

September 29, 2005

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This is an application for an extension per OAR 437-001-0240.

- (a) The name and address of the employer;  
Portland State University  
630 SW Mill St  
Portland, OR 97201
- (b) The location of the place of employment;  
Portland State University  
630 SW Mill St  
Portland, OR 97201
- (c) The citation number;  
Z7575-037-05
- (d) The item number of the violation for which the extension is sought;  
Items 1, 2, 3.
- (e) The reason for the request;  
The items affect a large number of employees (approximately 70 Facilities & Planning Employees, 20 Auxiliary/Housing staff) in the case of hazard assessment, and a large number of equipment locations in the case of equipment specific lockout tag out requirements.
- (f) Facts which show that the employer has made an effort to correct the violation by the date set for correction, but was unable to do so because of factors beyond the employer's control;  
The extent of the required correction is significant and will take approximately two years to accomplish. The University has over 5 million square feet of floor space in 50 buildings, encompassing academic space, auxiliary functions and housing units, which will all require an extensive survey. Our maintenance staff has specific knowledge about the various types of equipment that populates our buildings. However, this staff is limited and I anticipate that it will take a significant commitment of time to develop these procedures.

The hazard assessment requirement affects a large number of employees with very diverse jobs ranging from chemists and biomedical researchers to plumbers and landscapers. The complexity of performing a job hazard assessment in a university setting for many of these positions is high and will take time to develop accurately with limited EH&S staffing.

(g) All available interim steps being taken to safeguard employees against the cited hazard during the requested extended correction period;

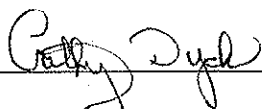
PSU Environmental Health and Safety staff have held meetings with the affected personnel to clearly outline lockout tag out protocols and relevant job hazards. EH&S staff will continue to document and solidify procedures.

(h) The date by which the employer proposes to complete the correction;

September 1, 2008 for items 1, 2, 3.

(i) A statement that a copy of the request for extension has been posted as required by OAR 437-001-0275(2)(d) and (h) or for at least ten (10) days, whichever is longer, and, if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, and certification of the date upon which posting or service was made;

A copy of this request has been posted on the employee notification board outside personnel services, at University Services building, 630 SW Mill St, Portland Oregon, 97201 along with the citation. On September 19, 2005 Additionally It has been posted on the Safety Committee web page at:  
<http://www.safetycommittee.pdx.edu/sdocuments.htm>

  
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Cathy Dyck  
Vice President  
Portland State University  
Finance and Administration

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