

IDAPA 17 - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

17.08.05 - IDAHO MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FOR LOGGING - SIGNALS AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS

DOCKET NO. 17-0805-0901

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 72-508, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 21, 2009.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The proposed changes are necessary to update the Logging Safety Standards to meet OSHA's current requirements relating to signaling of dangerous conditions.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

No fee or charge is being imposed by through this rulemaking.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking:

There is no impact to the general fund as a result of this rulemaking.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the changes are necessary to meet current OSHA requirements.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Alvin Caine, (208) 332-7153.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 28, 2009.

DATED this 27th day of August, 2009.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 17-0805-0901

011. SIGNALING.

- 01. One Worker to Give Signals.** (7-1-97)
- a.** ~~Only one (1) worker in any crew shall give signals at the point where chokers are being set. Worker sending drag shall be the only one to give signals.~~ (7-1-97)()
- b.** Any person is authorized to give a stop signal when a worker is in danger or other emergency condition are apparent. (7-1-97)
- 02. Signal Must Be Clear and Distinct.** (7-1-97)
- a.** Machine operators shall not move any line unless the signal received is clear and distinct. (7-1-97)
- b.** If in doubt the operator shall repeat the signal as understood and wait for confirmation. (7-1-97)
- 03. Hand Signal Use Restricted.** (7-1-97)
- a.** Hand signals are permitted only when in plain sight of the operator. (7-1-97)
- b.** Hand signals may be used at any time as an emergency stop signal. (7-1-97)
- 04. Persons in Clear Before Signal Given.** All persons shall be in the clear before a signal is given to move logs or turns. (7-1-97)
- 05. Throwing Material Prohibited.** Throwing of any type of material as a signal is prohibited. (7-1-97)
- 06. Use of Jerk Wire Prohibited.** The use of jerk wire whistle system for any type of yarding operations is prohibited. (7-1-97)
- 07. Audible Signaling to Be Installed and Used.** A whistle, horn or other audible signaling device, clearly audible to all persons in the affected area, shall be installed and used on all machines operating as yarders ~~or swings.~~ (7-1-97)()
- 08. Audible Signaling Device at the Machine to Be Activated.** When radio or other means of signal transmission is used, an audible signal must be activated at the machine. (7-1-97)