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U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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ANSI/ASSP Z244 COMMITTEE LOI REQUEST

The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is writing in regard to the attached Letter of Interpretation from our Z244 Committee. The Z244 Committee writes American National Standards addressing the control of hazardous energy. The ANSI/ASSP Z244 Committee has a wide array of experience with control of hazardous energy and its members have contributed significantly to standards development for many years.

As OSHA is aware, ASSP represents almost 36,000 occupational safety and health professionals (OSH) from a wide variety of different disciplines and industries. We are also an accredited developer of American National Standards via the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

In addition to the LOI request from Z244, we have also attached our [position statement on the use of consensus standards](#) as a supporting document to the LOI request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. ASSP stands ready to assist OSHA with this issue and ongoing initiatives protecting the safety and health of American workers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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