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To: Illinois Fire Service Stakeholders

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Emergency Response Standard

Dear Illinois Fire Service Stakeholders,

Federal OSHA has published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (link) to issue a new standard, *Emergency Response*, to replace the existing Fire Brigades standard, [29 CFR 1910.156](#) (link), originally implemented in 1980. If the new standard is implemented by federal OSHA, IL OSHA will be required to adopt and enforce it.

As part of the rulemaking process, federal OSHA is required to accept public comments on the proposed rule. In the interests of transparency and awareness, IL OSHA wants to inform stakeholders that the public comment period is open until **June 21, 2024 (federal OSHA has extended the comment period beyond the original May 6, 2024 deadline)**. Stakeholders interested in submitting comments on the proposed standard may do so [here](#) (link). Details and further instructions are contained within the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Emergency Response standard, in currently proposed form, is contained in pages 240-250 of the Notice.

After the public comment period, federal OSHA will continue to develop the final version of the standard. It is possible the Emergency Response standard could go into effect within the next two to three years, or, it could be delayed based on priorities of the administration.

The federal OSHA contact listed in the Notice is Mark Hagemann, Director, Office of Safety Systems, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, hagemann.mark@dol.gov. As always, feel free to contact IL OSHA at DOL.Safety@illinois.gov or 217-782-9386.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Kambarian".

Erik Kambarian

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