Removal of Requirement for Safety Shoes on the APS Storage Ring Mezzanine

The requirement of wearing safety shoes for general occupancy on the APS storage ring mezzanine has been lifted. Safety glasses and a TLD are still required for all personnel when on the mezzanine.

Reflecting an integrated safety management approach, APS management and line supervision will observe and review the types of work their employees perform on the mezzanine to assure that proper controls (including personal protective equipment, PPE) are in place to address the hazards associated with the task.

The PPE policy in force during the construction and installation phases of the APS project reflected the hazards of the then-current work environment. At the time this policy was instituted, much of the work on the mezzanine involved movement of heavy equipment and materials. APS and contractor personnel were working side by side and all areas of the mezzanine were potential locations for work that could require heavy items being handled and moved. The safety shoe requirement was in place to address those hazards.

Currently and in the foreseeable future, the control of hazards associated with general access to the mezzanine does not require safety shoes. Installations and modifications that may require safety shoes are of a limited scope and can be isolated and controlled with proper safety posting and barriers, and will not pose a risk other than to those involved in the specific tasks.

Some tasks performed by APS personnel on the storage ring mezzanine may still require safety shoes. Procedures for routine work performed by Accelerator Systems Division personnel (such as installing or removing power supplies and rack mounted equipment) identify the task-specific PPE required to perform the work, including those instances when safety shoes are required.

If you have questions concerning proper PPE for any task or assignment, or if you need information on acquiring any type of PPE, contact your supervisor or ESH coordinator.

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