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**Oregon OSHA - Proposed Changes
To Compactors and Balers in Agriculture**

***EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD GRANTED FOR
AGRICULTURE RULE ONLY***

In March 2009 Oregon OSHA proposed to amend the compactors and balers rule in general industry (Division 2/O, 437-002-0256). A similar rule in agriculture (Division 4/O, 437-004-2150) was proposed for adoption.

A public hearing was held on April 29, 2009 for both rules. A request was made at the hearing to extend the comment period for the new rule in agriculture by 45 days. Oregon OSHA granted the request and **the comment period for the compactors and balers rule in agriculture is extended through June 18, 2009.**

The comment period for the rule amendment in general industry (437-002-0256) closed on May 4, 2009.

The agriculture rule in Division 4/O is entirely new and functionally identical to the Division 2 rule except that the Division 4 rule restricts application to stationary balers, stationary compactors and self-contained compactors. Both rules identify guarding measures, appropriate signage, installation procedures, inspection requirements, and maintenance instructions. Both rules are in plain language for easy reading and understanding.

When does this happen: Adoption tentatively will be in late June 2009

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