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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

This letter is in response to your May 6th letter addressed to Leslie Anderson Isaacson, a member of Oregon OSHA Consultation and Services. Leslie forwarded your letter to Standards and Technical Services for a response.

You ask in your letter if tabulated data for components of shoring systems, used in excavations, is allowed to be identified by model number, or if serial numbers have to be used. There are no rules in 1926.652(c)(1), (2), or (3) that specifically address how to match manufacturer's specs, recommendations, and limitations (required to be on site during construction of support, shield and other protective systems) to individual components. Like many OR-OSHA requirements, this is a performance standard. That means that as long as the information can be readily matched to the components (by model number, serial number, or some other means of positive identification), then it's acceptable.

Should you have additional questions or need further information please contact Mike Mitchell at 800 922-2689, extension 7450. You are also invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at the above address.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Schuster, Manager
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