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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, notice is hereby given that the Labor Commissioner, pursuant to Section 4-8 and 4-167 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, and under the authority of section 31-372 of the General Statutes, proposes to adopt by reference the following changes in the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards.

It should be noted that, because the scope of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Act is limited to the public sector employment, these regulations apply only to employment in state and municipal government agencies.

Section 1. 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>
Subpart I	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1910.136(a)	Foot protection.	4/11/14	Amended
1910.136(a)	Electrical protective equipment	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix B	Nonmandatory Compliance Guidelines for Hazard Assessment and Personal Protective Equipment Selection	4/11/14	Amended
Subpart R	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1910.269	Electric power generation, transmission and distribution.	4/11/14	Amended
Subpart S	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1910.331	Scope.	4/11/14	Amended
1910.399		4/11/14	Amended

Sec. 2. Sec. 31-372-107-1926 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding the following:

**Section 31-372-107-1926. Safety and Health Regulations for Construction**

<u>Standard Affected</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Fed. Reg. Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Subpart A	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1926.6	Incorporation by reference.	4/11/14	Amended

Subpart E	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1926.97	Electrical protective equipment.	4/11/14	New
Subpart M	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1926.500	Scope, application and definitions applicable to this subpart.	4/11/14	Amended
Subpart V	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
Subpart V	Electrical Power Transmission and Distribution	4/11/14	Amended
1926.950	General.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.952	Job briefing.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.953	Enclosed spaces.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.954	Personal protective equipment.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.955	Portable ladders and platforms.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.956	Hand and portable power equipment.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.957	Live-line tools.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.958	Materials handling and storage.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.959	Mechanical equipment.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.960	Working on or near exposed energized parts.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.961	Deenergizing lines and equipment For employee protection.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.962	Grounding for the protection of employees.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.963	Testing and test facilities.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.964	Overhead lines and live-line barehand work.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.965	Underground electrical installations.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.966	Substations.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.967	Special conditions.	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix B	Working on Exposed Energized Parts	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix C	Protection from Hazardous Difference in Electrical Potential	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix D	Methods of Inspecting and Testing Wood Poles	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix E	Protection from Flames and Electric Arcs	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix F	Work-Positioning Equipment Inspection Guidelines	4/11/14	Amended
Appendix G	Reference Documents	4/11/14	Amended
Subpart X	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1926.1053	Ladders.	4/11/14	Amended
Subpart CC	Authority	4/11/14	Amended
1926.1400	Scope.	4/11/14	Amended
1926.1410	Power line safety (all voltages) – equipment operations closer than the Table A zone.	4/11/14	Amended

**Statement of Purpose:** 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 April 11, 2014 the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published notification of its modifications to the Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution: Electrical Protective Equipment Standard, which will be effective in private sector general industry employment on July 10, 2014.

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 Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution: Electrical Protective Equipment Standard, which has not been modified since 1972, to make it more consistent with the general industry standard and bring the standard fully up to date.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views, or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following publication of this notice. Any such written material should be directed to:

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Any interested party may request a copy of the fiscal note from the Office of Program Policy at the above address.

A public hearing will be held on October 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Office of Program Policy Conference Room at the Connecticut State Labor Department, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Interested parties may submit data, facts, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at this hearing.