

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1926

Steel Erection Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee (SENAC)

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting and signing ceremony.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of a meeting of SENAC. Notice is also hereby given of a signing ceremony which will take place if the members reach consensus on the text of a proposed rule. In addition, notice is given of the location of the meeting and signing ceremony. This meeting and signing ceremony will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting and signing ceremony will take place on July 24, 1997. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the signing ceremony is scheduled to take place at 1:00 p.m. on July 24th.

ADDRESSES: The meeting and signing ceremony will be held at the U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2508, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie Friedman, Director Office of Information and Consumer Affairs, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; telephone (202) 219-8151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 1994, OSHA announced that it had established the Steel Erection Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee (SENAC)(59 FR 24389) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990 (NRA) and section 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) to resolve issues associated with the development of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Steel Erection. Appointees to the Committee include representatives from labor, industry, public interests and government agencies.

SENAC began negotiations in mid-June, 1994, and has met eleven times since. Initial meetings dealt with procedural matters, including schedules, agendas and the establishment of workgroups. The

Committee established workgroups to address issues on Fall Protection, Allocation of Responsibility, Construction Specifications and Scope. During subsequent meetings foundations for negotiations were established, and additional workgroups were formed.

Considerable progress was made towards reaching a consensus on the first portion of a proposed steel erection standard by the December 1995 meeting. Following that meeting, OSHA completed the preamble and prepared a NPRM for publication in the **Federal Register**. At this meeting SENAC will consider the draft text. If it reaches a consensus on this draft, a signing ceremony will take place wherein SENAC will present its recommended proposed rule on steel erection to OSHA.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Committee meeting and the signing ceremony at the time and the place indicated above. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact OSHA by July 17, 1997.

The SENAC Facilitator, Philip J. Harter, can be reached at Suite 404, 2301 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037; telephone (202) 887-1033, FAX (202) 887-1036.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 7th day of July, 1997.

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Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 155

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Qualifications for Tankermen, and for Persons in Charge of Transfers of Dangerous Liquids and Liquefied Gases

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; Establishment of a delayed compliance date.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard establishes a delayed compliance date for a portion of the final rule concerning qualifications for tankermen and for persons in charge of transfers of dangerous liquids and liquefied gases. The delayed compliance date also applies to a paragraph that was

established in the interim rule, but not revised in the final rule. Because the Coast Guard finds that added time will be necessary for affected mariners to comply, the Coast Guard establishes a delayed compliance date for one requirement for licensing with respect to a vessel with a capacity of 250 barrels or more.

DATES: The effective date of the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 1997 (62 FR 25115), remains June 9, 1997. However, the compliance date for the revisions to 33 CFR 155.710(e) introductory text, (e)(1), (e)(2), and (e)(3) is January 1, 1998. Furthermore, the compliance date for 33 CFR 155.710(e)(4), not revised in the final rule, is January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 33 CFR 155.710(e) introductory text, (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), and (e)(4) were published in the interim rule (60 FR 17134). In the final rule, 33 CFR 155.710 (e) introductory text, (e)(1), (e)(2), and (e)(3) were revised—33 CFR 155.710 (e)(4) was not.

Because procurement of a license or MMD with a Tankerman-PIC endorsement on any vessel with a capacity of 250 or more barrels of fuel oil, cargo oil, hazardous material, or liquefied gas as regulated in Table 4 of 46 CFR part 154 presupposes formal training and proof of service, and because there are mariners who only now realize that they must obtain licenses or MMDs, it is clear that they are unable to comply by June 9, 1997. There are too few schools in the areas most affected, nor can the regional examination centers of the Coast Guard handle such an increase in customers in such a short time. To allow ample time for those mariners to obtain both the required training and the license or document, the Coast Guard establishes a delayed compliance date for 33 CFR 155.710(e) introductory text, (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), and (e)(4), of January 1, 1998.

Dated: July 3, 1997.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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