

PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Guarding: Platen Presses

AFFECTED CODES/

DIRECTIVES: OAR 437-02-1910.217(b) to 1910.217(c)(3)(i)(g) and 1910.217(d)(1) to 1910.217(h)(13)(ii)

PURPOSE: To provide clarification on applicability of 1910.217(b) to 1910.217(c)(3)(i)(g) and 1910.217(d)(1) to 1910.217(h)(13)(ii) to Platen Presses.

BACKGROUND: Section 1.1 of ANSI-B11.1-1971, Safety Requirements for Construction, Care and Use of Mechanical Power Presses, applies only to those mechanically powered machines that shear, punch, form or assemble metal or other material by means of tools or dies attached to slides.

ACTION: Federal OSHA has proposed a change to 1910.217(a)(5) to add platen presses to the list of excluded machines.

In the interim and thereafter, 1910.217(b) to 1910.217(c) (3)(i)(g) shall apply to the point-of-operation guarding of platen presses.

EFFECTIVE

DATE: This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded.