



Change Summary: SPRAT Standards and Supplements

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. SPRAT is pleased to announce the release of 19A revision of SPRAT's *Safe Practices for Rope Access Work*. In addition, editorial changes have been made to other SPRAT standards and supplements to align documentation with this newest standard.

2. Change Summary: *Safe Practices for Rope Access Work 19A*

2.1. Document Reorganization

- 2.1.1. An initial scope during the development of this revision was to present information in a clearer fashion, eliminating repetition and potentially conflicting information, as well as providing an easier foundation for future updates to the document.

2.2. Training and Certification

- 2.2.1. This new section provides a clearer set of requirements for rope access technicians, such as training in conventional fall protection and first aid that is applicable to their area of work.

2.3. Experience Documentation

- 2.3.1. *Certification Requirements for Rope Access Work* has been updated to reference the experience documentation requirements that were incorporated into *Safe Practices for Rope Access Work*.

2.4. Worksite Supervision

- 2.4.1. Worksite supervision has been modified to provide more clarity.

- 2.4.2. The approach of the revised standard emphasizes the employer's responsibility to determine a rope access technician's suitability to supervise a particular job.

- 2.4.2.1. For a Level II Technician to be eligible to supervise, the technician must meet the supervisor responsibilities, as well as the work site meeting specific requirements.

2.5. Access Work Plan Detail

- 2.5.1. The minimum requirements and recommendations of the access work plan and its components, such as the job safety analysis, are now consolidated and presented in a separate section.

2.6. Further Information

- 2.6.1. The complete mapping comparison of the previous 17A (170922) revision of the document to the new revision (19A) is available upon request.

3. New Document: *Rope Access Equipment Standards 19A*

- 3.1. The Board of Directors has approved the release of the *Rope Access Equipment Standards*.

- 3.2. This document was created to present standards for equipment that were previously provided as examples within *Safe Practices for Rope Access Work*.

4. Change Summary: *Certification Requirements for Rope Access Work 19B*

4.1. Alignment with *Safe Practices for Rope Access Work*

- 4.1.1. The document has been updated to refer to the *Safe Practices for Rope Access Work* with regards to documenting experience.

4.2. Additional editorial changes

- 4.2.1. Numerous editorial changes have been made to the document for clarity of intent of requirements.

- 4.2.2. As per the *Standard Document Procedures*, track changes are available upon request.

- 4.2.3. *Evaluation Guidelines 19B* reflects these changes as well

5. Change Summary: *Defined Terms 19B*

5.1. New Terms

- 5.1.1. The terms compatible and presiding regulatory authority have been added to the document

5.2. Editorial changes

- 5.2.1. Editorial changes to some terms have been made for clarity and consistency.

- 5.2.2. As per the *Standard Document Procedures*, track changes are available upon request.

6. Change Summary: *Evaluation Guidelines and Evaluator Consensus Matrix*

6.1. Editorial changes

- 6.1.1. Editorial changes have been made to align with editorial changes of *Certification Requirements for Rope Access Work*