

PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Cranes and Derricks: Normal Operating Conditions

AFFECTED CODES/

DIRECTIVES: OAR 437-02-1910.179(e)(6)(i); 1910.179(g)(2)(i); 1910.181(j)(1) (i), and OAR 437-03-1926.550(d)(4); and 1926.550(e)

PURPOSE: To provide an interpretation of the term "normal operating conditions" as applicable to the crane and derrick rules in general industry and construction.

BACKGROUND: In *Secretary of Labor v. United States Steel Corporation*, OSHRC Docket Nos. 10825 and 10849, (1971) the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission clarified the meaning of the Term "normal operating conditions" as used in 1910.179(e)(6)(i), 1910.179(g)(2)(i), and 1910.181(j)(1) (i), as it applies to cranes and derricks. This directive provides that OR-OSHA compliance officers apply the Review Commission's interpretation in inspecting cranes and derricks covered by the General Industry and Construction Standards.

- ACTION:**
- A. Whenever a crane or derrick is used in its regular production activities such as material handling and loading, and is under the control of its operator rather than under the control of a maintenance worker, it is used in a normal operating condition.
 - B. Normal operating conditions do not encompass the situation when maintenance is performed on a crane or derrick which is taken out of production and the crane or derrick is under the control of the maintenance worker.

EFFECTIVE

DATE: This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded.