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OSHA Docket Office
Technical Data Center, Room N-2625
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration
The United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Docket ID—OSHA—2007—0066
RIN No. 1218-AC01

RE: Docket ID—OSHA—2007—0066 Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Request for Extension of Time for Submitting Comments

Dear Docket Clerk:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) welcomes this opportunity to comment on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Notice for Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Crane and Derricks in Construction, published on October 9, 2008. On behalf of our 33,000 firms, including 7,500 of America's leading general contractors, 12,500 specialty-contracting firms, and more than 13,000 service providers and suppliers all associated with AGC through a nationwide network of 96 chapters across the nation, AGC requests a sixty (60) day extension of time for submitting written comments.

OSHA requests over 100 information collection requirements in the proposal, which AGC must research and consider. To provide informed and well formulated comments, AGC is requesting additional time beyond the December 8, 2008 deadline, as the NPRM is over 200 pages of regulatory text, not including additional sources provided by OSHA to the Negotiated Rulemaking Crane and Derrick Advisory Committee members, additional resources and materials reference in the proposal.

AGC remains strongly committed to the safety of workers in the construction industry and our valued relationship with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). AGC thanks OSHA for their consideration of extending the deadline for submission of public comments on the NPRM for the Crane and Derricks in Construction proposal. AGC values the opportunity to offer OSHA meaningful comments on this very important proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Shoaf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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CC: Edwin Foulke, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA
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