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The new standard, “Pre-Project and Pre-Task Safety and Health Planning for Construction and Demolition Operations” (ANSI/ASSE A10.1-2011), establishes the elements and activities for pre-project and pre-task safety and health planning in construction.

The standard received final ANSI approval on December 16, 2011 and is planned to take effect during June 2012.

The standard is one of a series of safety standards that have been formulated by the A10 Accredited Standards Committee on Safety Requirements for Construction and Demolition operations. The A10 standards serve as a guide to contractors, labor and equipment manufacturers.

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1. General

1.1 Scope. This standard establishes the elements and activities for pre-project and pre-task safety and health planning in construction.

1.2 Purpose. The primary purpose of this standard is to assist construction owners, project constructors and contractors in making pre-project and pre-task safety and health planning a standard part of their planning processes. This standard is also intended to assist owners in establishing a process for evaluating project constructor candidate safety and health performance and planning practices.

1.3 Exceptions.

1.3.1 In cases of practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or new developments, the construction owner or project constructor may grant exceptions to literal requirements of this standard. These exceptions may permit use of other methods, but only when it is clearly indicated and documented that the chosen alternative method(s) provides adequate workplace safety and health protection.

1.3.2 This standard is not intended for owners of residential property contracting for work to build or work on their personal residence.

2. References

The following existing industry standards are referenced in this standard.

- ANSI/ASSE A10.33, *Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects*
- ANSI/ASSE A10.34, *Protection of the Public on or Adjacent to Construction Sites*

ANSI/ASSE A10.38, *Basic Elements of an Employer's Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment*

3. Definitions

3.1 Company Safety and Health Program. A written company program describing how the company will address safety and health as it pertains to workers, other affected personnel and the general public. (Refer to ANSI/ASSE A10.33, *Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects*, ANSI/ASSE A10.38, *Basic Elements of an Employer's Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment*, and ANSI/ASSE A10.34, *Protection of the Public on or Adjacent to Construction Sites* for guidance on program development.)

3.2 Competent Person. One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in surroundings, which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees, and who has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

3.3 Construction Owner. The entity or entities who contract with a project constructor to perform construction or demolition work.

3.4 Complex Task. Any potentially hazardous task that requires specific competencies, e.g. structural engineering expertise, complex crane hoist/lift expertise, industrial hygiene expertise, etc., for safe and successful completion. Examples of complex tasks may include, but are not necessarily limited to excavations, demolition, confined space entry, hazardous substance abatement and critical lifts (cranes and helicopters), etc.

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- [Official Memorandum of Understanding Between OSHA & ANSI](#)
- [Safeguarding: Are ANSI Standards Really Voluntary?](#)
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