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A10.2	Safety, Health and Environmental Training (under development)
A10.3	Powder-Actuated Fastening Systems
A10.4	Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators
A10.5	Material Hoists
A10.6	Demolition Operations
A10.7	Use, Storage, Handling and Site Movement of Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents
A10.8	Scaffolding
A10.9	Concrete and Masonry Construction
A10.11	Personnel Nets
A10.12	Excavation
A10.13	Steel Erection
A10.15	Dredging
A10.16	Tunnels, Shafts and Caissons
A10.18	Temporary Roof and Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways and Other Unprotected Edges
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A10.21	Safe Construction and Demolition of Wind Generation/Turbine Facilities
A10.22	Rope-Guided and Non-Guided Workers' Hoists
A10.23	Safety Requirements for the Installation of Drilled Shafts
A10.24	Roofing – Safety Requirements for Low-Sloped Roofs
A10.25	Sanitation in Construction
A10.26	Emergency Procedures for Construction Sites
A10.28	Work Platforms Suspended from Cranes or Derricks
A10.29	Pre-Planning, Installation, Inspection and Use of Fall Protection for Construction and Demolition (under development)
A10.30	Installation of Anchors and Micropiles
A10.31	Digger-Derricks
A10.32	Personal Fall Protection Used in Construction and Demolition Operations
A10.33	Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects
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A10.37	Debris Nets
A10.38	Basic Elements of a Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment
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A10.43	Confined Spaces in Construction and Demolition Operations
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A10.46	Hearing Loss Prevention
A10.47	Highway Construction Safety
A10.48	Communication Structures
A10.49	Control of Chemical Health Hazards
A10.50	Heat Stress Management in Construction and Demolition Operations (under development)
A10.100	Prevention through Design in Construction
A10.101	Drones in Construction (under development)

A10.103 Lagging and Leading Indicators Used in Construction (under development)

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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD A10.39 CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AND HEALTH AUDIT PROGRAM

1. General

1.1 Scope

This standard identifies the minimum performance elements that, when properly utilized, will allow for a competent evaluation of a construction safety and health program. Further, it will identify those areas where systems, records and performance elements are required in order to produce a quality audit.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to establish an internal method of measuring compliance with an organization's written safety and health program requirements.

2. Reference Publications

2.1 ANSI/ASSP A10.33, *Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects*

2.2 ANSI/ASSP A10.38, *Basic Elements of an Employer's Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment*

3. Definitions

Audit. An examination process designed to verify compliance with an organization's written safety and health program, such as outlined in ANSI/ASSP A10.33 and ANSI/ASSP A10.38.

Auditor. For purposes of this standard, an auditor is a qualified person who has been designated to complete a comprehensive safety and health audit.

Audit Activity. Any activity whereby performance requirements containing multiple elements may be structured so that each may be evaluated individually and collectively.

Construction Employer. A firm, corporation or other entity responsible for part or all of the construction work.

Construction Safety and Health Program. A written program developed by the contractor specifically for the work to be performed on the job site by the contractor, as intended by the guidelines offered in ANSI/ASSP A10.33 and ANSI/ASSP A10.38. The program meets the requirements established by the Project Safety and Health Program, and covers all activities and conditions under the responsibility of the contractor.

Construction Safety Audit System. A set of systematic procedures designed to access, evaluate and measure the performance of a construction employer in compliance with its written safety and health program.

Contractor. The individual, firm, or corporation undertaking the execution of the construction work under the terms of the contract and acting directly or through its agents or employees.

Project Constructor. A person, firm or corporation, i.e., the construction manager, general contractor, prime contractor or other entity, as designated in the project documents, responsible for supervising, maintaining, coordinating and controlling all construction work performed on the project.