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"The Employer"

The Chief Compliance Officer is writing in response to the employer's letter of May 24, 2007, in which the employer requests a deviation from *Occupational Health and Safety Act* General Regulation 91-191 section 136(1)(c) that states:

136(1)(c) An employer shall ensure that a metal scaffold if 6m or greater in height is equipped with a continuous access stairway commencing at ground level.

The employer indicates in the employer's letter that a stair tower is structurally impossible because, in order to have a stair tower, the space needs to be 11' square and the pier size is 9' x 4' and therefore a stair tower is not an option. Since a stair tower is not an option, the employer is proposing to use a ladder system.

The Chief Compliance Officer has reviewed the information the employer has provided and has conferred with a Health and Safety Officer. Based on the information the employer has provided and the Health and Safety Officer's findings, a deviation is granted provided the ladder access complies with sections 121(1) 121(2), 121(3) and 121(4).

By copy of this letter, the Chief Compliance Officer has advised WHSCC staff of the decision.

Yours truly,

Chief Compliance Officer

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