State of Alaska
Department of Labor
Division of Labor Standards and Safety

DOSH Program Directive 89-8

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To: All LS&S/OSH Staff

From: Tom Stuart, Director

Subject: Scheduling System for Programmed Construction Inspections

A. Purpose: This Program Directive supplements and clarifies the procedures for scheduling construction worksites for inspections that is contained in Chapter II.E.2.,b.(2) of the Compliance Manual.

B. Background: Federal OSHA as a result of a audit by the Inspector General's Office has decided to use a computer generated report available through the University of Tennessee's Construction Resource Analysis Department (UTenn-CRA) from which to schedule construction worksites. This computer system is based on the information available from Dodge Reports of Construction Potentials.

Alaska has decided not to subscribe to this service at this time because it feels that its current inspection scheduling system is adequate and provides enough documentation to justify the selection of a particular worksites.

The scheduling system used by the State is objective because all know construction sites are included on its programmed inspection register.

C. Reference: Compliance Manual, Chapter II. DOSH PD 89-2 dated February 25, 1989 and PD 89-2A, dated August 14, 1989 are rescinded.

D. Construction Inspection Register: Per the Compliance Manual, all known construction sites in the cities where compliance officers are stationed will be placed on the inspection register. For the Anchorage area the Assistant Chief will prepare the list of know construction sites in the greater Anchorage area. In Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai, Kodiak, and Fairbanks, locally stationed compliance officers will send a list every two months of known construction sites to the Assistant Chief in Anchorage. The Assistant Chief will use these lists to make construction scheduling registers for each location. The random numbering system described in Chapter II of the Compliance Manual will be used to schedule inspections per the yearly programmed inspection plan except if there are less than ten work sites on the list, then all sites will be inspected within the two-month period. Each compliance officer will receive a list of construction sites to inspect per Chapter II.E.2.b.(2) of the Compliance Manual.

Sources such as the local building permits, industry notices, Alaska Department of Transportation contract lists, Dodge Reports, industry publications, and local knowledge will be used to develop these lists.

E. Remote Sites: The Assistant Chief will also develop a list of construction sites, using these same sources, in area of the State where there are no OSH offices. This list will be used to schedule inspections that may take precedent over scheduling inspections of local construction sites. The Assistant Chief will identify all construction projects with a dollar value of $100,000 or more (when such value is known) and projects of contractors who have had three or more serious violations cited during a previous inspection. The random number procedure described above will be used to prioritize this list and the Assistant Chief shall assure that at least 10 construction sites on this list are inspected during each six month period. The Assistant Chief may assigned additional inspections from this list if a compliance officer is required to travel to an area to conduct an unprogrammed inspection such as a complaint or a referral and there is an opportunity to conduct some scheduled inspections in that area.

F. Major Construction Sites: After the initial inspection of a major construction site, the compliance officer who inspected the site should discuss with the supervisor whether the site should be inspected at the different stages of the project. In making this decision, the supervisor should take into consideration the number of violations

cited of the worksite, the attitude of the general contractor and the inspection history of the general and subcontractors who work on the project. The supervisor should also take into consideration any unusual work practice or equipment that may be in use or is planned to be used at this worksite. If it is decided not to schedule further inspections at a worksite, the supervisor will be expected to monitor the project through the Report of First Injuries provided by Workers' Compensation and through local knowledge to assure that work is being done safely on the project. If the sueprvisor determines that another inspection is warranted based on information that he receives from these sources, further inspections will be scheduled.

G. Effective Date: These procedures will be effective immediately.