

November 20, 2009

Oregon OSHA - Proposed Changes To Acetylene Rules in General Industry

Public Hearing Scheduled for:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 13, 2010	9:00 am	Fremont Place, Building I 1750 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 112 Portland OR 97209-2533

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New Oregon rule 437-002-2102 Acetylene, includes general requirements for work practices and definitions used in paragraph (1), Cylinders. Piped systems and generators and filling cylinders retains language from 1910.102 for those topics.

Oregon OSHA will adopt the federal changes to 1910.6 Incorporation by reference, as they appear in the August 11, 2009 Federal Register.

Oregon OSHA standards must be at least as effective as Federal OSHA standards. With the creation of the new Oregon-initiated rule for acetylene, Oregon has all the protective measures referenced in the Federal OSHA standard, as well as expanded work practices language and definitions used in 437-002-2102(1) Cylinders.

When does this happen: Adoption tentatively will be February 2010

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Comment period closes: January 20, 2010

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Department of Consumer and Business Services/Oregon OSHA

Agency and Division

OAR 437

Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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RULE CAPTION

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RULEMAKING ACTION

AMEND: OAR 437-002-0005, 437-002-0100

ADOPT: OAR 437-002-2102

ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4)

Stat. Auth.

Other Authority

ORS 654.001 through 654.295

Stats. Implemented

RULE SUMMARY

Oregon OSHA proposes to revise Division 2/H, General Industry/Hazardous Materials, rules which will:

- Repeal the current Acetylene rule, 1910.102, that is based on the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Pamphlets; G-1-1966, G1.3-1959, G1.4-1966
- Adopt new rule, OAR 437-002-2102, Acetylene, that will update references to standards developing organizations (SDO standards) making them consistent with current industry practices which will improve employee safety by clarifying employer obligations, and eliminate confusing requirements.

Oregon OSHA will also adopt the Federal OSHA revisions published in the August 11, 2009 Federal Register to 1910.6 Incorporation by reference.

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The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

January 20, 2010

Last Day for Public Comment

Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator

/s/Michael D. Wood
Signature

Michael D. Wood 11/13/09
Printed name Date

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STATEMENT OF NEED AND FISCAL IMPACT
A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing or a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking accompanies this form.

Department of Consumer and Business Services/Oregon OSHA
Agency and Division

OAR 437
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In the Matter of: Amending OAR 437-002-0005, 437-002-0100, and Adopting OAR 437-002-2102

Rule Caption:
Proposed changes to acetylene rules in general industry.

Statutory Authority: ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 654.001 through 654.295

Need for the Rule(s):

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Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available:

Federal Register published August 11, 2009, pp. 40442 – 40447

29 CFR 1910.101 (Compressed Gases (General Requirements))
29 CFR 1910.102 (Acetylene)
49 CFR Parts 100-180 (Transportation)
OAR 437, Division 2/H (Hazardous Materials)

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) documents:
ANSI A13.1, 1996 (Scheme for Identification of Piping Systems)

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
ASME B3.3, 2002 (Process Piping)

