

**North Carolina Department of Labor
Division of Occupational Safety and Health**

Raleigh, North Carolina

Field Information System

Operational Procedure Notice 134

Subject: 13 NCAC 7F.0600; Communication Towers Standard

A. Purpose.

This Operational Procedure Notice (OPN) delays the enforcement of the North Carolina Communication Towers Standard.

B. Discussion.

In 2000, OSHNC began rulemaking on the North Carolina state-specific Communication Towers standard. On February 1, 2005, sections .0601 – *Scope*, .0602 – *Definitions*, .0603 – *Employer Responsibilities*, .0604 – *Hazard Identification and Assessment*, .0608 - *Recordkeeping*, and .0609 – *Training*, became effective. Additionally, sections .0605 – *Fall Protection* and .0607 – *Hoists and Gin Poles* were approved by Rules Review Commission (RRC) on December 16, 2004, and were posted in the *NC Register* (Volume 19, Issue 15) on February 1, 2005. RRC will review section .0606 – *Radiation* during its February session.

In order to avoid confusion because of the staggered effective dates and to provide additional time for CSHO training, OSHNC will delay enforcement of all sections of 13 NCAC 7F.0600 until May 1, 2005. The delay of enforcement will only apply to programmed inspection activity.

C. Effective Date.

The OPN was effective on February 1, 2005. It will remain in effect until May 1, 2005.

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