**Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards**

**Compliance Directive:** MA CD 09

**Effective Date:** 07/14/2023

**Subject:** MA Compliance Directive for Application of OSHA Commercial Diving Operation regulation, 29 CFR 1910 Subpart T, to Fire/Police/EMS

**ABSTRACT**

**Purpose:** This directive indicates that Massachusetts has adopted a compliance directive that is different from OSHA’s Directive titled “29 CFR Part 1910, Subpart T – Commercial Diving Operations (CPL 02-00-051 06/13/2011).

**Scope:** This instruction applies to all WSHP enforcement and consultation activity.

**References:** OSHA CPL 02-00-151 (06/13/2011) Commercial Diving Operations

**Action Offices:** Boston and Area Offices

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**Directive**

Per order of the Director, Massachusetts State Plan (Workplace Safety and Health Program – WSHP) hereby adopts the OSHA Compliance Directive on Commercial Diving Operations, CPL 02-00-151 with the following changes:

Section XII, paragraph A.5.b.ii, Scope of Regulation. Diving conducted for search, rescue, or related public-safety purposes by or under the control of a government agency are required to comply with 29 CFR 1910 Subpart T for Commercial Diving Operations. Per 454 CMR 25.00, Massachusetts enforces 29 CFR 1910 to all public sector workplaces, including fire, police, EMS and all public safety employers and operations.