ABSTRACT

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References: See paragraph IV.

Cancellation: This instruction cancels Region IX Enforcement Programs Notice CPL 04-00-01, dated October 1, 2014.

Significant Changes: The list of NAICS covered by the Amputations NEP has been updated per the recent NEP update.

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Executive Summary

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II. **Scope:**

This instruction applies to areas of Federal jurisdiction in Region IX in General Industry, Longshoring, Ship Building, Ship Repair, Ship Breaking, Federal Agencies and Federal Installations. Facilities targeted for inspection will include those located in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and American Samoa. This includes vessels afloat on navigable waters, Tribal lands, parts of military installations under Federal jurisdiction, Federal Agency employees and where State OSHA plans have transferred their inspection authority to Federal OSHA (e.g., smelters in Arizona). Typical industries covered include machine shops, metal fabricating shops and woodworking shops, among others, associated with shipyards, marine terminals, Federal installations and/or Tribal lands.

III. **Limitations and Exemptions:**

All inspections will be conducted in accordance with OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-051, which lists the enforcement exemptions and limitations under the Appropriations Act.

IV. **References:**

A. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-159, October 1, 2015, Field Operations Manual
B. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-025, January 4, 1995, Scheduling System for Programmed Inspections

C. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-051, May 28, 1998, Enforcement Exemptions and Limitations under the Appropriations Act (Appendix A updated annually)

D. OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001, November 10, 1999, Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs (LEPs)

E. OSHA Instruction CPL 03-00-019, August 13, 2015, National Emphasis Program on Amputations.

V. **Cancellation:**

Region IX Enforcement Programs Notice CPL 04-00-01, dated October 1, 2014.

VI. **Expiration:**

This LEP will expire no later than one year from the date of implementation, unless renewed.

VII. **Action:**

Area Directors will ensure that the procedures contained in this instruction are followed in scheduling and conducting programmed inspections under this LEP.

VIII. **Background:**

The failure to properly apply machine guarding techniques and the failure to adequately control associated energy hazards during servicing and/or maintenance activities are primary causes of amputations. In 2015, OSHA determined that CPL 03-00-003, National Emphasis Program on Amputations, which had been in effect since 2006, should be revised to better target industries with amputation hazards. OSHA has modified its targeting methodology to identify additional industries to further reduce the number of amputations and fatalities. This modified directive was re-issued as CPL 03-00-019 on August 13, 2015.

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with associated hazardous energy employee exposures during servicing and maintenance activities, occur in many workplaces. Subparts J, O, and P of 29 CFR 1910 provide for safety measures that need to be used for the safe operation, servicing and maintenance of machinery and equipment. Machinery and equipment are covered by standards such as, but not limited to, §1910.147, §1910.212, §1910.213, §1910.217, and §1910.219.

IX. Selection and Scheduling of Sites for Inspection:

Inspections conducted under this local emphasis program shall be scheduled as follows:

A. Each Area Office shall develop a scheduling list, using site surveys, local government sources, telephone directories, trade manuals and other available sources. This list will be updated as necessary, but at least annually, and will be filed electronically on the regional shared drive. Generally, the list will name specific establishments to inspect, except in the case of certain Federal and military installations where Federal civilian and private contractors conducting operations that fall under the scope of this LEP will be identified upon entry to the installation.

B. OSHA has identified the following industries which will be targeted under the NEP. There may be other industries, not listed, that fall under the scope of this LEP.

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321920  Wood Container and Pallet Manufacturing
322211  Corrugated and Solid Fiber Box Manufacturing
322212  Folding Paperboard Box Manufacturing
322219  Other Paperboard Container Manufacturing
322220  Paper Bag and Coated and Treated Paper Manufacturing
323111  Commercial Printing (except Screen and Books)
323113  Commercial Screen Printing
323117  Books Printing
326111  Plastics Bag and Pouch Manufacturing
326112  Plastics Packaging Film and Sheet (including Laminated) Manufacturing
326113  Unlaminated Plastics Film and Sheet (except Packaging) Manufacturing
326150  Urethane and Other Foam Product (except Polystyrene) Manufacturing
326160  Plastics Bottle Manufacturing
327320  Ready-Mix Concrete Manufacturing
327390  Other Concrete Product Manufacturing
331491  Nonferrous Metal (except Copper and Aluminum) Rolling, Drawing, and Extruding
331492  Secondary Smelting, Refining, and Alloying of Nonferrous Metal (except Copper)
332111  Iron and Steel Forging
332112  Nonferrous Forging
332114  Custom Roll Forming
332117  Powder Metallurgy Part Manufacturing
332119  Metal Crown, Closure, and Other Metal Stamping (except Automotive)
332311  Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing
332312  Fabricated Structural Metal Manufacturing
332313  Plate Work Manufacturing
332321  Metal Window and Door Manufacturing
332322  Sheet Metal Work Manufacturing
332323  Ornamental and Architectural Metal Work Manufacturing
332710  Machine Shops
332991  Ball and Roller Bearing Manufacturing
332992  Small Arms Ammunition Manufacturing
332993  Ammunition (except Small Arms) Manufacturing
332994  Small Arms, Ordnance, and Ordnance Accessories Manufacturing
332996  Fabricated Pipe and Pipe Fitting Manufacturing
332999  All Other Miscellaneous Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
333111  Farm Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing
C. The Area Offices will add to their inspection lists individual establishments where amputation injuries or fatalities related to saws, shears, slicers, power presses of all types and other machines have occurred in the last five years. Local evidence of amputations will be based on IMIS and OIS accident data and, if available, workers' compensation data, OSHA 300 data, NIOSH data, and other reliable sources of information (e.g., reports of amputations from hospital admission, Emergency Medical Services, fire department, and police reports). In all cases, the basis for development of the master lists and additions to it must be documented.
D. Establishments with ten or fewer employees are not to be inspected unless the establishment is associated with a larger corporation.

E. Inspections must concentrate on industries and establishments where saws, shears, slicers, power presses of all types and other machines as described in Appendix A are used, and where there have been amputations involving these types of machines.

F. Unprogrammed inspections will be initiated as a result of reports of imminent dangers, fatalities, catastrophes, complaints, and referrals from other agencies or media reports, in accordance with the FOM. Unprogrammed inspections are not taken into consideration in scheduling of programmed inspections.

G. Establishments will be scheduled for inspection based on the procedures outlined in Appendix D. No more than one programmed inspection will be conducted at each establishment at each site every 12 months, although additional unprogrammed inspections, including follow-ups, may be conducted.

X. Conduct of Inspections:

A. All inspections will be comprehensive with the primary purpose of identifying amputation hazards.

B. Compliance officers will review the establishment’s injury and illness records for compliance with 29 CFR 1904. The injuries and illnesses recorded will be used to direct the focus of the inspection. Look for amputations or similar injuries on the log.

C. All inspections will include an evaluation of equipment that may cause an amputation.

D. All inspections will include an evaluation of ergonomic related injuries and ergonomic hazards.

E. All powered industrial trucks and related programs will be inspected and evaluated.

F. Inspections will also emphasize identification of hazards related to the life safety code, means of egress and fire suppression.

G. All inspections will include an evaluation of potential chemical exposures and/or chemical hazard communication.

H. All inspections will include an evaluation of the potential for noise exposure.
XI. **Inspection Procedures:**

A. Once an inspection has been scheduled and assigned, the OSHA IMIS and OIS databases will be searched for the employer’s citation and fatality/accident history prior to the opening conference.

B. To prepare for inspections under this LEP, all CSHOs should become familiar with the following OSHA standards and publications, as well as the OSHA eTools website regarding machine guarding:

1. OSHA Instruction CPL 03-00-019, August 13, 2015, National Emphasis Program on Amputations.

2. OSHA Standards at Subpart O, Machinery and Machine Guarding.

3. OSHA Standards at Subpart P, Hand and Portable Powered Tools & Other Hand Held Equipment.

4. OSHA Publication 3157, A Guide for Protecting Workers from Woodworking Hazards.


C. At the opening conference the CSHO will inquire of the employer whether any of the referenced types of machines are present in the workplace. If any of these machines are present in the workplace, the CSHO must conduct a thorough inspection of the machine(s) with particular attention to employee exposure to nip points, pinch points, shear points, cutting actions, and other point(s) of operation. When possible, the CSHO also should evaluate employee exposures during any of the following:

1. Regular operation of the machine.

2. Setup/threading/preparation for regular operation of the machine.

3. Clearing jams or upset conditions.

4. Making running adjustments while the machines is operating.

5. Cleaning of the machine.
6. Oiling or greasing of the machine or machine parts.

7. Scheduled/unscheduled maintenance.

8. Lockout/tagout.

D. The CSHO will review all relevant OSHA 300 logs at the establishment for amputation injuries or hazards.

E. Inspections will be comprehensive, with a focus on hazards associated with power presses, saws, shears, slicers and other machines identified in Appendix A.

F. If the CSHO enters an establishment that has 10 or fewer employees then check to determine if they are exempt from inspection according to CPL 02-00-051. **If they are exempt, end the inspection and leave the establishment.**

G. If the CSHO enters an establishment that has 10 or fewer employees and it is determined they are not exempt from inspection, then determine if the establishment is connected to a larger corporation. If that is the case, then proceed with the inspection.

H. If the CSHO enters an establishment that has 10 or fewer employees and it is determined they are not exempt from inspection, and it is also determined that the establishment is not connected to a larger corporation, and they are not covered under another Region IX LEP, end the inspection and leave the establishment.

I. If a CSHO discovers locations to inspect that are not on the inspection list they will bring that information back to be included in the amputation establishment list.

J. If the CSHO enters an establishment and determines that there are no machines that are amputation hazards, then conduct a records review and determine if the inspection can be conducted under one of Region IX’s other LEPs (e.g., Warehouse LEP).

K. Other Safety and Health Hazards

A. Compliance officers will evaluate compliance with the powered industrial truck standard 29 CFR 1910.178. Emphasis will be placed on powered industrial truck procedures, training, safety-rule enforcement, and maintenance of vehicles.
B. Compliance officers should pay special attention to hazards related to life safety code violations, including means of egress and fire suppression, machine guarding, lockout/tagout, hazard communication, confined spaces, process safety management and evaluate for potential chemical and noise exposures.

XII. Coding: Inspections will be coded in the Inspection Type tab in OIS as follows:

A. All inspections must be marked as “Programmed Planned”, and with the LEP code AMPUTATE.

B. All inspections falling under the NAICS codes specified in the NEP must be marked with the AMPUTATE National Emphasis Program code.

C. Inspections which fall under the NEP shall have the NEP code as the primary emphasis code, and the LEP code as a non-primary code; all non-NEP inspections shall have the LEP code as the primary emphasis code.

D. Unprogrammed inspections or inspections conducted under other scheduling systems which also meet the criteria specified in this LEP shall have the AMPUTATE LEP code entered as an LEP code, but not as the primary emphasis code.

E. Strategic Plan codes, including but not limited to AMPUTATIONS, ELECTRICAL, NOISE and POWERED IND VEHICLE should be entered where applicable.

F. For all inspections, the scope must be marked as “Comprehensive”.

XIII. Evaluation:

The LEP will be evaluated in accordance with the guidelines in Appendix A of CPL 04-00-001, November 10, 1999, Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs and Experimental Programs. The Assistant Regional Administrator for Enforcement Programs will request input from the Area Directors for this evaluation.

A. For LEPs which have been renewed from a previous year, the evaluation will use data for the period covering from the beginning of the 4th quarter of the previous fiscal year through the end of the 3rd quarter of the current fiscal year (i.e., the FY16 LEP evaluation will include data from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Narrative sections of the evaluation should cover the same time frame, although significant issues arising in the 4th quarter, which may affect a decision on renewal of the LEP, may also be discussed.
B. This evaluation shall be submitted to the Regional Administrator for review by November 1, at which time a decision will be made to renew or discontinue the LEP. On the approval of the Regional Administrator, the evaluation report shall be submitted to the Directorate of Enforcement Programs and the Directorate of Construction no later than November 30. The evaluation report will include:

1. The goal of the program and the Director of Enforcement and Investigation’s opinion of how effective the program was in meeting its goals.

2. Data and information used to support the conclusions stated above. Data can include enforcement statistics, serious hazards eliminated, and any impact on covered, non-inspected employers, the number of employees affected by enforcement activities covered by the LEP.

3. Statement and rationale of whether the program should be continued.

4. Description of any legal issues that arose which would necessitate a review by the Solicitor before renewal of the program.

5. Any other comments or recommendations, including findings, which might have an impact on how the industry conducts business.

XIV. Outreach:

The Assistant Regional Administrator for Cooperative and State Programs and the Assistant Regional Administrator for Enforcement Programs will ensure the Area Directors and all Outreach staff are familiar with this directive and actively promote the LEP when conducting outreach sessions and meetings. Hazards, work practices, and machinery associated with amputations and covered by this LEP will be pointed out and discussed during outreach sessions and meetings. Handouts and publications that address these hazards, which are already developed and available, will be provided at outreach sessions and meetings. A copy of this LEP will be provided to interested parties upon request.
Other Machines

- Bending, rolling, and shaping machinery
- Boring, drilling, milling, and planing machinery
- Conveyors, both gravity and powered
- Food and beverage processing and packaging machinery
- Grinding and polishing machinery
- Printing machinery

Descriptions of most of these machines, their amputation hazards and methods of controlling their amputation hazards can be found in OSHA Publication 3170-07R, Safeguarding Equipment and Protecting Workers from Amputations.
Sample CSHO and/or Employer Self-Inspection Checklist

Answers to the following questions should help the CSHO and/or employer to determine the safeguarding needs of his or her own workplace by drawing attention to hazardous conditions or practices requiring corrections.

Requirements for All Safeguards
1. Do the safeguards provided meet the minimum OSHA requirements?
2. Do the safeguards prevent workers' hands, arms, and other body parts from making contact with dangerous moving parts?
3. Are the safeguards firmly secured and not easily removable?
4. Do the safeguards ensure that no objects will fall into the moving parts?
5. Do the safeguards permit safe, comfortable, and relatively easy operation of the machine?
6. Can the machine be oiled without removing the safeguard?
7. Is there a system for shutting down the machinery and locking/tagging out before safeguards are removed?
8. Can the existing safeguards be improved?

Mechanical Hazards
The Point of Operation:
1. Is there a point-of-operation safeguard provided for the machine?
2. Does it keep the operator's hands, fingers, body out of the danger area?
3. Is there evidence that the safeguards have been tampered with or removed?
4. Could you suggest a more practical, effective safeguard?

5. Could changes be made on the machine to eliminate the point-of-operation hazard entirely?

Power Transmission Apparatus:
1. Are there any unguarded gears, sprockets, pulleys, or flywheels on the apparatus?

2. Are there any exposed belts or chain drives?

3. Are there any exposed set screws, keys ways, collars, etc.?

4. Are starting and stopping controls within easy reach of the operator?

5. If there is more than one operator, are separate controls provided?

Other Moving Parts:
1. Are safeguards provided for all hazardous moving parts of the machine, including auxiliary parts?

Nonmechanical Hazards
1. Have appropriate measures been taken to safeguard workers against noise hazards?

2. Have special guards, enclosure, or personal protective equipment been provided, where necessary to protect workers from exposure to harmful substances used in machine operation?

Electrical Hazards
1. Is the machine installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association and National Electrical Code requirements?

2. Are there loose conduit fittings?

3. Is the machine properly grounded?

4. Is the power supply correctly fused and protected?

5. Do workers occasionally receive minor shocks while operating the machines?
San Francisco Regional Instruction CPL 04-00-01
APPENDIX C

Related ANSI and ASME Standards

2. ANSI B11.2-1995 Hydraulic Power Presses
4. ANSI B11.4-1993 Shears
5. ANSI B11.5-1998 (R1994) Ironworkers
6. ANSI B11.6-1984 (R1994) Lathes
7. ANSI B11.7-1995 Cold Headers and Cold Formers
8. ANSI B11.8-1983 (R1994) Drilling, Milling, and Boring Machines
10. ANSI B11.10-1990 (R1997) Metal Sawing Machines
11. ANSI B11.11-1985 (R1994) Gear Cutting Machines
12. ANSI B11.12-1996 Roll-Forming and Roll-Bending Machines
15. ANSI B11.16-1988 Metal Powder Compacting Presses
17. ANSI B11.18-1997 Machinery and Machine Systems for Processing Strip, Sheet, or Plate From Coiled Configuration
22. ANSI B65.3-1991 Safety Standard for Guillotine Paper Cutters
23. ANSI B7.1-2000 Use, Care, and Protection of Abrasive Wheels
24. ANSI B151.5-1982 (R1988) Plastic Film and Sheet Winding Equipment
25. ANSI B151.20-1999 Plastic Sheet Production Machinery
26. ANSI B155.1-1994 Packaging Machinery and Packaging-Related Converting Machinery
27. ANSI B177.1-1997 Three Roller Printing Ink Mills
28. ANSI O1.1-1992 Woodworking Machinery
29. ASME B5.52M-1980 (R1994) Mechanical Power Presses, General Purpose Single Point
30. ASME B15.1-1996 Mechanical Power Transmission Apparatus
31. ASME B15.1A-1997 Addenda to B15.1-1996
32. ASME B15.1B-1998 Addenda to B15.1-1996
33. ASME B20.1-1996 Conveyors and Related Equipment, with Interpretations A and B
34. ASME B20.1A and B20.1B Addenda to B20.1-1996
35. ASME/CEMA 350-1988 Screw Conveyors
36. ASME/CEMA 401-1994 Unit Handling Conveyors – Roll Conveyors – Non-Powered
37. ASME/CEMA 402-1992 Unit Handling Conveyors – Belt Conveyors
38. ASME/CEMA 403-1985 Unit Handling Conveyors – Belt Driven Live Conveyors
39. ASME/CEMA 404-1985 Unit Handling Conveyors – Chain Driven Live Conveyors
40. ASME/CEMA 405-1985 Packaging Handling Conveyors – Slant Conveyors Conveyor

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Procedures for Scheduling Inspections

1. The Area Office will maintain a master list of sites eligible for inspection under this LEP. The master list, all additions and deletions, the randomized list, and scheduling cycles created for this LEP, shall be filed electronically on the regional shared drive and retained for three years.

   a. Additions may be made to the master list based on local knowledge or other factors, including OSHA inspection history.
      i. This should include annual OIS searches for establishments which have been coded with a secondary code, or under a related program. For example, a site that was inspected under the FORKLIFT LEP may have led to citations for amputation hazards. This inspection could be coded with AMPUTATE as a secondary code or with the AMPUTATIONS Strategic Plan code, and should be added to the AMPUTATE list for the following year.
      ii. ADs should cross-reference these lists, and CSHOs should check establishment history on OIS, to make sure that sites which are placed on multiple lists are not subject to multiple inspections within a 12-month period.

   b. Establishments shall be deleted from the master list if, during the course of an inspection, it is determined that the site no longer falls within the parameters of the LEP. This would primarily apply to sites which no longer perform the process or use the equipment targeted by the LEP.

   c. All additions and deletions must be documented.

2. At the beginning of each fiscal year (or on the LEP’s effective date), the Area Office shall create a randomly numbered list of all sites on the master list. Sites shall be randomly ordered using the RANDBETWEEN function in Excel. AOs may also send their master list to EP for randomization.

3. If all sites on the master list are to be inspected during the fiscal year, the sites may be inspected in any order. If an Area Office is not able to complete all inspections on the master list within a fiscal year, the Area Office will complete the list as soon as possible in the first quarter of the next fiscal year, and shall develop and follow scheduling cycles for the remainder of that year and in subsequent years.

4. The Area Office will create scheduling cycles by selecting a number of establishments from the randomized master list. All scheduling cycles shall be filed electronically on the regional shared drive.
a. Establishments selected in a cycle can be inspected in any order, but the Area Office should take into account that all establishments in a cycle must be completed before another cycle is created. Area Offices should take into account programming goals and available resources when setting the size of a cycle.

b. To the extent possible, new cycles should be selected at least once per quarter. Cycles may be run more often if necessary. An uncompleted cycle may be carried over into the next quarter, but the Area Office should take this into account and adjust the number selected for subsequent cycles accordingly.

c. Selected establishments may be deferred to the next cycle if the site has been subject to a comprehensive programmed inspection (under this or any LEP) within the previous 12 months, or if the process to be inspected is not active. All deferrals must be documented. Additional criteria for deferral include:

i. Necessary equipment or personnel with necessary experience are not available to perform the inspection.

ii. The establishment is the last remaining establishment in a cycle, the inspection would require travel in excess of 50 miles, and it cannot be combined with other inspection activity.

iii. The establishment was cited as the result of a previous comprehensive inspection, and the final abatement date has not yet passed.

iv. The establishment has contested a previous citation and it is still pending before the Review Commission.

Approval for deferrals based on reasons other than those listed must be discussed with and approved by the ARA for EP.