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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

This is in response to your questions about how Oregon OSHA would calculate the need for square footage of living space in labor camps.

OAR 437-004-1120(16)(j) is the controlling standard but does not mention how to do the calculation when there is a combination of bunk beds and single stack beds in a single living unit. OR-OSHA would calculate the required square feet as follows: 50 square feet for each occupant using the single stack bed(s) and 40 square feet for each occupant using a bunk bed. Thus, a room with three occupants, two in bunks and one in a flat bed, would require 130 square feet.

Keep in mind that subparagraphs (A) – (C) offer adjustments to these figures.

For further information contact Ron Preece at 1-503-378-3272. You're invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at www.orosha.org.

Sincerely,

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