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To Parties Interested in Oregon OSHA's Confined Space Rule:

On September 28, 2012, Oregon OSHA adopted changes to the confined space rule (the most significant of which is its application to construction activities). Those changes are scheduled to take effect on the first of April.

Several individuals have raised concerns in recent weeks as a result of unexpected delays in finalizing the Oregon OSHA directive on the new Confined Space standard (as well as related training and other guidance materials). In response to these issues, Oregon OSHA is delaying enforcement of the new provisions of the rule until September 1, 2013. This will allow at least three months (and probably four) between the completion of the directive and the enforcement of the new provisions of the rule.

Between April 1, 2013 and September 1, 2013, violations of the Confined Space rule will be cited *only* if the conditions would also have represented violations of the previous rule.

Sincerely,

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