



MNOSHA Instruction **STD 3-13.2B**

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SUBJECT: Inspections on Barges Used in the Construction Industry

Purpose:

To set guidelines as to when barge inspections are to be made on construction sites.

Scope:

This instruction applies OSHA-wide.

References:

1926.106, Working Over or Near Water.

1926.605, Marine Operations and Equipment.

Cancellation:

This instruction supersedes MNOSHA Instruction STD 3-13.2, "Inspections on Barges used in the Construction Industry", dated March 29, 2018.

Action:

- A. When barges are used in the construction of bridges or waterside structures, along with actual construction on the fixed structures themselves, the activities on these barges are to be inspected along with the rest of the jobsite.
- B. Barges, and long-shore duties connected with them, which are used for transport of freight or in supplying raw materials, are not to be considered in the inspection. Tugboats and their associated equipment will not be considered in the inspection.

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- C. Material handling equipment on construction barges such as cranes, hoists, jibs, etc. are to be included in the inspection. Personnel lifts on construction barges such as aerial lifts, scissor lifts, and elevated work platforms attached to forklifts, etc. are to be included in the inspection.
- D. All standards under 1926.106 and 1926.605 are to be used.

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