

[DOLE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 07, S. 1997, May 14, 1997]

PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR THE WORK ACCIDENT AND RELATED LABOR EXIGENCIES RESPONSE TEAM (WORK-ALERT)

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In the interest of the service and, to ensure prompt response to major accidents or industrial disasters earlier enunciated in the Department Order No. 23, s. 1996, creating the Work Accident and related Labor Exigencies Response Team or Work-ALERT, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed.

SECTION 1. All incident or occurrence is considered a major accident or industrial disaster when it results:

1.1. in the death of at least one worker (regardless of the time intervening between injury and death), or in serious injuries resulting in at least permanent total disabilities; or

1.2. in dangerous occurrences as defined under Rule 1053.02 of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS), namely:

1.2.1. explosion of boilers used for heating or power;

1.2.2. explosion of receiver or storage container, with pressure greater than atmospheric, of any gas or gases (including air) or any liquid resulting from the compression of such gases or liquid;

1.2.3. bursting of a revolving wheel, grinderstone or grinding wheel operated by mechanical power;

1.2.4. collapse of crane, derrick winch, hoist or other appliances used in raising or lowering persons or goods or any part thereof, the over-turning of a crane, except the breakage of chain or rope sling;

1.2.5. explosion or fire causing damage to the structure of any room or place in which persons are employed or to any machine contained therein resulting in the complete suspension of ordinary work in such room or place or stoppage of machinery or plant for not less than twenty four (24) hours, and;

1.2.6. electrical short circuit or failure of electrical machinery, plant or apparatus, attended by explosion or fire causing structural damage thereto and involving its stoppage and misuse for not less than 24 hours.

SECTION 2. The Regional Offices (ROs), through their respective Labor Standards Enforcement Divisions (LSEDs), shall investigate any fact, condition or