SUBJECT: Forging Machines

AFFECTED CODES/DIRECTIVES: 29 CFR 1910.218(a) through 1910.218(d), Forging Machines

PURPOSE: To clarify appropriate enforcement rules for citing violations of forging machines.

BACKGROUND: Several situations have arisen where alleged violations of hot forging operations have been cited under 29 CFR 1910.212(a)(3). Specific standards exist which cover the operations in Division 2 under Forging Machines.

ACTION: A. Alleged violations for forging machines shall be cited under Division 2 rules 1910.218(a) through 1910.218(d).

B. All citations which have been issued for a violation of 29 CFR 1910.212(a)(3), Point of Operation Guarding, involving the above situations shall be withdrawn.

C. A citation for violations of 29 CFR 1910.218(a)(3), would be appropriate only when a condition exists that could be recognized as a hazard and conditions are other than normal forging machine operations covered by rules 1910.218(a) through 1910.218(d).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded.