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Subject: **Update – Permanent Standard for Heat Illness Prevention**

This memorandum is a supplement to the memorandum "[Advisory - Emergency Standard for Heat Illness Prevention](#)," dated August 15, 2005.

On June 15, 2006 the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board adopted a permanent standard for Heat Illness Prevention (California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 3395). The permanent standard has been sent to the Office of Administrative Law for final approval and should take effect within 60 days of adoption by the Standards Board. The text of the permanent standard can be viewed on the Cal/OSHA website at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/heatillnessoalttext.pdf>

The permanent standard is essentially the same as the emergency standard (described in previous correspondence), which requires the following primary elements to protect workers from heat illness:

- Provision of Water
- Access to Shade
- Training

Supervisors are advised to prepare to implement the requirements of the permanent standard during hot weather conditions. Cal/OSHA is taking enforcement of this standard seriously; since last summer, Cal/OSHA has issued citations to 17 different employers for safety violations related to heat illness, for a total of more than \$240,000 in proposed penalties.

Compliance with this permanent standard can be achieved by including the [Heat Illness Prevention Attachment](#) to your Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) and implementing the actions and training described in the Attachment.

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