin Jensen spent to come to the November meeting of the Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Committee (CAC). Your presentation was clear and laid out the issues very plainly, as indicated by the unanimous recommendation of those committee members present that Oregon OSHA should rescind the compliance directive's *de minimis* findings related to the decking requirement and the prohibition on pre-installed shear studs.

Based on your presentation, the CAC recommendation, as well as on subsequent conversations within Oregon OSHA and with several other stakeholders, I have directed my staff to inform the stakeholder community that we have tentatively decided to rescind those portions of the directive. We will be requesting comments from those interested parties by the end of the year, and I expect to make a final decision shortly after that date.

Although formal rulemaking is not required, and as I discussed with Steve Rank on the telephone last week, I believe it is important that we provide stakeholders the opportunity for such comments before we make a decision whether to rescind provisions of a directive that have been in place for six years.

Sincerely,

Michael Wood, CSP  
Administrator  
Oregon OSHA

cc (via e-mail): Steve Rank  
Kevin Jensen  
Oregon OSHA Construction Advisory Committee members