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OSH Program Directive Number 88-1926.28/451/500-4/9/4

Subject: Guarding of Personnel on Open-Sided Flat and Sloping Roofs

Standard: Subarticle 7, Sections 1926.28 (a), 1926.451 (u) (3) and 1926.500 (g), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1926.28 (a), 1926.451 (u) (3) and 1926.500 (g).

Background: There has been confusion about which standards apply where employees are working on roofs. Until the proposed standard on fall protection becomes final, the guidelines under INTERPRETATION in this directive will apply.

Program Directive Number 76-1926.28/451/500-3/4/3 is hereby cancelled and is superseded by this Program Directive.

Interpretation: The following sections of the construction standards shall be used as set forth below:

- a. Section 1926.500 (g) shall apply only to built-up roofing work on low-pitched roofs. [Definitions are given in Section 1926.500 (p)].
- b. Section 1926.451 (u) (3) which requires a catch platform, shall apply when the ground to eave height is more than sixteen (16) feet and the slope is greater than four (4) inches in twelve (12) inches without a parapet. A safety belt attached to a lifeline may be used in lieu of a catch platform.
- c. Section 1926.28 (a) shall apply to roof work not covered by Section 1926.500 (g) or Section 1926.451 (u) (3) where the fall hazard is greater than sixteen (16) feet.

Effective Date: This directive is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Regulation or Program Directive.

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