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“The Employer”

This is a follow-up to the Chief Compliance Officer’s letter dated April 9 where a decision on the employer’s request for a deviation to allow hot bolting was suspended pending a review by the employer of new information provided by the WHSCC.

In two separate emails dated April 9, the employer provided the Chief Compliance Officer with two revised documents for the Chief Compliance Officer’s consideration, the second revisions occurring as a result of feedback from the WHSCC:

1. Safe Job Procedure developed by the employer;
2. Hot Bolting Procedure;

In addition, the employer pointed out that hot bolting would not occur on pipes and piping systems containing explosives or flammable materials. As a result, the employer revised the employer’s deviation request from Section 278 (1) and (2) and 279 (1) (b) to 279 (1) (a) which states that:

An employer shall ensure that welding, cutting, burning or soldering operation is not undertaken on a closed container;

After reviewing the changes the employer made to the employer’s procedures for hot bolting, the WHSCC has added one additional requirement to the employer’s procedures.

Based on the revised procedures, a deviation from Section 279 (1) (a) is granted provided that:

1. Employees carrying out the work are trained in the procedures;
2. The employer advises the WHSCC when hot bolting work will be conducted.

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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