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SEI Adopts New Protective Footwear Standard

McLean, VA September 18, 2014. With unanimous approval by its Board of Directors, the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce the recent adoption of the CSA Z195-14, *Protective Footwear* standard for use in its certification program.

SEI will now utilize the updated CSA Z195-14 standard for testing protective footwear submitted for certification. This standard is a revision to the 2009 edition, and the core performance requirements contained in the previous edition remain the same. A second category of static-dissipative footwear was added to the 2014 edition to serve the needs of those working with electronics and sensitive instruments. Additional clarification language was added and the labeling program was modified to allow for combination (multi-patch) labels on footwear. The harmonization of the protective sole penetration test with the procedure specified in ASTM F2412 was also incorporated into the new edition of the CSA Z195-14 standard.

In addition to initial compliance testing of all protective footwear models, manufacturers who participate in the SEI certification program must pass a rigorous quality assurance audit of their manufacturing facility. Also, all products carrying the SEI label are required to be re-certified annually. This means that all products must be re-tested annually, and the manufacturing facility must continue to successfully meet all SEI quality assurance requirements during follow-up audits.

In addition to certifying protective footwear, SEI certifies eye & face protection, emergency eyewash & safety showers; fall protection equipment; fire service SCBA and rescue tools, fire fighters' helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural fire fighting; gas detector tube units; hazardous materials protective ensembles; protective clothing for emergency medical operations; personal alert safety systems (PASS) and thermal imaging cameras for fire fighters; fire service life safety rope, equestrian helmets & vests and other sports and athletic equipment.

Information about SEI's certification programs and the most current version of the SEI **Certified Product List** can be accessed on SEI's web site, www.SEInet.org. The SEI home page includes the SEI **Certified Product List** which provides certified product model names and numbers, manufacturer's names, and contact information.
