which does not impose additional or more stringent requirements than an existing standard. States are not required to revise their standards, although OSHA may encourage them to do so. The 26 States and territories with OSHA-approved State Plans are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut (plan covers only State and local government employees), Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New Jersey (plan covers only State and local government employees), New York (plan covers only State and local government employees), North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands (plan covers only State and local government employees), Washington, and Wyoming.

Since this final rule revokes the slip-resistance provision in the Steel Erection standard (Subpart R, § 1926.754(c)(3) and Appendix B), it will not impose any additional or more stringent requirements on employers. Therefore, States with OSHA-approved State Plans may, but are not required, to take parallel action. OSHA encourages State Plans to review the factors considered by OSHA in taking this action.

VIII. OMB Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)(44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), agencies are required to seek the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for all collections of information (paperwork). As part of the approval process, agencies must solicit comment from affected parties with regard to collection of information, including the financial and time burdens estimated by the agencies for collection of information. OSHA has determined that this final rule does not contain any collections of information as defined in OMB’s regulations (60 FR 44978 (8/29/1995)).

IX. Authority


Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of January, 2006.

Jonathan L. Snare,
Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1926

Structural steel erection, Construction industry, Construction safety, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Occupational safety and health.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 29 CFR part 1926 is amended as follows:

PART 1926—SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Subpart R—Steel Erection

1. The authority citation for Subpart R is revised to read as follows:

Authority: Section 107, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (Construction Safety Act) (40 U.S.C. 3704); Sections 4, 6, and 8, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657); Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 3–2000 (65 FR 50017) or 5–2002 (67 FR 65008), and 29 CFR part 1911.

■ § 1926.754 [Amended]

2. In § 1926.754, remove paragraph (c)(3).

Appendix B [Removed and Reserved]

3. In Subpart R, remove and reserve Appendix B.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1952

Oregon State Plan; Approval of Plan Supplement; Change in Level of Federal Enforcement: Crater Lake National Park

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document gives notice of OSHA’s approval of a change to the state of Oregon’s occupational safety and health state plan to exclude coverage of private sector contractors at Crater Lake National Park. Accordingly, Federal OSHA will exercise enforcement authority over such employers. OSHA is amending its description of the state plan to reflect this change in the level of Federal enforcement in the state.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara E. Bryant, Director, Office of State Programs, Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs, Room N–3700, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2244. An electronic copy of this Federal Register notice is available on OSHA’s Web site at http://www.osha.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act), 29 U.S.C. 667, provides that states which wish to assume responsibility for developing and enforcing their own occupational safety and health standards may do so by submitting, and obtaining Federal approval of, a state plan. State plan approval occurs in stages which include initial approval under Section 18(c) of the Act and, ultimately, final approval under Section 18(e).

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health State Plan was initially approved under Section 18(c) of the Act and Part 1902 on December 22, 1972 (37 FR 28628, Dec. 28, 1972). The Oregon program (Oregon OSHA) is administered by the Occupational Safety and Health Division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. On May 12, 2005, OSHA awarded final approval to the Oregon State Plan pursuant to Section 18(e) and amended Subpart R of 29 CFR part 1952 to reflect the Acting Assistant Secretary’s decision (70 FR 24947). As a result, OSHA relinquished its authority with regard to occupational safety and health issues covered by the Oregon State Plan (with the exception of temporary labor camps). Federal OSHA retained its authority over safety and health in private sector establishments on Indian reservations and tribal trust lands, including tribal and Indian-owned enterprises; Federal agencies; the U.S. Postal Service and its contractors; contractors on U.S. military reservations, except those working on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam construction projects; and private sector maritime employment on or adjacent to navigable waters, including shipyard operations and marine terminals.

Federal OSHA has determined that Oregon’s Crater Lake National Park, established in 1902 and covering an area of “exclusive Federal jurisdiction” by an act of Congress on August 21, 1916 (39
Accordingly, OSHA officials informed Oregon OSHA of OSHA’s determination. Federal OSHA officials also met on August 16, 2005 with the Crater Lake National Park superintendent, his staff and contractors working at the Park to inform them that Federal OSHA had jurisdiction over both the Federal employees and private sector contractors at Crater Lake. By e-mail of August 23, 2005, from Michele Patterson, Deputy Administrator, Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA) to Richard Terrill, Regional Administrator, the state of Oregon agreed that the state did not have authority to regulate private sector contractors in the Park and that Federal OSHA should exercise jurisdiction over all employees (except state and local government employees, should there be any) at Crater Lake National Park.

Accordingly, Crater Lake National Park is deemed to be an issue no longer covered by the Oregon State Plan, and Federal OSHA is assuming jurisdiction and enforcement responsibility for all private sector as well as Federal employees at the Park. OSHA is also amending its description of the state plan to reflect this change in the level of Federal enforcement.

B. Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying

A copy of the documents referenced in this notice may be obtained from:

Office of State Programs, Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693–2244, fax (202) 693–1671; Office of the Regional Administrator, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, Washington 98101–3212; and the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division, Department of Consumer and Business Services, 350 Winter Street, NE., Room 430, Salem, Oregon 97310.

Other information about the Oregon State Plan is posted on the state’s Web site at http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/. Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available on OSHA’s Web page at http://www.osha.gov/.

C. Public Participation

Under 29 CFR 1953.3(o), the Assistant Secretary may prescribe alternative procedures to expedite the review process or for other good cause which may be consistent with applicable laws. Federal OSHA and the state of Oregon have determined that all employers and employees (except state and local government employees, should there be any) at Crater Lake National Park are subject to Federal jurisdiction. This change to Federal jurisdiction has been communicated to Park authorities and their contractors and is already in effect. Accordingly, OSHA finds that further public participation is unnecessary, and this notice of approval is effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1952

National parks, Intergovernmental relations, Law enforcement, Occupational safety and health.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of January 2006.

Jonathan L. Sparer,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

§ 1952.104 Final approval determination.

1. The authority section for part 1952 continues to read as follows:


Subpart D—Oregon

2. Amend § 1952.104 by revising the second sentence of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1952.104 Final approval determination.

(b) * * * * The plan does not cover private sector establishments on Indian reservations and tribal trust lands, including tribal and Indian-owned enterprises; employment at Crater Lake National Park; Federal agencies; the U.S. Postal Service and its contractors; contractors on U.S. military reservations, except those working on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam construction projects; and private sector maritime employment on or adjacent to navigable waters, including shipyard operations and marine terminals.

3. Amend § 1952.105 by redesignating paragraph (b)(1)(iv) as (b)(1)(v) and adding a new paragraph (b)(1)(iv), to read as follows:

§ 1952.105 Level of Federal enforcement.

(b)(1) * * * *

(iv) Enforcement of occupational safety and health standards with regard to employment at Crater Lake National Park;

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

Security Zones; Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, AK

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is continuing temporary security zones encompassing the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Valdez Terminal Complex, Valdez, Alaska and TAPS Tank Vessels and Valdez Narrows, Port Valdez, Alaska, and is reducing the size of one of these zones. These temporary security zones will remain effective until February 12, 2006, while we complete a separate rulemaking to create permanent security zones in these locations.

DATES: This rule is effective from January 12, 2006, through February 12, 2006. Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before February 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, PO Box 486, Valdez, Alaska 99686. Marine Safety Office Valdez, Port Operations Department maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Valdez, 105 Clifton, Valdez, AK 99686 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LTJG Duane Lemmon, Port Operations Department, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Valdez, Alaska, (907) 835–7218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

On October 14, 2005, we published a temporary final rule entitled “Security Zones; Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez AK” in the Federal Register (70