

Columbia -- South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (S.C. OSHA) will hold its quarterly informal stakeholder meeting to solicit comments and suggestions on various health and safety topics.

The meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, room 204, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of September and December 2011 at 10:00 AM.

Stakeholder meetings are informal discussions to provide S.C. OSHA with the necessary information prior to implementing practices or adopting standards that will help employers reduce workplace injuries and illnesses through a systematic process proactively addressing workplace safety and health hazards.

At each meeting, S.C. OSHA will be prepared to discuss occupational safety and health standards being considered for adoption and other issues of interest to the stakeholder community. Please let us know of any subject that you would like placed on the agenda.

Specific topics that will be covered at the stakeholder meeting are Firefighter training requirements and Federal OSHA's directives.

Under S.C. Code of Laws Section 41-15-80, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. S.C. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for South Carolina's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, providing training, education and assistance.