

North Carolina Department of Labor
Division of Occupational Safety and Health
Raleigh, North Carolina

Field Information System

Operational Procedure Notice #82

Subject: Revision of the North Carolina Administrative Code

A. Purpose. This OPN transmits the revised North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) to division staff. The code revision has an effective date of August 2, 1993.

B. Discussion. Historically, the OSHA Section of the NCAC has contained a hodgepodge of information including regulatory requirements such as recordkeeping, unique state standards, federal standards adopted for use in North Carolina, inspection procedures and standard interpretations. Through the years, the OSHA Code has lost a sense of order, timeliness, and effectiveness as a resource document. The NCAC has been revised in an effort to provide users with the information that they need to know in an orderly manner and to eliminate any superfluous materials which may not meet the criteria for a rule document. The revised NCAC contains only those requirements which are unique to the State Program. In those instances in which the NCAC contained regulations and procedures which were identical to federal regulations and procedures, the state entry has been eliminated and the federal entry has been incorporated by reference. In most cases the state regulations verbatim duplications of the federal regulations, but the inclusion in the old code gave the appearance of uniqueness. This was confusing to the public, especially for employers with multi-state operations. Unique state standards and rules that have been retained, but relocated, include Disclosure at 7A.0300, the State Advisory Council at 7A.0500, Rules of Practice for Variances at 7A.0700, the Life Safety Code at 7F.0102, and Shops Fabricating Structural Steel at 7F.0400. In some cases minor changes have been made to these rules. The Standard Building Code, Standard Fire Prevention Code, Elevators and Amusement Device standards, and the Boiler and Pressure Vessels standards were repealed.

C. Action. The revised OSHA Section of the North Carolina Administrative Code has an effective date of August 2, 1993. This document should be used by division personnel for siting regulatory violations and unique state standards. Specific Federal Regulations have been incorporated by reference including Part 1904 for Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. These state adopted federal regulations should be cited for recordkeeping violations. SAVEs for these recordkeeping regulations are contained in the General Industry SAVE Document at

pages R2-R6. Discard all local recordkeeping SAVEs.

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(Signed on Original)

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