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Dear Association:

This letter is to inform you of the cancellation of OSHA Instruction STD 03-00-001, the Agency's interim enforcement policy on fall protection for specified residential construction activities. A new compliance guidance directive STD 03-11-002 is replacing this and under this new policy, employers engaged in residential construction must comply with 29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13).

Enclosed is an OSHA Fact Sheet, Fall Protection in Residential Construction, which provides a summary and explanation of this action. A major change that will be occurring with this cancellation is that alternative methods of fall protection in the previous directive, such as slide guards during roofing, will not be acceptable and that conventional fall protection will be required. The website link to the new directive and other applicable documents is:

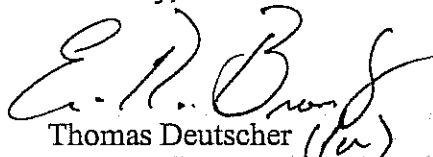
http://www.osha.gov/doc/residential_fall_protection.html.

OSHA would also like to inform you of the hazards of heat stress during construction activities in hot weather and provide guidance in protecting workers from excessive exposure to heat. Enclosed is information on preventing heat illness. We encourage you to inform your employees and implement the appropriate methods to protect employees from heat stress. The link to this information is:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASE&p_id=19701.

We appreciate your interest in safety and health. If you have any questions on these issues please contact our office at 701-250-4521.

Sincerely,


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