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- A10.4 Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators
- A10.5 Material Hoists
- A10.6 Demolition Operations
- A10.7 Transportation, Storage, Handling and Use of Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents
- A10.8 Scaffolding
- A10.9 Concrete and Masonry Construction
- A10.10 Temporary and Portable Space Heating Devices
- A10.11 Personnel Nets
- A10.12 Excavation
- A10.13 Steel Erection
- A10.15 Dredging
- A10.16 Tunnels, Shafts and Caissons
- A10.17 Safe Operating Practices for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Construction
- A10.18 Temporary Roof and Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways and Other Unprotected Edges
- A10.19 Pile Installation and Extraction Operations
- A10.20 Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo, and Marble Work
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- A10.26 Emergency Procedures for Construction Sites
- A10.27 Hot Mix Asphalt Facilities
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- A10.31 Digger-Derricks
- A10.32 Personal Fall Protection Used in Construction and Demolition Operations
- A10.33 Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects
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- A10.38 Basic Elements of a Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment
- A10.39 Construction Safety and Health Audit Program
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1. SCOPE

This standard identifies the minimum performance elements that, when properly utilized, will allow for a competent evaluation of a construction safety and health program. Further, it will identify those areas where systems, records and performance elements are required in order to produce a quality audit.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard is to establish an internal method of measuring compliance with an organization's written safety and health program requirements.

2.1 Exceptions. In cases of practical difficulty or undue hardship, the responsible authority may grant exceptions to the literal requirements of this standard or permit the use of other devices or methods, but only when it is clearly evident that personnel and equipment protection is assured.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Audit. An examination process designed to verify compliance with an organization's written safety and health program, such as outlined in ANSI/ASSE A10.33 and ANSI/ASSE A10.38.

3.2 Qualified Auditor. For purposes of this standard, a qualified auditor is any individual who by virtue of education, experience and training is qualified to complete a comprehensive safety and health audit.

3.3 Construction Safety and Health Program. A written program developed by the contractor specifically for the work to be performed on the job site by the contractor, as intended by the guidelines offered in ANSI/ASSE A10.33 and ANSI/ASSE A10.38. The program meets the requirements

established by the Project Safety and Health Program, and covers all activities and conditions under the responsibility of the contractor.

3.4 Construction Employer. A firm, corporation or other entity responsible for part or all of the construction work.

3.4.1 Project Constructor. A person, firm or corporation, i.e., the construction manager, general contractor, prime contractor or other entity, as designated in the project documents, responsible for supervising, maintaining, coordinating and controlling all construction work performed on the project.

3.4.2 Contractor. A subcontractor, specialty contractor or other entity as designated in the project documents, responsible for part of the construction process on a construction project.

3.5 Construction Safety Audit System. A set of systematic procedures designed to access, evaluate and measure the performance of a construction employer in compliance with its written safety and health program.

3.6 Audit Activity. Any activity whereby performance requirements containing multiple elements may be structured so that each may be evaluated individually and collectively.

4. SAFETY AUDIT ELEMENTS

4.1 Responsibilities.

4.1.1 Is the construction employer implementing a written construction safety and health program¹ with sufficient detail to be effectively audited?