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Occupational Health & Safety Regulation Review

WorkSafeBC has announced a review of certain regulations as part of its ongoing review process.

COCA will be producing and distributing an analysis and recommendations on these proposals. The COCA Draft response will be circulated for comment in advance of the November 26, 2009 COCA Board of Directors' meeting. The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009.

Your comments are welcome.

There are 12 regulatory amendment packages under review. These are listed below. The proposals from WorkSafeBC can be viewed online at:

[http://www.worksafebc.com/regulation\\_and\\_policy/public\\_hearings/2010\\_proposed\\_amendments/law\\_40\\_30.asponline](http://www.worksafebc.com/regulation_and_policy/public_hearings/2010_proposed_amendments/law_40_30.asponline)

**Proposed regulatory amendments:**

**Part 4, General Conditions with consequential amendments to Part 1, Definitions; and Part 20, Construction, Excavation and Demolition** relating to notification of utilities

**Part 4, General Conditions** relating to wire rope guardrails and prior approval

**Part 4, General Conditions** relating to the definition of late night hours

Part 8, Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment relating to leg protection

Part 8, Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment with consequential amendments to Part 4, General Conditions; Part 6, Substance Specific Requirements; Part 9, Confined Spaces; Part 12, Tools, Machinery and Equipment; Part 23, Oil and Gas; and Part 31, Firefighting relating to respirator protection factors

Part 9, Confined Spaces relating to alternate procedures

Part 12, Tools, Machinery and Equipment relating to swing-arm restraint

Part 13, Ladders, Scaffolds and Temporary Work Platforms relating to swing stages and prior permission

Part 15, Rigging relating to standards for slings

Part 16, Mobile Equipment relating to warning signal device

Part 19, Electrical Safety relating to minimum clearance

Part 30, Laboratories with consequential amendments to Part 5, Chemical Agents and Biological Agents; and Part 6, Substance Specific Requirements relating to biohazardous materials