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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MONTANA OSHA PLAN

Does this enabling legislation start a State OSHA plan?

No. It only starts the development of the program. It forms an advisory board to work on policies and procedures. The policies need to be reviewed and approved by Federal OSHA and the State. A bill will need to be passed at the 2017 Legislature in order for the state program to start in 2018.

Can the State stop the program?

Yes. At any time the State may relinquish control back to the Federal OSHA to enforce their program.

Will this cost the State more money?

Not really. We will seek a federal grant for half the costs needed to run the program, and then the State will match the Federal funding. The State gets to keep the fines, which will be used for training.

Will the fine money fund enforcement of the State OSHA program?

No. The enabling legislation specifically states that the fines will not be used for enforcing the State OSHA program. The State can use the funds for training.

Can we set our own penalty structure?

Yes. Within certain federal guidelines, State programs set their own penalties. Our advisory board of business and labor will develop the penalty structure.

Will we have more OSHA inspectors?

No. We will have the same number of compliance officers as the Federal OSHA in Montana. In addition, we will have two Outreach Specialists to work on alliances and education.

Can we have Industry alliances?

Yes. Our local board will set criteria for industry alliances that offer exemptions from inspections to safe companies. We will honor any current SHARPS and VPP alliances.

If Montana runs our own State program, will there be duplication with the federal program?

No. Federal OSHA will monitor Montana's program and retain jurisdiction of federal workers. Employers will not experience regulatory duplication.

Does it have to be more stringent?

No. Our State program has to be as effective as the Federal program. Montana has had one of the worst safety records in the nation for many years.

How will it be better?

By meeting Montana specific needs. Our local advisory board will evaluate the areas to address while State industries will provide guidance on reducing loss time accidents. This equates to cost savings and local control for Montanans. Federal OSHA does not currently have any Outreach Specialists in Montana.

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MONTANA OSHA PLAN TIMELINE

2014 / JANUARY

LMIAC Safety Sub-Committee suggests MT OSHA plan.

2014 / JULY

Draft Montana OSHA bill.

2015 / JANUARY

LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Introduce bill.

2015 / JULY

MT OSHA bill effective July 1, 2015.

2016 / JANUARY

Draft procedures for Federal review.

2017 / JANUARY

LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Pass funding bill and clean-up legislation.

2017 / OCTOBER

October 1 - Federal Fiscal Year begins.

2018 / JULY

START MONTANA OSHA PROGRAM.

FEDERAL OSHA APPROVES MONTANA OSHA PLAN:

Operating agreement to start July 1, 2018.
Develop bill for 2017 session.
Governor notifies Secretary of State of Federal approval of Montana OSHA plan.

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