December 20, 2011

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With Federal amendments and Oregon-initiated changes

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- Change the fall protection component criteria to align with the systems criteria found in 1926.502 of the construction standards. The training requirement in this rule would also cover those parts not previously covered, such as fall protection.
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RULE CAPTION

Adopt changes in general industry, construction, agriculture, and maritime with federal amendments from SIP III and Oregon-initiated changes.
Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency’s intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

ADOPT: OAR 437-002-0134.


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