



OSHA REGIONAL NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

DIRECTIVE NUMBER: CPL 04-00 (LEP-011) | **EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2017

SUBJECT: LEP for High Rise Building Construction Inspections in Chicago, Illinois

REGIONAL IDENTIFIER: Region V

ABSTRACT

Purpose: Continue a Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for safety and health inspections of high rise construction projects in Chicago.

References: OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-160, Field Operations Manual (FOM), OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001 Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs

Action Offices: Chicago South Area Office and Chicago North Area Office.

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By and Under the Authority of

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- I. Purpose. The purpose of this Notice is to continue a Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for safety and health inspections of high rise construction projects.
- II. Scope. This Notice applies to the Chicago South Area Office and Chicago North Area Office.
- III. References. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-160, Field Operations Manual (FOM), OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001, Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs.
- IV. Expiration. This Notice expires September 30, 2018.
- V. Action. The Area Director will use the procedures described in Paragraph VIII of this Notice as the basis for developing and implementing inspection activity of high rise construction projects.
- VI. Policy. The Area Director shall use the LEP as described herein as the basis for scheduling safety and health inspection activity at high rise construction projects. The targeting and selection program is intended to be used on those new construction projects which are 10 stories tall or greater.
- VII. Background. A complaint inspection of a multi-story building in downtown Chicago resulted in the issuance of citations to the General Contractor with a proposed penalty of \$296,000. Looking at the building from the surrounding area, one would not have believed there to be any violations present to initiate an inspection under the LEP Fall initiative. Once inside the workplace, documented conditions existed which exposed employees to hazards which could have resulted in serious physical harm or death. These included fall and electrical hazards among many others. Also present was the possibility of silica overexposure.
 - A. Inspections of large scale jobs in the Chicago area are typically initiated in response to a complaint or through Construction Targeting lists. However, because these lists do not provide information which details the stage of development of the new construction project, and recent history shows that there have been few complaints filed on large scale construction jobs, OSHA's ability to conduct inspections of these high hazard workplaces is limited.
 - B. The inspection lists will include those sites involving new construction of 10 stories or greater. The determination to use the 10 story criteria is derived from the type of construction being done within the City of Chicago in the geographic jurisdiction of Chicago North and Chicago South. The intent of this program is to target large scale construction projects. Developers of the program determined that the sites being targeted were multi-story complexes and the 10 story initiation point would help ensure that the intent of the project was met.

- VIII. Procedures. The following procedures will be used in targeting and scheduling of inspections conducted under this LEP.
- A. The inspection will be scheduled once visual observation assures that the structure has reached or exceeded the 10th story level.
 - B. The boundary areas are the geographical jurisdictions of the Area Offices included in this LEP.
 - C. The inspection list will be developed and updated on a bi-monthly basis by visual observation of applicable sites.
 - D. The inspections will be conducted using the Focused Inspection Initiative criteria.
 - E. Compliance Officers shall collect OSHA 300 logs on all worksites where the general contractor maintains a log for the entire worksite. This information will be used to develop a baseline of comparison for reduction in injuries and illnesses.
- IX. OIS Coding. Inspections conducted under this program will be coded as “Programmed Planned” and Local Emphasis Program “HIRISE.”
- X. Evaluation Procedures

The Chicago South Area Office will prepare a written evaluation of this LEP in the format specified by OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001. Evaluations will be submitted annually for the previous Fiscal Year.