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Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Revisions (Acetylene)

REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES
 TITLE 31. LABOR
 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS

Section One. Sec. 31-372-101-1910 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding the following:

Section 31-372-101-1910. Safety and health standards for general industry

<u>Standard Affected</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Fed. Reg. Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
1910.6	Incorporation by reference	3/8/12	Amended
Subpart H	Authority	3/8/12	Amended
1910.102	Acetylene	3/8/12	Amended

Statement of Purpose

Pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(b)(3), "Each proposed regulation shall have a statement of its purpose following the final section of the regulation." Enter the statement here.

The adoption by reference of these revisions to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards will serve to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. On March 8, 2012 the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration published notification of its adoption by Direct Final Rule of revisions to the Acetylene standard, which were effective in private sector general industry employment on March 5, 2012.

Conn. Gen. Stat. 31-372 requires, as an element of Connecticut's approved Public Sector-Only State Plan, that the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Division (CONN-OSHA) adopt all occupational health and safety standards, amendments or changes adopted or recognized by the United States Secretary of Labor under the authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

These revisions modify the Acetylene Standard by making the requirements of OSHA's Acetylene Standard consistent with current industry practices, thereby eliminating confusion and clarifying employer obligations, which will increase employee safety by encouraging compliance. Furthermore, bringing the Acetylene Standard in line with industry practice will not produce additional costs for employers, and may reduce compliance costs. Finally, the revision is non-controversial because it merely updates the SDO standard referenced in the rule to the most current version of that standard.

The link to the Federal Register Publication of the Acetylene Standard Revisions can be found here:

http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20120308A.pdf

http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20111205.pdf