

1997), a 55 percent reduction in lockout/tagout-related fatalities occurred at the 10 basic steel-producing companies represented in the data base. The third study involved an epidemiological analysis of wood product industry workers in Maine and included 157 cases involving injured workers ("cases") and 251 cases involving uninjured workers ("controls"). This study showed that injured workers were three times less likely than uninjured workers to work in an establishment having a lockout/tagout program. Although the data from this epidemiological study do not establish a direct link between injuries and the absence of lockout/tagout programs, they do suggest an association between these factors.

In addition to these analyses, commenters (including companies like Bell Atlantic and Kodak), unions (such as the UAW, USWA, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), employer groups (such as the Organization Resources Counselors), and professional societies, such as the American Society of Safety Engineers, stated that the standard had been effective in saving lives and preventing injuries. Overall, most comments supported continuation of the standard because it had been effective in achieving its worker protection goal. Some participants suggested that OSHA revise certain provisions of the rule they felt were complex. However, most commenters urged OSHA to address these issues by providing compliance assistance materials rather than by reopening the rulemaking.

Those commenters to the docket who represented small businesses, such as the National Association of Manufacturers, the Society of the Plastics Industry, and the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association, also generally agreed. They stated that additional compliance assistance, rather than a reopening of the rulemaking, was an appropriate way for OSHA to address these commenters' concerns.

In response to these suggestions, OSHA has decided to provide additional compliance assistance materials. Specifically, OSHA intends to:

- Review and update the Lockout/Tagout compliance directive, STD 1-7.3;
- Review existing interpretations relating to the standard and develop interpretations to address questions raised by review participants; and
- Develop, in conjunction with the National Automobile Dealers Association, compliance assistance materials for

industries engaged in vehicle maintenance and repair.

OSHA has already completed several documents related to the Lockout/Tagout standard in response to comments made during this lookback review. These include:

- The Lockout/Tagout Interactive Training Program, which consists of three major components: a Tutorial, a group of abstracts called "Hot Topics," and a group of Interactive Case Studies. The Tutorial explains the standard in a question/answer format. The "Hot Topics" consist of five abstracts containing a detailed discussion of major issues in which relevant highlighted sections of the all-inclusive documents are linked together. In the Interactive Case Studies, seven simulated Lockout/Tagout inspections are presented.

- The Integrated Preamble, which combines the final rule preamble published in the September 1, 1989 **Federal Register** and the final rule corrections and technical amendments document published in the September 20, 1990 **Federal Register**.

- The Lockout/Tagout Plus Advisor, which is interactive, expert, diagnostic software. It allows users to be interviewed about their activities to determine whether workers might be exposed to hazards from moving machinery or electricity or other sources of energy. It asks questions to determine whether the work is covered by the Lockout/Tagout Standard or other standards concerned with hazardous energy. The software responds to the users' facts to provide expert guidance, explanations, and assistance.

These materials may be obtained from the OSHA Publications Office, Room N-2101, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, or the OSHA web page at www.osha.dol.gov.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of June, 2000.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors Finance Committee

TIME AND DATE: The Finance Committee of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors will meet on June 25, 2000. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until the Committee concludes its agenda.

LOCATION: Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis, 35 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of agenda.

2. Review of the Legal Services Corporation's Consolidated Operating Budget, Expenses, and Other Funds available through April 30, 2000.

3. Review the projected operating expenses for fiscal year 2000 based on operating experience through March 31, 2000 and the required internal budgetary adjustments due to shifting priorities.

4. Consider and act on the President's recommendations for consolidated operating budget reallocations.

5. Report on internal budgetary adjustments by the President and Inspector General.

6. Report on budgetary needs for Fiscal Year 2002.

7. Consider and act on other business.

8. Public comment.

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SPECIAL NEEDS: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Shannon Nicko Adaway, at (202) 336-8800.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

Victor M. Fortuno,

Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation will meet on June 26, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until conclusion of the Board's agenda.

LOCATION: Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis, 35 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open, except that a portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to a vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the closed session, the Corporation's General Counsel will report to the Board on litigation to which the Corporation is or may become a party, and the Board may act on the matters reported. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (10)] and the corresponding provisions of the Legal Services Corporation's implementing regulation [45 CFR