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Dear Mr. Podojil:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your safety and regulatory questions regarding installation of metal and woodworking machinery in Oregon. I have addressed your questions in the order asked.

Has Oregon adopted referenced consensus standards discussed in your letter to us? ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 654.025(3)(a) says that the director may enforce all regulations, rules, standards and consensus standards duly adopted by any other state agency for the safety and health of employees. This means OR-OSHA can enforce such standards in their entirety as a basis for a citation.

Can OR-OSHA use the general duty clause (ORS 654.010) to address hazards that are not spelled out in a specific standard? The answer is yes, the general duty provisions are used only where there is no rule that applies to the particular hazard involved and it is a recognized industry hazard.

Does the State of Oregon (OR-OSHA) have standards requiring motor braking on metal and woodworking machines that have long coasting times? The answer is no. However, the general duty clause could be used for a citation using ANSI 01.1 or other consensus standards to support hazard recognition.

Does the State of Oregon have requirements for emergency stop controls and the color code for these controls? 1910.144(a)(1)(iii) requires that emergency stop controls be red.

Does the State of Oregon enforce the use of ANSI B-11 standards for machinery? Yes, the general duty provisions can be used when there are no rules that apply to a particular hazard involved and it is a recognized industry hazard.

Does the State of Oregon have additional standards that apply to machine or employee electrical safe guarding? Under separate cover we will send to you a copy of Division 2 subpart S, this standard covers machine electrical system requirements.

For further information contact Bob Thiessen at 378-3272. You are also invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/index.html.

Sincerely,

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