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**UOSH LOCAL EMPHASIS PROGRAMS FOR CONSTRUCTION  
AND AMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN REVISED**

SALT LAKE CITY - Effective March 24, 2016, the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division (UOSH) has revised its Local Emphasis Program for the Construction Industry, Directive Number 2014-001 (Construction LEP), and its Local Emphasis Program for Amputations, Directive Number 2014-002 (Amputation LEP). The Construction LEP and the Amputation LEP originally became effective on August 1, 2014 and November 1, 2014, respectively.

Emphasis Programs are enforcement strategies designed and implemented at the national (NEP), regional (REP) or local (LEP) level. Emphasis Programs fall in the category of “Programmed Inspections.” They are aimed at specific high-hazard industries, workplaces, occupations or health substances. In Utah, the Construction LEP and the Amputation LEP are intended to address specific hazards in the construction industry and in general industry, respectively, that pose risks to workers in those industries.

The revisions to the Construction LEP are not substantive in nature and deal with grammar, formatting, and a revised heading. The revisions to the Amputation LEP contain similar grammar, formatting, and a revised heading, along with modifications to section VI. Selection and Scheduling of Sites for Inspections.

Subsection G of section VI was revised to allow UOSH to select “at least 50 establishments” instead of just 50. Also, in subsection G the revision includes language regarding a Compliance Supervisor verifying the establishments prior to assigning them to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHO). These revisions are necessary due to the fact that during the first year the Amputation LEP was effective on average between 40% - 60% of the establishments which were listed on the establishment cycle list were no longer in business at the locations listed.

Additionally, subsection H of section VI was added. This subsection explains that if a CSHO arrives at an establishment location and the establishment is different than assigned, the CSHO may continue to conduct an Amputation LEP inspection at the new establishment so long as the new establishment falls under the scope of the Construction LEP.

UOSH believes that these revisions will allow it to more efficiently allocate its resources when assigning and conducting local emphasis program inspections. Copies of the Construction LEP and the Amputation LEP are available by contacting UOSH by phone at (801) 530-6901 or by visiting the UOSH website at <http://laborcommission.utah.gov/divisions/UOSH/>.

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