

THREE-MINUTE ORAL COMMENT SCRIPT



**YOUR VOICE.
YOUR SHOP.
YOUR FUTURE.**

Cal/OSHA Engineered Stone Advisory Meeting - July 31, 2026

BEFORE YOU COMMENT



REGISTER

Register in advance to give oral comment (in person in Oakland or by Zoom). ISFA can confirm the current sign-up link and format.



YOU WILL HAVE ABOUT THREE MINUTES

That is about 380-420 spoken words. Practice out loud once - most people run long.



BRING ONE NUMBER AND ONE HUMAN DETAIL

A specific figure ("we employ 14 people") plus a real face beats general argument every time.



USE THE SCRIPT

Fill in the brackets below with your own facts, then read it aloud. Timing markers are in the margin.

0:00 OPEN (WHO YOU ARE + COMMON GROUND)

"Good [morning/afternoon]. My name is [name]. I own [shop name], a [#]-person countertop fabrication shop in [city]. Thank you for the chance to comment.
I want to start where I think we all agree: no worker should get silicosis. I've [seen it / worried about it / built my shop around preventing it], and protecting my crew is not negotiable for me."

0:35 THE STAKES FOR A REAL SHOP

"So I'm not here to argue against protecting workers. I'm here because how this rule is written decides whether shops like mine can protect our people and stay in business.
Right now I have [#] orders in production and [inventory detail], plus [#] signed contracts and [#] housing jobs already priced and committed. An abrupt cutoff strands that work – and the [#] families my shop supports."

1:20 YOUR CENTRAL ASK (QUESTION 3 - CONTROLS)

"My main ask is this. My shop already runs [wet methods / local exhaust / enclosed equipment / a respiratory program / air monitoring]. I've invested in controlling this hazard.
Please recognize that. Shops that can demonstrate the level of engineering control you describe in Question 3 – enclosure with ULPA filtration – should qualify for an exemption, not be shut down alongside shops that never controlled the dust at all. Reward the shops doing it right."

2:10 TIMELINE + CERTIFICATION

"Two more quick points. First, a realistic transition needs about [#] months to finish committed work and use up inventory – a single overnight cutoff isn't operationally possible for a shop my size.
Second, if we're steered toward alternative materials, please require those materials to be independently tested and certified for silica content, so we're not left liable for relying on a product that was mislabeled."

2:45 CLOSE

"I want a rule that ends silicosis in this trade. I'm asking you to build one that a legitimate, well-run shop can actually meet – realistic timelines, protection for committed work, and credit for shops that control the hazard. Thank you."

