



OSHA REGIONAL NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

DIRECTIVE NUMBER: 13-27 (CPL 04)	EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 2013
SUBJECT: Local Emphasis Program for Logging Operations under Federal Jurisdiction in Oregon and Washington	
REGIONAL IDENTIFIER: Region 10	

ABSTRACT

- Purpose:** This Notice transmits the policy and procedures to be followed when making local emphasis inspections of logging operations in Oregon and Washington that are under federal jurisdiction.
- Scope:** This Notice applies in Oregon and Washington to inspections by federal OSHA of sites under federal jurisdiction.
- References:** OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-025, *Scheduling System for Programmed Inspections*, January 4, 1995
OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001, *Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs*, November 10, 1999
OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-150, *Field Operations Manual*, April 22, 2011.
- Cancellations:** Seattle Regional Notice 13-07 (CPL 04), February 20, 2013.
- Expiration Date:** This Notice will expire December 31, 2014, but may be renewed.
- State Impact:** None.
- Significant Changes:** None.

Action Offices: Bellevue and Portland Area Offices and the Office of Federal and State Operations.

Originating Office: Office of Federal and State Operations

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The responsibility for conducting safety and health inspections of most logging operations in Oregon and Washington belongs to the occupational safety and health programs operated by the states of Oregon and Washington under the OSHA Act. Those inspections are made according to state procedures approved by OSHA.

The exception to the above is all Indian reservations in both states plus Fort Lewis in Washington, which fall under the jurisdiction of federal OSHA.

The program discussed below describes the procedures that will be used by the Portland and Bellevue OSHA Area Offices when scheduling programmed safety and health inspections at logging sites under federal jurisdiction.

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III. Action Offices. Bellevue and Portland Area Offices and the Office of Federal and State Operations.

IV. State Plan Impact. None.

V. References.

- A. OSHA Field Instruction CPL 02-00-025, Scheduling System for Programmed Inspections, January 4, 1995.
- B. OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001, Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs, November 10, 1999.
- C. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-150, Field Operations Manual (FOM),

VI. Cancellations. Seattle Regional Notice, 13-07 (CPL 04), February 20, 2013.

VII. Actions Required. The area director shall use the procedures described in paragraph VII of this Notice when any logging operation is scheduled for a programmed safety and health inspection.

VIII. Policy. The Portland and Bellevue area directors shall use the local emphasis program, as described in Appendix A, as the basis for scheduling programmed safety and health inspections in logging operations.

Referral inspections from safety or health compliance officers making inspections under this inspection program shall be made using the guidelines outlined in the FOM.

IX. Procedures. The procedures contained in Appendix A of this Notice shall be followed for the purpose of targeting and scheduling OSHA inspections in all logging operations in Oregon and Washington.

X. Guidelines.

A. OIS Coding: Inspections, unprogrammed activities and compliance assistance activities conducted under this program shall be coded with the designation "LOGGING."

B. Evaluation Procedures:

This LEP will be evaluated in accordance with the guidelines in Appendix A of CPL 04-00-001, Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs and Experimental Programs.

The Area Director will be asked to provide input concerning special problems that may have surfaced during the year; recommendations to improve the LEP; and recommendations to renew or not renew the LEP.

The Office of Federal and State Operations (FSO) shall review the input and prepare an evaluation to be submitted to the Regional Administrator for review by November 15 of each year. On the approval of the Regional Administrator, the evaluation report will be submitted to the Directorate of Enforcement Programs no later than November 30.

APPNDIX A

Region X Local Emphasis Program for Programmed Logging Inspections

A. Specific Industry

All establishments classified under SIC/NAICS 2411/113310 - logging camps and logging contractors - will be considered eligible for programmed safety and health inspections under the system. Additional employers working at a selected logging work site will also be eligible for inspection if they have engaged in logging operation activity as described in Appendix B or if their employees have been exposed to hazards related to those activities.

B. Procedure

The following procedures will be used when targeting and scheduling logging inspections in Oregon and Washington.

Targeting

1. The area director shall determine, a part of his/her yearly program plan, the number of logging inspections that will be conducted during the fiscal year.
2. The area director shall divide his/her jurisdiction into geographical areas to represent the primary areas of logging activity within the state.
3. The area director shall allocate the projected number of inspections to each geographical area.

Inspection Scheduling

1. Compliance officers shall be directed into a pre-selected geographical area within the quarter as determined by the program plan or the office's scheduling system. The CSHO shall be instructed to inspect the first logging site he/she comes across. The compliance officer shall conduct a complete inspection of the work site.
2. If the area director has scheduled more than one logging inspection on a particular trip, the CSHO shall be instructed to continue his/her search in the region assigned. He/she shall then make a full investigation of the second logging site he finds. This will continue until the CSHO has conducted the number of inspections assigned by the area director unless he/she is told to return to the area office or the area director assigns him/her a different work schedule.

3. The area director shall emphasize to the CSHO that a site shall be inspected once the compliance officer becomes aware of it. In no case shall a compliance officer be allowed to “cruise” looking for a particular employer or work site.

C. Unprogrammed Inspections

Unprogrammed inspections (i.e., complaints, fatalities) will be made following current OSHA policy. Those work sites that receive an unprogrammed inspection shall be removed from the geographical area list for the year. Unprogrammed inspections should also be coded “LOGGING.”

APPNDIX B

Typical Logging Operations

The following items are typical of all logging operations within the Pacific Northwest

Pre-logging Operations

- Logging road construction
- Layout of logging operations
- Equipment selection

Felling and Bucking Operations

- Brush clearing
- Tree cutting
- Snag felling operations
- Bucking at felling site
- Bucking and limbing at the landing
- Miscellaneous bucking activities

Chain Saw Operations

- Transportation chain saws to cutting areas
- Fueling operations
- Saw operations in the woods and at the landing

Log Transportation – In Forest

- Skidder operations (both rubber-tired and tracked vehicles)
- Skylines operations
- Cable yarding
- Cable rigging
- Choker setting operations
- Log haulage
- Other cable yarding methods
- Use of cranes and other log manipulation machines
- Helicopter

Log Loading

- Manual loading
- Grapple loading
- Fork loading

- Log scaling and marking
- Log sorting
- Truck loading operations

Miscellaneous Operations

- Fuel storage
- Fire Prevention