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Subject: Clarification: 29 CFR 1926.603(a)(8) as Related to Tying Off Loft-workers, Top-men and/or Pile-monks

1. Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to clarify the application of 29 CFR 1926.603(a)(8) as it relates to tying off employees using work platforms or stirrups on sheet piling.

2. Documentation Affected

This directive supersedes Field Information Memorandum #75-12 dated February 6, 1975.

3. Background

As the result of a request to clarify the application of 29 CFR 1926.603(a)(8), the following is herewith forwarded:

Section 1926.603(a)(8) applies only to the tying off of employees working on fixed leads, and not to men working on top of steel sheet piling. However, the loft worker, top-man,

and/or pilemonk on top of the sheeting shall be protected by the use of a work platform or stirrups.

4. Action

Under normal circumstances, CSHO's will not cite employers for failure to tie-off employees using work platforms or stirrups on sheet piling.

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5. Effective Date

This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

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