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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION**

Department of Insurance and Finance

April 1, 1993

TO: All OR-OSHA Technical Staff

FROM: David Sparks, Deputy Administrator

RE: Labeling of Temporary Electrical Circuits

Recently a staff member posed a technical uniformity question to me according to new SOP-32. Because the question had not been completely fleshed out through normal communications channels per Item 1 of the SOP, I am responding to the issue outside the steps provided in the SOP.

The question posed to me was:

Does OAR 437, Division 3, Construction, require that temporary electrical circuits on construction sites be labeled at the disconnecting means?

Our Executive Staff has researched the question and finds that OAR 437-3-1926.403(H) does indeed require that, "Each service, feeder and branch circuit at its disconnecting means or overcurrent device shall be legibly marked to indicate its purpose unless located and arranged so the purpose is evident."

Obviously the controlling language is, ". . . unless located and arranged so the purpose is evident." The employer must judge whether the purpose is evident to employees in deciding whether this rule must be complied with.

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cc: Executive Staff  
Resource Center Coordinator