

Subject:	HOSE DRYING TOWERS
Section:	PPG# 4100.14
Chapter:	Operations
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 Floor openings on hose tower platforms shall be equipped with a forty-two inch guardrail with mid-rail and shall be capable of withstanding a force of 250 pounds applied in any direction at any point on the top rail. The work platform shall be equipped with toe boards.
- 1.2 The requirements for offset ladder platforms and ladder cage guards, when ladders extend beyond twenty feet, shall apply to hose drying towers.
- 1.3 Ropes and attachments used to hoist hose in the hose towers shall have a breaking strength of 1500 pounds for a safe load strength of 300 pounds (five-to-one safety factor)
- 1.4 Approved head protection shall be worn by all persons in the hose tower whenever hose handling/hanging operations are taking place.
- 1.5 Ropes utilizing a pulley block shall be appropriately sized for the sheave to prevent possible jamming or damage to the rope.

2.0 REFERENCES

WAC 296-305-06515

Chapter 296-24 WAC Part J-1. [Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .050, .060. 96-11-067 (Order 94-27), §296-305-06515, filed 05/10/96, effective 01/01/97.]