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## Notice to Bridge and Tank Painters

**NOTICE: TO AWARDING AUTHORITIES AND CONTRACTORS  
CONCERNING THE REMOVAL AND APPLICATION OF PAINT  
ON BRIDGES AND TANKS  
ISSUED: JANUARY 8, 2004**

All awarding authorities and contractors are hereby notified that the “Painter (Bridges/Tanks)” occupational classification shall be used for the following tasks on public works construction projects covered by the prevailing wage law, Mass. G. L. c. 149, §§ 26 - 27D:

Painter (Bridges/Tanks)

- The erection and dismantling of scaffolding, rigging, and containment for bridge and tank painting operations.
- Surface preparation, including the removal of all types of paint, on bridges and tanks.
- The application of paint on bridges and tanks.
- The clean-up of debris resulting from paint removal operations on bridges and tanks.

This notice follows several applicability determinations issued by the Division of Occupational Safety (in response to several inquiries) and applies to all projects for which a prevailing wage schedule dated on or after January 8, 2004 has been issued.

Awarding authorities are encouraged to make this notice available to all contractors who may be engaged in projects involving the removal or application of paint on bridges and tanks.

All requirements of the prevailing wage law, including the submission of certified weekly payroll reports to awarding authorities, apply to workers engaged in these activities.

Copies of prior applicability determinations are available from the Division of Occupational Safety. If you have any questions concerning this matter, call 617-626-6953.