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OSHA schedules meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health *Membership nominations being accepted*

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will hold a [meeting](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-29/html/2011-30564.htm) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-29/html/2011-30564.htm>) of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) (<http://www.osha.gov/doc/accsh/index.html>) Dec. 13-16, 2011, in Washington, D.C. The agency is also accepting nominations to serve on the committee.

ACCSH, established under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, advises the Secretary of Labor and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on construction standards and policy matters.

ACCSH meetings will be held in Room N-3437 A-C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20210. The agenda includes an update on OSHA's construction enforcement and outreach efforts, rulemaking projects, a presentation from the Seattle Tunnel and Rail Team (START); ACCSH's consideration of, and recommendations on a direct final rule/proposed rule to update personal protective equipment standards on head protection for construction work and a proposed rule on Standards Improvement Project (SIP) IV; and a presentation from the Office Engineering Services on sewage treatment plant failure.

The full committee will meet 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., December 15, and 8 a.m. to noon, December 16. Work Groups will meet December 13-14. The following ACCSH Work Groups will meet on December 13, 2011: Backing Operations, 10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.; Prevention through Design, 1 to 3 p.m. and; Construction Health Hazard 3:10 to 5:10 p.m. Work Groups meeting on December 14, 2011 include: Reinforced Concrete in Construction, 8 to 10 a.m.; Injury and Illness Prevention Programs, 10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and; Multilingual Issues, Diversity, Women in Construction, 1 to 3 p.m.

Comments and requests to speak may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Comments may also be submitted via mail or facsimile. See the Federal Register notice for details. Comments and requests to speak must be submitted by Dec. 2, 2011.

The agency is also accepting nominations to fill eight vacancies on the 15-member committee. Nominations will be accepted for representatives in the employee, employer, state safety and health agencies, and public categories. Nominations may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or via mail or facsimile. Please see the [Federal Register](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=22289) (http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=22289) notice for details. Nominations must be submitted by January 23, 2012.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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