

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

Raleigh, North Carolina

Field Information System

Operational Procedure Notice 134A

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. All sections of the rule have been approved by Rules Review Commission. 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, on April 1, 2005, section .0607 - *Hoists and Gin Poles* became effective. Section .0605 – *Fall Protection* is currently pending review and action in the 2005 legislative session and section .0606 – *Radiation* is awaiting legislative review in 2006.

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 which are currently in effect until May 1, 2005. The delay of enforcement will only apply to programmed inspection activity.

C. **Effective Date.**

OPN 134 is canceled. This revised OPN was effective on April 1, 2005. It will remain in effect until May 1, 2005.

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