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"The Employer"

The Chief Compliance Officer is writing in response to the employer's email of January 13, 2006, in which the employer requests a deviation from *Occupational Health and Safety Act* General Regulation 91-191 Section 136(1)(c) that states:

136(1)(c) An employer shall ensure that a metal scaffold if 6m or greater in height is equipped with a continuous access stairway commencing at ground level.

The employer's deviation request was for work carried out at the owner's premises for what the Chief Compliance Officer understands to be a six-week shut down. According to the employer's email, the reason for the employer's deviation is due to high traffic in the work area resulting in obstruction to the movement of materials and a blocking off of emergency exits. Finally, the ladder systems that are being substituted for stairs will be caged and any long runs staggered.

Based on the information provided a deviation from Section 136(1)(c) is granted for this site and the duration of this project only.

By copy of this letter, the Chief Compliance Officer has advised WHSCC staff of the decision.

Regards,

Chief Compliance Officer

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