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MDOL/BLS adopted OSHA Field Operations Manual

Chapter 3

Inspection Procedures

Employer Abatement Assistance.

i. **Policy.**

CSHOs shall offer appropriate abatement assistance during the walkaround to explain how workplace hazards might be eliminated. The information shall provide the employee with guidance to develop acceptable abatement methods or to seek appropriate professional assistance. CSHOs shall not imply OSHA endorsement of any product through use of specific product names when recommending abatement measures. The issuance of citations shall not be delayed.

ii. In addition to the above employer abatement assistance policy, CSHOs will include written abatement-guidance with each citation to assist employers with their abatement process.

iii. **Disclaimers.**

The employer shall be informed that:

1. The employer is not limited to the abatement methods suggested by MEOSH.
2. The methods explained are general and may not be effective in all cases; and
3. The employer is responsible for selecting and carrying out an effective abatement method and maintaining the appropriate documentation.