



Reply to the attention of:

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21 MAY 2010

Mr. Joseph Hurt
Regional Vice President North America
International Association of Drilling Contractors
10370 Richmond Ave., Suite 760
Houston, Texas 77402

Dear Mr. Hurt:

This is an interim response to your association's letters dated, April 12, 2010 and May 14, 2010 from Dr. Lee Hunt and yourself, respectively, to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Your inquiry is in regard to your association's question and remarks pertaining to OSHA's Personal Protective Equipment rule at 29 CFR 1910.132(a). Your question relates to the use of flame resistant clothing (FRC) during oil and gas well drilling operations.

OSHA is in the process of formulating a response to the question and remarks that have been raised. We will provide you a response upon completion. We anticipate a complete response to your request within the next 60 days.

Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions please contact Mike Marshall of my staff at 202-693-2179.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Galassi".

For Thomas Galassi, Acting Director
Directorate of Enforcement Programs