

# **Safety and Occupational Health Action Plan Priority Recommendations: Reclamation Safety and Health Standards Implementation Strategy Highlights and Timeline**

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## **SUMMARY**

Security Safety and Law Enforcement (SSLE) will assume responsibility for implementation of recommendations related to Reclamation-wide improvements involving updates of the Reclamation Safety and Health Standards (RSHS) as referred to in the Safety Action Plan Final Reports.

This implementation strategy and timelines establishes the planned order of implementing RSHS section revisions based upon the priorities established by the Safety Advisory Board (SAB). It assumes that any changes made during the RSHS review and comment period will be minor, and the document will not need to be reviewed again by the SAB.

## **STRATEGY**

The Reclamation Safety Office has for many years been updating the RSHS sections. However, the focus of the Reclamation Safety Action Teams has been to put greater emphasis on employee participation. To achieve that goal they have recommended that section four have more detail and clarity. The Safety Action Teams has recommended very specific language for parts of section four.

The Reclamation Safety Office will change the language that was specified by the Safety Action Teams first and move them into the comment period. The recommendations fall into four categories:

1. Job hazard analysis is the area with the major changes and the introduction of a new form with the minimum required data for the analysis (team 9 recommendation 3 and 5).
2. The addition of a hierarchy of controls section (team 21 recommendations 1,2,4, )
3. Edit topic of hazard assessment in section 4 to list health hazards (team 21 recommendations 3.)
4. Include narrative for section 4 on requirements of Job Hazard Analysis. (Team 21 recommendation 5).

## **CONCLUSION**

On behalf of the commissioner, SSLE will identify and secure the resources necessary to strengthen the sections of the RSHS as recommended by the Safety Action Teams.

- Note, since the Reclamation Safety Office has updated section 18 and 19 and is adding a new section 30, "Communication Tower Safety." All of these changes will be made at the same time.