



“The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference and undernourishment.”

Robert M. Hutchins

## GREATER CLEVELAND

### NFPA 70E

1.) 2012 NFPA 70E, The Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace is nearing completion. It was first published in 1979. This will be the 9th edition since the first one was published.

2.) Some of the changes throughout the final document:

- a.) “Arc-Rated” will be used in any reference to “flame resistant.” It may be abbreviated as “AR.”
- b.) The term “fine print note” (fpn) is changing to “information note.”
- c.) Section 110.5(c) (new) - requires meeting between host employer and contract employer.
- (d.) Section 110.6(c) - requires use of automatic external defibrillator.
- (e.) Section 110.6(e) - requires training

documentation.

- (f.) Section 130.1(b) (2) Revision— results of the arc flash hazard analysis.
- g.) Section 130.3(a) Arc Flash boundary includes “four fast rule.”
- h.) Section 130.7(c) (t) - Hearing Protection.
- i.) Table 130.7(c) (10) - Protective Clothing—category 2 will require a balaclava sock or an arc flash suit hood.
- .j.) Section 130.7(c) (13) (6) Face Protection Revision.

There are many other changes—548 proposals were submitted. It will pay to keep on top of these changes.

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### MANHOURS

Hours worked so far this year have been generally flat compared to last year. Each local union area results are as follows:

- IBEW 38—Down about 6.4%
- IBEW 129—Up about 37.2%
- IBEW 673—Up about 7.6%

Total hours worked through April are

about 1,095,174 hours. Some increase is expected near the fourth quarter for Local Union 38.

However, Local Union 129 will probably slow somewhat and Local Union 673 is expected to continue at its present pace.



## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

1.) A bill introduced by Representative Gosar (Az) would have repealed David Bacon— it failed 183-234. 52 Republicans voted to maintain Davis-Bacon.

2.) A second Amendment was offered by Representative Scalise (R-La.) would have overturned the Administration EO encouraging PLA's. It was not approved 207-213 with 28 Republicans voting in support of PLA's.

3.) The FASB proposals have now tentatively decided not to require withdrawal liability among its list of disclosures for employers participating in multiemployer DB Pension Plans.

However, employers will be required to disclose its involvement in pension plans—ID plan, plan's zone status and contributions for current period and expiration date of the current collective bargaining agreement.

4.) Other issues still hanging around:

a.) Incentives for energy efficient renovations.

b.) 3% repeal legislation.

c.) Misclassification of employees.

The Senate and House will be adjourning before the 4th and the months of July and August are generally slow times with little being done.

## WORKERS COMP

1.) Ohio BWC will review the maximum group discount to be allowed for January 1, 2012. The meetings will be held around June 15 & 16th.

2.) Governor Kasich signed an Executive Order 2011-01. The "common sense initiative" to help small business more easily comply with state agency rules and regulations.

3.) BWC has allowed a one-time waiver of a lapse in coverage on an employer's BWC policy.

4.) Employer participation in safety councils may make the employer eligible for the 2% rebate based on performance in addition to their group rating discount. You must join the Safety Council by July 31, 2011. Requirements—10 safety council meetings in a year, a qualified senior level manager to one meeting and submit semi-annual workplace accident reports for the 2011 calendar year.

## CHAPTER NEWS AND CALENDAR

Mr. Tom Shreves will be starting July 1, 2011 and I will be here until mid August. During July we will be busy trying to get Tom around to meet as many of you as possible. Please welcome Tom and his wife Sandy when you have the chance.

### CALENDAR:

1.) Annual Golf Outing—June 27th—Barrington Golf Club.

2.) District Two Council Meeting—September 13-14th—Philadelphia.

3.) Annual Convention—October 22-25th—San Diego, California.

4.) Annual Holiday Party—December 10, 2011.

**LOOK FOR THE NEXT REVIEW IN JULY 2011!**