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OSH Program Directive Number 77-1910.22/1910.176-1/1

Subject: Markings for Aisles and Passageways Under Article VI, Section 1910.22(b)(2) and Section 1910.176(a).

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.22(b)(2) and Section 1910.176(a), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.229(b)(2) and 1910.176(a).

Background: The purpose of this directive is to provide an interpretation of “appropriately marked” as it applies to permanent aisles and passageways where there are dirt floors, or floors having continuous concentrations of sand or fine dusts.

In some instances, Sections 1910.22(b)(2) and 1910.176(a) have been narrowly interpreted to mean that aisles and passageways must be marked by painted floor lines.

The intent of “appropriately marked” is not to restrict the marking to one method only. It would be impractical to paint lines on dirt floors or floors that have continuous concentrations of sand and other dusts. These conditions may exist in such industries as foundries, scrap salvage operations or motor winding facilities.

Interpretation: Painted lines remain the most feasible method of marking, where practicable, since they may last several years without maintenance or repainting. Other appropriate methods, such as placement of storage bins, marking pillars, powder stripping, flags, traffic cones or barrels, are acceptable, when the training programs for vehicle operators and employees include the recognition of such markings.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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