Section 9

Accident Prevention Signs and Tags

Signs and tags are used to identify specific hazards of a nature such that failure to designate them could lead to an injury. The following means of alerting employees of hazards will be used:

- **Signs**: in general, signs must be free of burrs, splinters or sharp projections and signs will be placed so that the sign itself does not constitute a hazard. Danger signs indicate immediate danger in which special precautions are necessary. Caution signs warn against potential hazards or unsafe practices. Safety signs are used for instructive purposes.

- **Tags**: are used to provide messages and act as a means of preventing accidental injury or illness. Tags are not to be construed as a complete warning method but should be used only until a positive means can be employed to eliminate the hazard. Some tags that will be used throughout the County are:
  - **Danger tags** are used where the hazard presents a threat of death or serious injury.
  - **Caution tags** should be used where a non-immediate or potential hazard or unsafe practice presents a lesser threat of injury.
  - **Warning tags** should be used where a non-immediate or potential hazard or unsafe practice presents a lesser threat of injury.
  - **Biological tags** identify substances, equipment or parts that are contaminated with hazardous biological agents.

- **Color Codes**: the safety color code for the identification of hazards will be used throughout the county and can be broken down to the following:
  - **Red**: Fire protection, danger, emergency stop buttons or electrical switches, emergency equipment.
  - **Orange**: Basic color for designating dangerous parts of machinery or energized equipment that can cut, crush, shock or otherwise injure.
  - **Yellow**: Caution, for marking physical hazards such as striking against, stumbling, tripping, falling and caught-in-between.
  - **Green**: Basic color for designating safety and the location of first aid equipment, safety eye wash stations and bottles and safety deluge showers.
  - **Black/White or Combination**: For the designation of traffic and housekeeping markings.