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Robin Sexton
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Dear Ms. Sexton:

This is in response to your letter dated December 6, 1995 regarding the use of latex gloves around moving machinery.

The hand protection rules originated before the use of latex gloves became widespread. The intent of the rule was to regulate working with typical work gloves that have bulky design and could become caught in moving machine parts.

Latex gloves that are properly fitted do not present the same hazard. Also in the event they do become caught, they are more likely to tear off than the typical heavy leather work glove.

In summary, the use of properly fitted latex gloves around moving machinery does not violate the intent of the hand protection rules, OAR 437-002-0134(12)

Please address further questions to our technical section at 503-378-3272

Sincerely,

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