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Proposed Changes - Division 5, Maritime/Shipyard Employment

Oregon OSHA proposes to adopt federal OSHA changes by reference to 29 CFR 1915 Occupational Safety and Health for Shipyard Employment/Division 5, Maritime. Federal OSHA published these technical amendments in the July 3, 2002 Federal Register. These standards contain a number of minor typographical, grammatical and other errors. The Federal Register document, which we are adopting, corrects those errors, as well as several inaccurate cross-references. The cross-references are being changed because the referenced section numbers have changed or been removed as a result of prior revisions to OSHA's Shipyard Employment rules. The technical amendments and corrections are not substantive in nature; they will not impose additional compliance obligations on employers or reduce the protections provided to workers by these standards.

Oregon OSHA's adoption of these amendments ensures the requirement is met for OR-OSHA standards to be at least as effective as Federal OSHA.

As a reminder: Since 1999, Oregon OSHA no longer prints Division 5, Maritime. The cost of printing and updating did not match the need in Oregon. Most employers in these industries in Oregon are under federal jurisdiction. We urge people wanting a complete volume of the federal OSHA standards to contact the United States Printing Office to obtain a copy, or to visit the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration web site at: www.osha.gov Oregon OSHA's web site for standards also links to federal OSHA for Division 5.

When does this happen: Adoption will tentatively be in May 2003.

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