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To: Crane & Derrick Advisory Committee - OSHA
Subject: Re: Approved May meeting Summary

Members of the National Utility Contractors Association are concerned about this requirement because it will make it very difficult for them to install and repair pipe and power lines that are located in the ground under power lines. Many pipe and power line right of ways are located in the same right of way as overhead power, therefore restricting work under power lines is going to make it nearly impossible to get the job done. In addition most electric utility companies will not or cannot shut down and ground the power lines it interrupts service to business, hospitals, and emergency services. Therefore the new standard must address feasible methods for working under or near power lines. Physically guarding, other than placing insulators on the line, is also very difficult because of the need to keep moving down the road.

We hope you will take our concerns into consideration.

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Storing material under power lines: After discussing instances in which materials could only be stored under power lines, C-DAC members moved to allow the-storage of materials but prohibit any part of the crane, load line or load to be below an energized power line. The Committee will continue to discuss how to address situations where work under power lines is necessary.

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Attached please find a copy of the Approved May C-DAC Meeting Summary.