

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RULE CHANGES**

### **of the Wyoming Workers' Safety - OSHA Division**

This is to advise you that the Department of Workforce Services, Occupational Health and Safety Commission, intends to consider proposed rule amendments to revising the Occupational Health and Safety Rules and Regulations for Oil and Gas Well Drilling standards, the 10910 General Industry Standards, and the 1926 Construction Standards. There will be a public hearing on these proposed rules on **October 5, 2012** at the Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Bldg, Hearing Room #129, 2211 King Boulevard in Casper. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please call (307) 777-7786 or visit the Workers' Safety OSHA website at <http://www.wyomingworkforce.org>

The hearing will start at 9:00 AM.

Persons present at the hearing will be afforded the opportunity to present written or oral comments as well as comments, data or arguments received by Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Commenters may request a statement as to why their views were overruled. If requested, the statement will be issued within thirty (30) days after the Commission action.

The proposed rules are available for review at the Workers' Safety OSHA website <http://www.wyomingworkforce.org> or during normal business hours at the Cheyenne Business Center, Room 126, 1510 East Pershing Blvd in Cheyenne, WY and may be copied at the interested person's expense. The Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Bldg is handicap accessible. Anyone requiring an accommodation to attend should call (307) 777-7786 by September 28, 2012.

## Statement of Reasons

The Workers' Safety –OSHA Division would like to update and amend the Occupational Health and Safety Rules and Regulations for Oil and Gas Well Drilling.

**Amend and Updating the Occupational Health and Safety Rules and Regulations for Oil and Gas Well Drilling:** This rulemaking action is to improve, streamline, and update the Wyoming OSHA Well Drilling Standards. Wyoming OSHA and the Oil and Gas Industry have identified several requirements for better employee protection by requiring employees to wear flame resistant clothing while on a drilling rig and requiring an emergency shut-down device on diesel engines. These practices and policies have already been in place and applied in the Oil and Gas Industry with the majority of employers throughout the state. Wyoming OSHA believes that improving these standards will help employers to better understand their obligations, follow industry best practices, and promote safety and health for their employees.

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The Department of Workforce Services, Workers' Safety –OSHA Division would like to modify and amend the 1910 General Industry and 1926 Construction Standards..

**Amending and modifying the 1910 General Industry Standards and 1926 Construction Standard for its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS):** This rulemaking action is to modify its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform to the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). OSHA has determined that the modification will significantly reduce costs and burdens while also improving the quality and consistency of information provided to employers and employees regarding chemical hazards and associated protective measures. This improved information will enhance the effectiveness of the HCS in ensuring that employees are apprised of the chemical hazards to which they may be exposed, and in reducing the incidence of chemical-related occupational illnesses and injuries. The modification to the standard include revised criteria for classification of chemical hazards; revised labeling provisions that include requirements for use of standardized signal words, pictograms, hazard statements, and precautionary statements; a specified format for safety data sheets; and related revisions to definitions of terms used in the standard, and requirements for employee training on labels and safety data sheets. OSHA also is modifying provisions of other standards, including standards for flammable and combustible liquids, process safety management, and most substance-specific health standards, to ensure consistency with the modified HCS requirements. The consequences of these modifications will be to improve safety, to facilitate global harmonization of standards, and savings for employers.