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"The Employer"

The Chief Compliance Officer is writing in response to the employer's email dated September 2, 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.

In the email, the employer indicates that the employer is requesting a deviation for a stair-tower on a scaffold. The employer also indicates that there are a lot electrical wires surrounding the work area impeding the employer's ability to erect the scaffold system with stairs. Instead, the employer proposes to install a ladder access with cage which will be staggered every 15'. The overall height of the scaffold will be 45'. The Chief Compliance Officer has reviewed the information the employer has provided and the Chief Compliance Officer has conferred with a Health and Safety Officer.

Regarding the matter of electrical safety, the employer has advised the Chief Compliance Officer that appropriate coverings for the wires are in place while the work is being carried out.

Based on the information the employer provided, and the Health and Safety Officer's findings, a deviation is granted.

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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