

Oregon OSHA
Fall Protection Stakeholder Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Schafer Chris Miller David Davidson Doug Rogers Gary Beck Hannah Avrich Jeff Wilson Jim Watts Mark Hillyard	Michael Wood Mike Riffe Milton Peggy Munsell Robert Miller Roger Dale-Moore Russ Nicolai Tom Bozicevic
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Self-introductions were made.

Finalize Scope:

The proposed fall protection rule will only apply to construction, not general industry.

Review Working Draft of Proposed Changes:

Tom handed out a [proposed draft](#) to the group as a starting point for rulemaking and stakeholder input. A stakeholder commented that the draft seemed too simple and some other verbiage should be added, while another stakeholder recommended not significantly changing the current rule but to only replace “10 feet” with “6 feet” since people are use to the rule language.

Michael advised that smoke domes should be in fall protection, not under holes in the draft.

Jeff would like the group to provide comments in writing on any changes/additions that they think need to be in the next draft. Please email him at Jeffrey.R.Wilson@oregon.gov

Phase-in Period:

One stakeholder indicated that they didn’t think it should take 2 years for people to comply with the pending changes, while another stakeholder stated that companies are currently bidding jobs into 2016.

Most of the group agreed that the phase-in should be:
Adopt the rule by January 2016 with the phase-in of January 2017 for the 6-foot trigger height, and the phase-out of slide guards by October 2017.

The proposal rule must be filed by October 15, 2015 to be adopted by January 2016.

Fiscal Impact:

The group discussed the factors that would have a fiscal impact:

- Purchase equipment: If some companies don’t have the proper equipment already
- Training: How to properly use the equipment

- Productivity: It could take a little longer at first to complete projects as people are learning to adjust to the new equipment.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting:
October 6, 2015