Dear Chapter members, colleagues and friends,

First of all, I would like to thank Chapter member Lee Donahue, Safety Manager at Morrow-Meadows Electrical Contractors for stepping up and taking over as Newsletter Editor from Gary Couture. This is Lee’s first issue, and I’d like us to welcome him into the Executive Committee. He’s a great example of the volunteer spirit that keeps this chapter humming.

Speaking of celebrating our volunteers, the highest level of recognition that we grant a Chapter member is the SPY, or Safety Professional of the Year, Award. The ASSP Chapter SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a Chapter. One of our recent past SPY recipients is Gary Couture (see the connection?) who also went on to win Region One SPY. The SPY Selections Committee will accept nominations through October 15, 2018. We encourage you to submit nominations. The recipient will be announced at the December Holiday Luncheon. Any member can nominate her or himself, or another member that you consider qualified and deserving of this recognition. Information and nomination forms for Chapter and Region SPY awards can be downloaded at: https://www.assp.org/membership/awards-and-honors/individual-awards/communities-spys. We are also looking for members to serve on the SPY selection committee. If you would like to be considered for this short-term assignment, please contact me.

Summer is almost over, and what are you going to miss the most? Baseball, of course! Well, you’re in luck. The ASSP Baseball Bash at Petco Park is coming up on September 29 when the Padres host the Diamondbacks. The early bird registration deadline was extended until we meet our 50 person minimum. In addition to all you can eat burgers, hot dogs, salad, peanuts, Cracker Jack, an open beer bar and great fun at the Skyline Patio, the first 50 people to register will automatically enter the raffle for four field-level seats at a future game. If you have a safety

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Government Affairs Committee:
by Scott Simerson


July 18, 2018

WASHINGTON, DC – Pursuant to a settlement agreement from September 2014 between the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Association of American Railroads (AAR), OSHA today published a proposed rule regarding railroad construction equipment provisions in the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard. OSHA’s proposal will maintain safety and health protections for workers, and address employers’ compliance burdens.

The final rule for Cranes and Derricks in Construction was published August 9, 2010. AAR filed a petition challenging certain requirements affecting railroad roadway work equipment. OSHA and AAR negotiated a settlement agreement that requires OSHA to propose a rule that will provide clarifications and exemptions affecting work on or along railroad tracks.

Comments to the proposed rule can be submitted electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Comments may also be submitted by mail or facsimile. See the Federal Register notice for details. Submissions must be received by September 17, 2018.

The Department of Labor Proposes Rule to Better Protect Personally Identifiable Information

July 27, 2018

WASHINGTON, DC – The Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to better protect personally identifiable information or data that could be re-identified with a particular individual by removing provisions of the “Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses” rule. OSHA believes this proposal maintains safety and health protections for workers, protects privacy and reduces the burdens of complying with the current rule.

The proposed rule eliminates the requirement to electronically submit information from OSHA Form 300 (Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses), and OSHA Form 301 (Injury and Illness Incident Report) for establishments with 250 or more employees that are currently required to maintain injury and illness records. These establishments would be required to electronically submit information only from OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses).

Under the current recordkeeping rule, the deadline for electronic submission of Calendar Year (CY) 2017 information from OSHA Forms 300 and 301 was July 1, 2018. In subsequent years, the deadline is March 2. OSHA is not currently accepting the Form 300 or 301 data and will not enforce the deadlines for these two forms without further notice while this rulemaking is underway. The electronic portal collecting Form 300A data is accepting CY 2017 data, although submissions after July 1, 2018, will be marked late.

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New Cal/OSHA Housekeeper Injury Prevention Rules Now in Effect

August 7, 2018 by Estee Bartell and Ronald Peters


On July 1, 2018, the newly implemented Hotel Housekeeping Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Program (MIPP) regulation took effect. This program requires all California hotel/motel employers to institute and maintain written policies and training practices regarding housekeeping-related workplace hazards. The new Cal-OSHA regulation, which is intended to prevent and reduce work-related injuries to housekeepers in the hospitality industry, specifically requires that the MIPP be part of the employers Injury Illness and Prevention Program (IIPP) and that it be in writing, readily accessible to employees during their shift, and include the following components:

**Procedures**

- **Procedures for identifying and evaluating housekeeping hazards through a worksite evaluation.** The initial worksite evaluation must be completed by October 1, 2018, or within three months after the opening of a new lodging establishment. The procedures must include an effective means of involving housekeepers and their union representative in designing and conducting the worksite evaluation. Additionally, the employer must notify housekeepers of the results of the evaluation in writing or by posting it in a location readily accessible to them. The results of the worksite evaluation must be in a language easily understood by housekeepers. Evaluations must be reviewed and updated at least annually and whenever new processes may change or increase housekeeping.

- **Procedures to investigate musculoskeletal injuries to housekeepers.** These procedures may include reviewing housekeeping tasks that are performed and tools and equipment used, in addition to eliciting input from the injured housekeeper, the housekeeper’s union representative and the housekeeper’s supervisor regarding injury prevention.

- **Methods or procedures for correcting hazards.** The employer must describe how it will correct, in a timely manner, hazards identified in the worksite evaluation or in the investigation of musculoskeletal injuries to housekeepers, including procedures for determining whether identified corrective measures are implemented appropriately.

- **Procedures for review.** Employers must identify how they will review, at least annually, the MIPP at each worksite, to determine its effectiveness and make any corrections when necessary, including an effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of housekeepers and their union representative in reviewing and updating the MIPP.

**Training**

The MIPP also requires that employers provide specific training to all housekeepers and supervisors in a language easily understood by these employees. At a minimum, training must include the signs, symptoms, and risk factors commonly associated with musculoskeletal injuries; the elements of the employer’s MIPP and how records will be made available to housekeepers; a description of body mechanics and safe practices; the importance of early reporting; practice using the types and models of equipment and tools that the housekeeper will be expected to use; an opportunity for interactive questions and answers; and additional training of supervisors.

**Records**

Finally, the MIPP requires that employers maintain records of the steps taken to implement and maintain the MIPP, including any measurements taken or evaluations conducted in the worksite evaluation process and training. Additionally, a copy of the MIPP and all worksite evaluation records must be available at the worksite for review and copying by housekeepers and their designated representative.

**Next Steps**

Hotel and motel and other businesses in California that employ housekeepers should immediately update their Injury Illness and Prevention Programs to include a MIPP. This can be done by integrating the MIPP into the IIPP, or creating a standalone MIPP, which is incorporated by reference. Employers should also immediately implement the MIPP and provide training to both housekeeping personnel as well as supervisors and other

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management employees as required by the regulation. Training records showing the training took place should also be updated.

Public Affairs Committee:
by Isaac Szmulowicz

Three ASSP members, Enrique Medina, Stewart Migdal and Isaac Szmulowicz participated in the American Red Cross Sound the Alarm – Save a Life home fire safety and smoke alarm installation. The event took place in the National City Lincoln Acres area on Saturday September 1st from 8 to 12 a.m. About 60 volunteers attended.

Red Cross CEO Sean Mahoney and District 1 SD County Supervisor Greg Cox kicked off the event. Mr. Mahoney reported that 7 people die every day in home fires in the US, but thanks to this program more than 400 lives have been saved. In San Diego, the Red Cross responds to a home fire every day. Mr. Victor Roosen, Regional Disaster Officer, provided the training for Educators, Installers and Documenters. After breakfast and training, the volunteers were sent in groups of three to homes that previously registered to have smoke detectors installed.

The volunteers reported a very fulfilling experience, a great way to help the community and make a more resilient San Diego. The Red Cross provided the smoke detectors with a 10-year battery, the tools and the map of the assigned area.

The next installation is scheduled in San Marcos on Thursday, September 27th at 8 a.m.

If you would like to get involved in this or future events please let Isaac know.

Financial Audit Committee:

ASSP San Diego Chapter Financial Audit Results

The ASSP San Diego Chapter Audit Committee (Committee) consisting of incoming Chapter President, Enrique Medina, incoming North County Treasurer Isaac Szmulowicz, and chapter member Dan Hopwood, conducted an internal audit of the Chapter’s financial reports for the period of April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The audit was conducted with the collaboration of 2017-2018 and current Chapter Treasurer Teresa Bonilla, and Outgoing President Allison Long. The Audit Committee’s examination included a review of the Treasurer’s reports, files, bank statements, checking and savings account deposits, and checks. The Committee identified 14 findings to improve financial tracking. Accounting modifications are already underway to address all of the findings. The audit’s conclusion are as follows:

- The Treasurer has a clear understanding of her duties and responsibilities, and maintains current record-keeping, even as the volume of transactions, and the variety of revenue and expense categories has expanded.
- The monthly financial reports correctly show the Chapter’s total revenues, expenses, and net income, and the assets in savings and checking accounts shown on the monthly reports are properly accounted for and match the amounts shown on the corresponding bank statements.
- With few exceptions, all revenue and deposits as well as expenses and disbursements were trackable and generally supported by back-up documentation or narrative explanations.
- Some revenue and expense amounts are not correctly classified in individual categories, which prevents developing reliable profits or losses from specific activities.
- The current Monthly Financial Report template is no longer adequate for efficient and accurate data entry, or as a planning, budgeting, tracking, and forecasting tool.

It is the Audit Committee’s opinion that other than the minor findings mentioned above, the San Diego Chapter’s records are in good order as of June 30, 2018.
Did You Resolve to Get Your ASP/CSP This Year?

Thinking about working on your ASP/CSP? If so, that’s outstanding and we are pulling for you! If you’d like to receive personal coaching for your ASP/CSP preparation, contact our Chapter President-elect Enrique Medina, CIH, CSP to start the ball rolling.

By becoming part of our ASP/CSP Study Group Community you will get support, advice, tips, prep course reviews, and post-test debriefing from your peers to assist you in studying for the ASP/CSP professional certification exams. This free service is open to all Chapter members, and members of allied organizations, and you can join at any time.

Enrique can be reached at: (619) 297-1469 or President@sandiego.assp.org

Job-Line

By David Ferguson, CSP

Looking for a new job? Visit our job-line at https://sandiego.assp.org/current-openings/ to see current opportunities such as: Assistant Vice President, Safety and Health (Los Angeles); Specialist, Environmental Health and Safety; Environmental Health and Safety Manager; Cal/OSHA Safety and Health Inspectors; Risk Consultant; Safety Specialist (Los Angeles); Environmental Health and Safety Manager (Phoenix). Check out these and other great jobs today!

Membership Chair:

by Brooks Carder

Welcome to our new member!

Luisa Dunn     Member

Editor’s Note: Do you have an item of interest, safety-related event, sister-organization meeting, special accomplishment or other newsworthy article that you would like to share with your fellow San Diego ASSP members? Send it to me via e-mail no later than the 15th of the month and I will do my best to get it published. Here are some conditions: news articles, reports and other text-based submissions should be limited to a maximum of two pages, 10—12 pitch font. Artwork or graphics (flyers or posters) should be single-page, preferably in MS Word or MS Publisher format. If you are “borrowing” a news item previously published somewhere else (i.e., not your own original work), please provide the source and whether or not you have permission to reprint it. All submissions should be e-mailed to Newsletter@sandiego.assp.org. Please also provide your contact information, including name, e-mail address and phone number.
At this meeting: One of the biggest challenges faced by many employers is adequately addressing fall hazards in the workplace, and then selecting effective and appropriate fall prevention measures that are compliant with the regulations, effective, and actually utilized by affected workers.

Our Speaker: Tony Bonilla is a sales representative and fall protection equipment technical specialist for Jobsite Supply Co. and has over 12 years of industry experience. He is highly knowledgeable in all areas of workplace safety including fall prevention, with a high degree of emphasis on current regulations, standards, best practices, and control methods available to employers involved in both General Industry and Construction. He has supported many programs including those provided by the OSHA Training Institute and also the Associated General Contractors (AGC), San Diego Chapter. He provides technical advice and training for a wide variety of companies throughout southern California.

Admiral Baker Clubhouse
3604 Admiral Baker Road
San Diego, CA 92120
Registration and Breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m.
Welcome and Speaker begins at 7:30 a.m.

$15 Members* with RSVP by 9/7/2018 by 5:00 P.M.
$20 No RSVP by 9/7/2018 and for Non-Members/Guests

*Members include: ASSP, ACWPJIA, AHMP, AIHA, IHPM, RNCN, RIMS, PARMA, CPCU, PWI, WUSMA

RSVP/Registration: Please RSVP OR register with payment by credit card on the San Diego ASSP Chapter website events page using the BLUE BUTTON link.

Please note: RSVPs and pre-registrations are very helpful in determining the head-count for the luncheon catering. Those who RSVP may still pay by check, credit card or cash at the door if preferred.

Directions: Interstate 15 to Friars Road East; left onto Santo Road (traffic light); immediate right on Admiral Baker Road; go STRAIGHT at STOP sign; pass the recreation area and part of the golf course; road curves to right at the driving range; keep going all the way to the club-house parking lot—a total of .9 miles from Santo Road.

Next month: Jerry Leatherman presents “Telematics and Fleet Tracking System”

NOTICE! As was announced at the August meeting, starting in October the monthly meeting’s breakfast fee will increase to help defray the added costs to the chapter. However, instead of the proposed increase to $20 and $25, we were able to limit the increase to only $3.00. Therefore, the new fee for pre-registered ASSP members (including affiliated organizations) will be $18, and $23 for non-members and walk-ins with no prior reservation. We hope that you will continue to support the chapter and appreciate that the real value of attending the meetings beyond a nutritious all-you-can-eat breakfast is in the networking, technical sessions, and professional development opportunities we strive to provide. For your convenience, the October meeting online registration page will reflect the new rates. Thank you and hope to see you there.
North Country Section Lunch Meeting
Tuesday September 25, 2018

Topic:
CERS: California Environmental Reporting System
Presented by: San Diego Dept. of Environmental Health

Since 2013, all businesses in the County of San Diego with a Unified Program Facility Permit (UPFP) are required by law to maintain their permit electronically by creating an account in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) and submitting their business information electronically.

Do you know if you are required to use CERS? Have you wondered how CERS affects you? Join us as Leonardo L. Calcagno, Environmental Health Specialist and Lead Inspector with San Diego DEH discusses “The Basics of Reporting in CERS.”

Mr. Calcagno is responsible for implementing program activities related to the protection of the environment and public health and safety through permit, inspection, education, consultation, planning, investigation, and enforcement activities according to federal, state, and local environmental health, safety, and sanitation laws, codes, and regulations. He is also the HMD project lead for permitting standby emergency generators registered with the Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

LOCATION:
DEA Lab
2815 Scott Street, Vista, CA  92081
Registration and Networking begins at 11:30 a.m.
Welcome and Meeting begins at 12:00 p.m.

$10 Members* with RSVP by 9/21/2018 by 5:00 p.m.
$15 No RSVP by 9/21/2018 and for Non-Members/Guests

* “Members” Includes: ASSP, ACWJPIA, AMP, AIHA, IHPM, RNCN, RIMS, PARMA, CPCU, PWI, WUSMA, CHMM

RSVP
Please RSVP to: NORTH COUNTY SEC/TRES:
Isaac Szymulowicz, CSP, COSS at nctreasurer@sandiego.assp.org
The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, August 7. Cait Casey, Gary Couture, David Ferguson, Fernand Kuhr, Allison Long, Enrique Medina, Scott Simerson, Isaac Szmuilowicz, Claire Wilson and Steve Workman attended.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer was unable to attend and no report was given. Members may view a copy of Treasurer’s reports upon request to our President, Enrique Medina.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Review Minutes from July, 2018:**

   The Executive Committee accepted the July 3 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes by vote. Approved unanimously.

2. **Succession Planning strategy update:**

   - Cait Casey is the Succession Planning Committee chair and said she will work with each officer to discuss roles, responsibilities and timelines in order to create a set of guidelines for prospective new officers. The Succession Planning process is seen as a way to prime student members for future roles in the chapter.

3. **Quick Updates:**

   - San Diego ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC) update by chair Steve Workman.
     - The committee is still confirming speakers and the upcoming meeting venue has been changed to Aspen’s conference room.

   - Internships in the Jobline:
     - David Ferguson gave a status update stating there is a note to employers about listing intern opportunities. Claire Wilson will work with David to move the note to the Jobline page. Gary Couture will add a note about intern opportunities to the Newsletter.
     - He will also be adding a note to the website saying employers interested in recruiting for unpaid interns may also post their openings at no charge.

   - Ball game: Allison stated that we were able to lower our minimum to 50 people and would get 4 Field Level tickets to raffle. Registration at the time of the call to the Padres was only 10 people.

4. **Committee Reports:**

   Only 3 committee reports were received by the agenda deadline.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Thank you, Gary Couture, for the last minute July Newsletter. Richard Cortopassi (newly elected Newsletter editor) has left the Chapter due to family needs.

2. Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Nominations—Enrique

   - Enrique will make an announcement 8/14; nomination period next week to October.

3. Committee updates at monthly meetings to request help and have back-ups

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- Gary Couture – newsletter; Allison Long – Padres bash; Claire Wilson met with Mark on Chapter e-mail list.
- The Chapter needs a volunteer to add Chapter files and documents to Google drive.

4. Adding calendar function website; events, speakers, allied organizations events.

- Claire working on website technicalities. Chris uses the list much.

5. Next membership survey/announcements for a breakfast meeting fee increase and chapter historian will come from Enrique.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. NC Section – Nothing to report.

2. Programs – Chris Malicki reported that we have breakfast speakers lined up through December 2018.


4. Public Affairs – Isaac Szmuilowicz reported the Chapter is working with the American Red Cross to install free smoke alarms in the Lincoln Acres neighborhood and two mobile home communities. We organize volunteers into teams of three and give each person the role of either Educator, Installer, or Documenter.

5. Government Affairs— Nothing to report.


7. Social Media – Nothing to report.

8. Jobline – David Ferguson reported there are 11 openings on our jobline.

9. Succession Planning – Cait Casey reported the proposed plan to leverage committee updates at monthly meetings to invite member collaboration and future leadership at the chapter level.

Next EC Meeting: September 4, 2018 – in person meeting

Next Event: September 11, 2018, SD ASSP Chapter Breakfast Meeting: Fall Protection Update

Calendar of Special Events:

September, 2018

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Always find the latest San Diego ASSP events at https://sandiego.assp.org/event/
Join SD ASSP and celebrate another year of fantastic major league baseball.

Overlooking Third Base, the Skyline Patio features gorgeous views of downtown San Diego and combines a semi-private place for us to socialize and enjoy the game. Enjoy all-you-can-eat food and beverages and kick back and relax for a game against the AZ Diamondbacks.

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2017
Game time: 5:40 PM (come early!)
Cost (each): ASSP Member: $60
ASSP Family Member: $60
Non-Member: $65

-Member rate extended to other professional organizations such as AIHA, PARMA, SAME, etc.
-All registrations after August 17 are $70.
-Registration closes September 14.
-No refunds will be provided for any reason

Click HERE to register! Or go to the San Diego ASSP website/Events page.

For more information contact: Allison Long
ASSE.Allie@gmail.com
760-703-8499
Help us Sound the Alarm about home fire safety.

The American Red Cross is teaming up with fire departments, volunteers, and partners to Sound the Alarm with home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events. Help us install FREE smoke alarms and make our communities safer. We need your help!

Every day 7 people die in home fires. You can help change that.

Join us at one of our upcoming installation events:
San Marcos - Thursday, September 27th at 8 a.m
Ramona, Saturday, November 3rd at 8 a.m

Learn more at SoundTheAlarm.org/SanDiego or email Melissa at Melissa.Altman@RedCross.org
Save the Date for the ASSP San Diego Chapter 2019 Professional Development Conference

The 2019 Professional Development Conference (PDC) sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of ASSP is scheduled to return to the Handlery in Mission Valley on March 12, 2019. Please save the date!

Scheduled Keynote Speaker is Charlie Morecraft

An ordinary guy with an extraordinary story!

Also scheduled to present

Dr. John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM, MBA
Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Additional information will be announced at the monthly meetings and in future issues of the San Diego Chapter newsletter.

Mark your calendar for future Chapter meetings:

09/11/2018 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - Speaker Tony Bonilla, Jobsite Supply Co: Fall Protection Update
09/29/2018 - 2nd Annual Baseball Bash at Petco Park
10/09/2018 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting - Speaker Jerry Leatherman, Geotab: Telematics and fleet tracking systems
12/11/2018 - Annual Holiday Luncheon and Donation Presentation
2019 Professional Development Conference
Call for Speakers

The San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (SD-ASSP) announces a call for speakers for the 2019 Professional Development Conference (PDC) in San Diego, California to be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Interested presenters must submit a proposal to speak for review by the PDC Planning Committee. If you or someone you know is a dynamic, knowledgeable speaker with a presentation relevant to one of the broad subject areas listed below, please have the below information completed and returned no later than September 30, 2018. You will be contacted a few weeks after the final closing of speaker applications. Thank you!

Possible Presentation Subject Areas

- Occupational Safety and Health
- Regulatory and Legal Issues
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Industrial Hygiene
- Environmental Issues
- Any Other Topics with Broad Appeal and/or Related EHS Practice

Presentation Parameters

The PDC audience is a professional, technical, and sophisticated audience of safety, health and environmental professionals. Presentations should be one hour in length (including Q & A), and should not be a marketing pitch. The PDC seeks experienced, professional speakers who will leave attendees with a valuable takeaway related to EHS practice.

Please Complete for Your Presentation to Be Considered

Presenter Name: ____________________________
E-mail Address: ______________________________
Company or Organization & Location: ____________________________
Mobile Phone: ____________________________
Topic Title: ____________________________
Audience Takeaways/Learning Points: ____________________________
Do you require remuneration or expense reimbursement (describe)? ____________________________

Scan and e-mail completed information to: Steve Workman stvworkman@gmail.com

For questions, call Steve at (619) 867-1775.

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An ordinary guy with an extraordinary story!

Also scheduled to present is
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Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
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July 26, 2018

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OSHA is making the NPRM available on its website for informational purposes only until the official version is published in the Federal Register. Until the date of publication, the NPRM can be found at osha.gov. After publication, the NPRM can be accessed through the Federal Register website at www.federalregister.gov.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

U.S. Department of Labor Extends Some Compliance Dates For General Industry Beryllium Standard

August 8, 2018

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today issued a final rule to extend the compliance date for specific ancillary requirements of the general industry beryllium standard to Dec. 12, 2018.

This extension affects provisions for methods of compliance, beryllium work areas, regulated areas, personal protective clothing and equipment, hygiene facilities and practices, housekeeping, communication of hazards, and record-keeping. This compliance date extension does not affect the compliance dates for other requirements of the general industry beryllium standard.

OSHA has determined that the extension will maintain essential safety and health protections for workers while the agency prepares a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to clarify certain provisions of the beryllium standard that would maintain the standard’s worker safety and health protections, and address employers’ compliance burdens.

OSHA began enforcing the new permissibility exposure limits for general industry, construction, and shipyards, and the general industry provisions for exposure assessment, respiratory protection, medical surveillance, and medical removal on May 11, 2018. Those requirements are unaffected by this rule. Any provisions for which the standard already establishes compliance dates in 2019 (change rooms and showers) or 2020 (engineering controls) are also unaffected by this rule.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and providing training, education and assistance.

U.S. Department of Labor Posts New Frequently Asked Questions and Videos on OSHA Standard for Controlling Silica in Construction

August 22, 2018

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today that new frequently asked questions (FAQs) and training videos on the Agency’s standard for respirable crystalline silica in construction are now available online.

Developed by OSHA in cooperation with industry and labor organizations, the FAQs provide employers and workers with guidance on the standard’s requirements. In addition, a series of six new videos instruct users on methods for controlling exposure to silica dust when performing common construction tasks, or using construction equipment. The videos cover topics including handheld power saws, jackhammers, drills, and grinders.

Visit OSHA’s silica standard for construction page for more information and resources on complying with the standard.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.
John Howard, M.D.
Director, NIOSH

One of the most pressing public health challenges our nation faces today is the epidemic of opioid overdoses. According to the CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, opioids (including prescription opioids, heroin, and fentanyl) killed more than 42,000 people in 2016, more than any year on record.

The effects of opioid use and misuse are not isolated to just one part of society. According to the CDC National Center for Health Statistics, 95% of the total U.S. drug overdose deaths that occurred in 2016 were among the working age population, persons aged 15–64 years. While we do not know how many of these individuals were employed at the time of their overdose, we do know that the work environment, including potential work-related injuries, can increase the potential for opioid use.

The opioid overdose epidemic has also worsened with a rise in the use of illicit opioids or other drugs, like cocaine and heroin, which can be contaminated with potent opioids like fentanyl. The increased prevalence of illicitly manufactured fentanyl and their analogues (equivalents) has also become an emerging threat to law enforcement officers, fire fighters, first responders, ambulance attendants, and others who may be exposed in the course of their work. We have worked closely with our partners to develop guidance for emergency responders and healthcare workers who are at risk for exposure to fentanyl and its analogues, sharing that guidance on web pages focused on the issue.

We recently released a new web page to outline NIOSH’s approach to this important topic. Our approach considers the “lifecycle” of opioid use, from precursors in the workplace, to use conditions, to containment and decontamination, and to recommendations targeted for protecting workers.

This framework details the approach of examining workplace conditions that can be risk factors for medically prescribed opioid use becoming opioid misuse, protecting responders from exposure to fentanyl and their equivalents, developing methods of rapid detection of dangerously potent opioids in a workplace, and providing information about effective decontamination of workplaces.

We all have an important role in preventing opioid overdose deaths through education, partnership, and collaboration. Improving communication and collaboration between public health and public safety can help identify changes in illicit drug supply and coordinate a more timely and effective response.

NIOSH, along with our partners, will continue to develop resources to provide guidance and education to help workers and employers stay safe.

Learn more on our opioid website.
www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/opioids/default.html

Look for John Howard at the San Diego ASSP 2019 Professional Development Conference. Details in this newsletter!

New CBRN Respiratory Protection Handbook Available

NIOSH has released a new Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Respiratory Protection Handbook. This handbook fills the need for authoritative technical information on CBRN respiratory protective devices. The information will assist users in the selection, use, and maintenance of CBRN respirators and will be particularly useful to individuals responsible for administering respiratory protection programs and/or developing training programs.

This Month in History

In 1997, a NIOSH study found that the children of construction workers who worked with lead were much more likely to have elevated blood lead levels compared to other children. The innovative study represented the first comprehensive investigation of lead contamination in the homes of workplace-exposed construction workers. More information is available

- Elevated Blood Lead Levels in Children of Construction Workers
- Children of Construction Workers at Increased Risk for Lead Poisoning

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**Appeals court strikes down EPA’s attempt to delay Chemical Disaster Rule**

Washington — A federal appeals court has struck down the Environmental Protection Agency’s latest attempt to delay the Obama-era Chemical Disaster Rule.

In a decision issued Aug. 17, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that EPA’s reasoning for pushing back the effective date to Feb. 19, 2019, “makes a mockery” of the Clean Air Act, and that the postponement has “delayed lifesaving protections.”

The Chemical Disaster Rule amends EPA’s Risk Management Program for chemical facilities with the intention of:

- Preventing catastrophic incidents by improving incident prevention program requirements.
- Enhancing emergency preparedness to ensure coordination between facilities and local communities.
- Improving information access to help the public understand the risks at RMP facilities.
- Improving third-party audits at RMP facilities.

Prompting those changes, in part, was a fertilizer facility explosion that killed 15 people in West, TX, in 2013. An Aug. 8 letter from Sens. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Tom Carper (D-DE) to former EPA administrator Scott Pruitt cites agency data showing more than 1,500 serious incidents occurred at chemical facilities from 2004 to 2013, “resulting in 58 deaths, over 17,000 injuries and billions of dollars in property damage.”

EPA finalized the Chemical Disaster Rule on Jan. 13, 2017, with an initial effective date of March 14 that same year. The Trump administration delayed the effective date for 60 days on Jan. 26. The agency then delayed the rule for another 90 days on March 13, and published a final rule June 14 to push it back to Feb. 19, 2019.

Environmental groups – including lead petitioner Air Alliance Houston – as well as attorneys general from 11 states and other parties filed a lawsuit in response to the delays.

“This decision means that people living near industrial facilities and those who respond to chemical accidents will have the stronger protections they deserve,” Air Alliance Houston Executive Director Bakeyah Nelson said in an Aug. 17 press release.

Unaffected by the ruling is EPA’s proposed rule, issued May 17, to rescind amendments on safer technology and alternatives analyses, third-party audits, incident investigations, information availability, and “several other minor regulatory changes.”

The agency states that the changes will address, among other issues:

- Potential security risks associated with new information disclosure requirements introduced in the 2017 amendments.
- Concerns about unnecessary regulations and their costs, along with concerns that EPA did not coordinate rulemaking with OSHA.

EPA also stated that it is seeking to modify amendments regarding local emergency coordination, emergency exercises and public meetings, as well as change the compliance dates for those amendments.

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**New from OSHA: compliance assistance resources for silica standard**

Among the resources:

- A customizable slide presentation for training construction workers.
- A five-minute video on protecting employees from silica dust.
- A series of short videos on dust control methods for “six common construction tasks.”
- A website that answers frequently asked questions about the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction, which went into effect October 23.

OSHA’s silica standard for general industry and maritime went into effect June 23. Crystalline silica is a carcinogen found in sand, stone and artificial stone. It can cause silicosis, a chronic disease that involves scarring of the lungs. OSHA estimates that 2.3 million workers are exposed to silica dust each year.

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Pressure to check work email after hours can be bad for your health, personal relationships: study

Briarcliff Manor, NY — You’re at home with family in the evening when you receive an email notification. It’s from your boss. Do you respond? A new study finds that pressure to check work email from home can negatively affect your health, your relationship with your significant other, and his or her health.

For the study, titled “Killing me softly: Electronic communications monitoring and employee and spouse well-being,” researchers from Virginia Tech and Lehigh University surveyed 142 couples, both of whom worked full time. Each was asked about the level of expectations to monitor work email after hours and daily email habits. They then answered questions about anxiety regarding work emails and, in the case of their partners, their anxiety about their significant other’s email use during non-work hours. Participants also provided information on their health, sleep quality and relationship satisfaction. Participants who said they felt pressure to monitor work emails while at home reported more stress and more negative feelings about their health. In addition, their significant others also reported more negative feelings about their health and their relationship satisfaction.

“The mere expectations of availability increase strain for employees and their significant others – even when employees do not engage in actual work during non-work time,” an Aug. 10 press release from Virginia Tech states.

The researchers recommend that employers consider setting up boundaries on when employees can and cannot respond to off-hours emails, and that employees do their part when around significant others or other family members by being “present.”

“Mindfulness is a practice within the control of the employee even if email expectations are not (i.e., those are enforced by their organization or their manager),” Liuba Belkin, study co-author and associate professor of management at Lehigh, said in an Aug. 13 press release.

The study was published online July 9 in the Academy of Management Proceedings.

Lyme disease risk on the rise as more states see spike in cases: study

Secaucus, NJ — Lyme disease is becoming more common outside the Northeast and more prevalent in the United States overall, a recent study by lab services provider Quest Diagnostics shows.

An analysis of more than 6 million lab tests conducted over the past seven years showed that positive tests for Lyme disease totaled about 35,000 in 2017. That’s up from fewer than 20,000 in 2013.

More than 60 percent of the 2017 positive test results were in the Northeast, with Pennsylvania leading all states with 10,001 cases. In California, however, cases surged 194.5 percent from 2015 to 2017, while cases in Florida jumped 77 percent over that same period. Notable increases also occurred in Arizona, Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

“Lyme disease is a bigger risk to more people in the United States than ever before,” Harvey W. Kaufman, senior medical director for Quest Diagnostics and head of the company’s Health Trends research program, said in a July 30 press release. “Our data shows that positive results for Lyme are both increasing in number and occurring in geographic areas not historically associated with the disease. We hypothesize that these significant increases may reinforce other research suggesting changing climate conditions that allow ticks to live longer and in more regions may factor into disease risk.”

Lyme disease, spread by bites from infected deer ticks, accounts for an estimated 329,000 illnesses in United States each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms include a bull’s-eye rash, facial palsy, fever, chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches, and swollen lymph nodes.

“People treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover rapidly and completely,” CDC states.
PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS:

1. (8/1) BMC Recalls Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard: www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/BMC-Recalls-Bicycles-Due-to-Fall-Hazard


5. (8/2) Rena Ware Recalls Nutrex Pressure Cookers Due to Burn Hazard: www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/Rena-Ware-Recalls-Nutrex-Pressure-Cookers-Due-to-Burn-Hazard-Recall-Alert


7. (8/7) NEMO Equipment Recalls Stargaze Recliner Chairs Due to Fall Hazard: www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/NEMO-Equipment-Recalls-Stargaze-Recliner-Chairs-Due-to-Fall-Hazard


PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS (CONTINUED):


HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association: http://www.aiha.org/

American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org/

American Society of Safety Professionals NEW Main Website: https://www.assp.org/  
NEW

ASSP Center for Safety and Health Sustainability http://www.centershs.org/  
NEW

ASSP Learning Library: http://www.safetybok.org/  
NEW

NEW

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), (Cal/OSHA): http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/  
NEW

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): http://www.cdc.gov/  
NEW

NEW

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): http://www.epa.gov/  
NEW

NEW

FEMA “Be Ready” Website: http://www.ready.gov/  
NEW

NEW

Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA): http://www.msha.gov/  
NEW

National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH): http://www.niehs.nih.gov/  
NEW

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/  
NEW

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Main Website: https://www.osha.gov/  
NEW

NEW

San Diego ASSP Website: https://sandiego.assp.org/  
NEW

US Chemical Safety Board (CSB): http://www.csb.gov/