ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS AND SAFETY

DOSH Program Directive No. 85-1

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TO: All OSH Staff

SUBJECT: Special Inspection Programs for Grain Elev~~a~~tors in SIC Codes 4221 and 5153

1. Purpose: This program directive establishes an Alaska Special Program for general scheduled safety inspection of Grain Elevators in SIC Codes 4221 and 5153.

2. Directives Affected: DOSH Program Directive 83-3 is rescinded.

3. Background: Because of the continuing incidences of grain elevator explosions and accompanying loss of life, the agency has determined that an increased OSH enforcement presence in the grain handling industries is warranted.

   A. Certain segments of the grain handling industry covered by manufacturing SIC codes, e.g., grain mills, feed mills, flour mills and the like, are currently subject to inspection under OSH's general industry scheduling system for programmed inspections.

   B. Grain elevators, that is, those establishments with the primary function of storing and/or transferring grain, are not currently subject to programmed inspections because the SIC codes for these establishments (4221 and 5153) do not fall within the manufacturing SIC codes included on OSH's high injury rate industries.

4. Procedures:

   A. The administrator of the Scheduling System will develop a list of all known grain elevators in SICs 4221 and 5153 for all jurisdiction areas within the state. To develop that list, the administrator will use all available sources of information to the degree that they are reliable.

   B. The list shall be put in alphabetical order by establishment name and, for establishments with the same name, by the city in which the establishment is located.

   C. The establishments on the resulting list shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with "1." Deletions will be skipped in numbering the list. (See Chapter II, Compliance Manual for Deletion Criteria.)

D. Because of the small number of grain elevators in Alaska, two such establishments will be inspected during the fiscal year. If these industries should grow, the number of inspections will be increased.

E. An inspection list will be prepared as follows:

(1) Apply the same random number table used for selecting programmed construction inspections per Chapter II of the Compliance Manual to the numbered list of grain elevator establishments.

(2) Select establishments in the order prescribed by the random numbers until the number of inspections selected equals the number of inspections to be conducted under the Special Program.

(3) The establishments on the list resulting from the random number selection may be inspected in any order that makes efficient use of available resources. Such inspections shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines given in Chapter II of the Compliance Manual.

(4) All scheduled inspections shall be conducted even if they must be carried over into the next fiscal year.

(5) Except as noted in paragraphs (6) and (7), if an inspection of selected establishments cannot be conducted for any reason, the administrator shall select the next establishment prescribed by the random number table for inspection. This process shall be repeated until the requisite number of inspections have been completed or until the fiscal year ends.

(6) Any comprehensive, unprogrammed safety inspection of a grain handling facility covered by this special inspection program that has been conducted during the cycle may be counted toward the requisite number of inspections for the replacement purposes of E(5) although it does not affect the inspection of the establishments already included in the cycle.

(7) When an inspection is not conducted because the employer has refused entry, a warrant shall be sought in accordance with the current procedure for handling such refusals.

(8) No records review procedure for purposes of conducting a records-review-only-inspection will apply for this special program. All inspections will be complete inspections.

(9) A grain handling facility that has received a comprehenive inspection within the last 12 months will be deleted from the general schedule listing.

(10) Whenver possible a joint safety and health inspection will be conducted of grain handling facilities.

Recording in IMIS. Current instructions for completing the appropriate inspection classification boxes (Items 24 and 25) on the AKOSH-1, Inspection Report, as found in the IMIS Manual shall be applied when recording inspections conducted under this NEP a well as any other safety or health inspection in a facility where grain is handled, as follows:

1. The AKOSH-1 for any programmed safety or health inspection scheduled under the National Emphasis Program for Grain Handling Facilities shall be marked "Planned" (Item 24h) and "National Emphasis Program" (Item 25d). Record "GRAIN" in the space in Item 25d.

2. The AKOSH-1 for any programmed inspection scheduled from the Safety or the Health Establishment Lists but where grain is handled shall be marked "Planned" (Item 24h), "Safety" or "Health Planning Guide" (Item 25b) as appropriate, and "National Emphasis Program" (Item 25d). Record "GRAIN" in the space in Item 25d.

3. The AKOSH-1 for any unprogrammed safety or health inspection conducted in an establishment handling grain shall be marked "Unprogrammed" (Item 24a through g, as appropriate) and "National Emphasis Program" (Item 25d). Record "GRAIN" in the space in Item 25d.

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