

# The Safety Net

## San Diego



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*The President's Message — March, 2020*



Steve Workman

You should receive this issue of the newsletter (March 2020) just before our Professional Development Conference on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

event years ago and the vendors were in a circus tent outside. The photo booth will return. This was a fun experience and provided many keepsake mementoes.

For active duty and DoD attendees refer to OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5050.34. This conference falls under the \$600/per person per day limit and meets the threshold for normal supervisor TAD approval.

This year, the chapter's first challenge coin will be available. From what I can tell the East Texas chapter is the only other ASSP chapter to have a challenge coin. Our coin commemorates San Diego chapter's 56th anniversary. Hopefully, this starts a new tradition and a new coin will be created each year. Also new is the use of the app *Whova* for program and speaker handouts. Be sure to download this app before you get to Jacobs Center. There is no public Wi-Fi available on location. Once you download the app and the conference materials, Wi-Fi is not required to access them. We cannot expect to improve and grow without investments. We believe these items, some newer than

We are returning to Jacobs Center on Euclid Ave in San Diego. This venue provides a very different environment from the hotels and other locations used in the past. I can remember attending this



Chapter Challenge Coin

(see *President's Message*, Page 2)

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Thank you to all of our 2019 Professional Development Conference sponsors. Watch this space for our 2020 sponsors!





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### *(President's Message, from Page 1)*

others, will improve your experience over last year.

Speaking of our challenge coin, last month I received an email from a non-member EHS professional regarding it. In part, here are their concerns;

...I feel that you should hear from local EHS professionals related to the Safety Third campaign discussed in your December 2019 newsletter. As a 30-year EHS professional I don't think that an organization dedicated to the protection of employee health and safety should communicate anything other than Safety First.

I was recently evaluating involvement in the chapter but after seeing the “challenge coin” with Safety Third on it I am re-evaluating aligning myself with the organization.

I encourage you and the ASSP chapter leadership team to re-evaluate the message this sends to employees, management, and the safety professionals in the region.

This took me by surprise. After some thought, I penned the following reply;

...Thank you for your email. Perhaps you should consider attending our monthly meeting or even the safety

conference scheduled for March 10th to help you decide the degree of your involvement.

Safety 3rd is a way to get a conversation on safety started. My logic is explained in detail in the newsletter article you referred to. Also check out the hyperlink to Mike Rowe's post on the topic.

I see Safety 3rd as a challenge to what is the accepted norm. The norm from my experience is that employees don't think about safety first. They are more likely to think, “I can skip safety this once. Bad things don't happen to me. I can take this one shortcut.”

How about you? What are your thoughts? Even though we may have different opinions, I would like to hear from you. Please send your comments to president@sandiego.assp.org.

The fact that our chapter is celebrating 56 years is not to be taken lightly. The efforts of many have contributed to this achievement. I expect many additional milestones along the way for our chapter. What will you contribute?

**Steve Workman, CEAS**  
President  
San Diego ASSP Chapter

## SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Committee met over the phone and in person on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Cait Casey, Enrique Medina, Scott Simerson, and Steve Workman were present; Teresa Bonilla, Lee Donahue, David Ferguson, Dave Hiipakka, Chris Malicki, and Isaac Szmilowicz called in.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Review Minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**

Corrected minutes from the last meeting were sent the morning of February 4<sup>th</sup>. Minutes for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were unanimously approved.

*(see ExCom Meeting Minutes, page 3)*



## SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

*(ExCom Meeting Minutes, continued from Page 2)*

### 2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Members may view a copy of the Treasurer's Report upon request to the Chapter President.

### 3. Marketing Proposal:

- a. Waiting on a proposal.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. SPY Award

- a. Recipient of chapter SPY Chris Malicki is now in competition at regional level. Will introduce Chris as chapter recipient at PDC.

#### 2. Next ROC

- a. Steve and Scott are planning to attend the next ROC meeting in April.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Government Affairs — No update.
2. Delegate — No update.
3. Job Line — No update.
4. Membership — No update.
5. Newsletter — Lee unable to attend next breakfast meeting; requested someone meet to hand off newsletter hardcopies to distribute.
6. Programs — No update.
7. Public Affairs — No update.
8. Social Media — Chapter website banner to be update

with new image. Enrique to follow up on update.

9. Succession Planning — No update.
10. Special Projects — No update.
11. PDC — 2020 PDC Planning —
  - a. WHOVA app should be able to download agenda and speaker bios.
  - b. Speaker presentations to be placed on chapter website.
  - c. Currently at 39 attendees and 16 vendors. Bank reports don't indicate individual purchases, only lump sums. Registration reports and reconciliation need to come from other sources.
  - d. Venue walkthrough – Scott to schedule a walk through. Facility has all new crew; will meet with AV tech person.
  - e. Teresa and Wesley to work out the registration badges and process. Will skip RF codes on badges this year. PDC will have recycle bins for lanyards.

**Next Breakfast Meeting:** April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Speaker TBD (PDC is in lieu of monthly meeting).

**Next PDC Meeting:** February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – In person and conference call.

**Next EC Meeting:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – In person and conference call.

**Next Event:** Professional Development Conference – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Jacob's Center.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

### Government Affairs Committee:

*by Scott Simerson*

**U.S. DOL COMMEMORATES 50 YEARS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 WITH "PROTECTING THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE" CAMPAIGN**  
*Yearlong Efforts will Highlight OSHA Past Achievements, Current Efforts and Future Goals*

Agency: Occupational Safety & Health Administration  
Release Number: 20-0125-NAT

January 21, 2020

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) with a yearlong celebration

of past achievements, current efforts and future initiatives to protect the American workforce.

Signed into law by President Richard M. Nixon on December 29, 1970, the OSH Act was created "to assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women," laying the groundwork for the creation of OSHA the following spring. Following the establishment of the OSH Act, workplace fatalities were reduced approximately 65 percent.

"America's workplaces are safer and healthier thanks to the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the thousands of individuals at the Labor Department who have implemented the act over the last 50 years," U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia said. "The OSH Act is a cornerstone of worker protection in our country, and thanks to OSHA's work,

*(see **Government Affairs**, page 4)*



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countless American workers have gotten home safely to their families each day."

"The creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration made real, demonstrable improvement in worker safety in the United States," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor of Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt. "OSHA looks to continue to reduce occupational hazards and improve worker health. I am proud of the agency's half century of accomplishments and look forward to working with everyone dedicated to the agency's mission."

From the adoption of the first national health standard, to the affirmation of the imminent danger provisions and whistleblower protection laws, to the creation of training institutes and education grants, OSHA remains focused on its mission to safeguard the health and safety of the American worker. Readers can also subscribe to OSHA's bi-monthly [QuickTakes newsletter](#) for the latest news and information regarding OSHA's efforts to protect the American workforce.

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### **Occupational Exposure to Beryllium in the Construction and Shipyard Industries**

January 22, 2020

Stan Geist, ASSP Government Affairs

On October 8, 2019, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a new Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Occupational Exposure to Beryllium and Beryllium Compounds in Construction and Shipyard Sectors, 84 Fed. Reg. 53902 (Oct. 8, 2019). The proposed rule represents the latest in OSHA's multi-year effort to attempt to regulate beryllium outside of general industry workplaces, where exposure to beryllium primarily exists. OSHA provided the public a 30-day period to submit written comments on the proposal, which ended on November 7, 2019. OSHA also held an informal public hearing on the proposed rule on December 3, 2019. Hearing participants have until January 16, 2020 to submit additional evidence and data on the proposal and until January 31, 2020 to submit final briefs and summations.

<https://www.littler.com/publication-press/publication/osha-collecting-final-input-it-considers-rule-occupational-exposure>

**State of California, Department of Industrial Relations  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health Memo**

To: Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee Members & Interested Parties

From: Douglas L Parker, Chief

Re: 2020 Schedule of Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: January 24, 2020

The schedule for our 2020 Advisory Committee meeting is as follows:

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Thursday, March 26, 2020 - Oakland\*\*

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Thursday, July 23, 2020 - Oakland\*\*

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Thursday, November 12, 2020 - Oakland\*\*

Elihu Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, Room 1304

\*\*This meeting will include videoconferencing to our southern California district office at 800 Royal Oaks Drive, Suite 105, Monrovia 91016.

We look forward to seeing you.

### **Cal/OSHA Issues Guidance on Requirements to Protect Health Care Workers from 2019 Novel Coronavirus**

**News Release No.:** 2020-08

**Date:** February 3, 2020

**Oakland**—Cal/OSHA is issuing guidance on protecting health care workers from exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). The [guidance](#) covers the safety requirements when providing care for suspected or confirmed patients of the respiratory disease or when handling pathogens in laboratory settings in California.

"It is vital that employers take the necessary steps to protect workers in health care settings where they may be at risk of exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus," said Cal/OSHA Chief Doug Parker. "Cal/OSHA will provide guidance and resources on how to protect workers from this airborne infectious disease."

The risk for infection is higher in health care settings such as hospitals and clinical laboratories. The [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) is providing updates and closely monitoring suspected cases of 2019-nCoV infection and transmission.

2019-nCoV is an airborne infectious disease covered by Cal/OSHA's Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) standard, which requires employers to protect workers from diseases and pathogens transmitted by aerosols and droplets.

The ATD standard requires employers to have an ATD Exposure Control Plan with procedures to identify 2019-nCoV cases or suspected cases as soon as possible and protect employees from infection.

*(see Government Affairs, page 5)*



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The [ATD standard](#) further requires employers to provide training on the:

- Signs and symptoms of 2019-nCoV.
- Modes of transmission of the disease and source control procedures.
- Tasks and activities that may expose the employee to 2019-nCoV.
- Use and limitations of methods to prevent or reduce exposure to the disease including decontamination and disinfection procedures.
- Selection of personal protective equipment, its uses and limitations, and the types, proper use, location, removal, handling, cleaning, decontamination and disposal of protective equipment.
- Proper use of respirators.
- Available vaccines, when they become available.
- Employer's plan if an exposure incident occurs and surge plan, if applicable.

Employers must use feasible engineering and work practice controls to minimize employee exposure to 2019-nCoV. Examples of engineering controls include airborne infection isolation rooms or areas, exhaust ventilation, air filtration and air disinfection. Work practice controls include procedures for safely moving patients through the operation or facility, handwashing, personal protective equipment donning and doffing procedures, the use of anterooms, and cleaning and disinfecting contaminated surfaces, protective equipment, articles and linens.

Visit Cal/OSHA's [webpage](#) for further interim guidance on 2019-nCoV exposure in health care settings. In order to help employers comply with the ATD standard, Cal/OSHA has posted several [publications](#) including [The California Workplace Guide to Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](#) and fillable [ATD model exposure control](#) and [laboratory biosafety plans](#).

Several occupational safety and health standards, including Cal/OSHA's [Bloodborne Pathogens Standard](#) adopted in 1992 and the [ATD Standard](#) adopted in 2009, address worker protections when exposure to infectious diseases including coronavirus may occur in health care settings. The standards apply to hospital workers and emergency medical services, as well as workers in biological laboratories, decontamination workers, public health workers, or public safety employees who may be exposed to infectious disease hazards.

Cal/OSHA reminds all employers and workers that any suspected cases of 2019-nCoV must be promptly reported to the local public health department.

The [California Department of Public Health](#) has updated information on 2019-nCoV and reporting requirements. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also posted specific [information for health care workers](#) and [laboratory settings](#).

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, or Cal/OSHA, is the division within the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) that helps protect California's workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace.

[Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch](#) provides free and voluntary assistance to employers to improve their safety and health programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR's Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734).

**Contact:** Erika Monterroza / Frank Polizzi, [Communications@dir.ca.gov](mailto:Communications@dir.ca.gov), (510) 286-1161

### **U.S. DOL Revises National Emphasis Program to Reduce or Eliminate Worker Exposure to Silica**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established a revised [National Emphasis Program \(NEP\)](#) to identify and reduce or eliminate worker exposures to respirable crystalline silica (RCS) in general industry, maritime, and construction. The NEP targets specific industries expected to have the highest numbers of workers exposed to silica, and focuses on enforcement of the new silica standards, one for general industry and maritime (29 CFR § 1910.1053) and one for construction (29 CFR § 1926.1153). These standards became effective in June 2016, and construction employers were required to begin complying with their standard as of September 23, 2017, and general industry and maritime employers were required to begin complying with their standard as of June 23, 2018.

What changes were made to the NEP?

Revised application to the lower permissible exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica to 50 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) as an 8-hour time-weighted average in [general industry](#), [maritime](#), and [construction](#);

(see *Government Affairs*, page 6)



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- Updated list of target industries, as listed in the appendix of the NEP; from this list, area offices will develop randomized establishment lists of employers in their local jurisdictions for targeted inspections;
Compliance safety and health officers will refer to current enforcement guidance for RCS inspection procedures;
All OSHA regional and area offices must comply with this NEP, but they are not required to develop and implement corresponding regional or local emphasis programs; and State Plans must participate because of the nationwide exposures to silica.

OSHA will conduct 90 days of compliance assistance for stakeholders prior to beginning programmed inspections for the NEP.

Respirable crystalline silica consists of small silica particles that are generated by cutting, sawing, grinding, drilling, and crushing materials such as stone, rock, concrete, brick, block, and mortar. Inhaling the dust created during these operations can cause silicosis, an incurable lung disease, lung cancer, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. For more information on the health effects from silica exposure, and how employers can protect workers, visit OSHA’s Safety and Health Topics webpage on Crystalline Silica.

Membership Chair

by Jo Curcio

Welcome to our newest member!

Claire Wilson



Job Line

by David Ferguson, CSP, CEA, REPA

Looking for a new job? Local employers are looking for you! Visit our job-line at https://sandiego.assp.org/current-openings/ to see current opportunities such as:

- PEO—Risk and Safety Representative
Control Air Enterprises—Sr. Construction Safety Manager, Anaheim
SD&E—Safety Management System Manager
TriNet—Risk Consultant
Cal/OSHA—Safety and Health Inspectors
Keller North America—HSEQ Manager
Spencer Ogden—Industrial Hygienist
Sedgwick—Specialist Risk Control III
L3 Harris Technologies—Sr. Associate, Environmental Health and Safety
ASI Hastings—Safety Coordinator

The blue links should take you directly to the posting, when available. Otherwise, see the San Diego ASSP Job Listing for full details and instructions on how to apply. Check out these and other great jobs today!

Check us out on social media!



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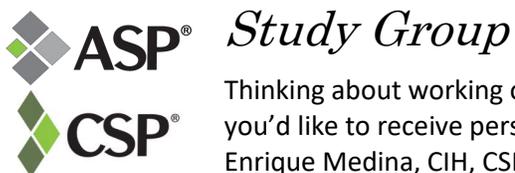
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Thinking about working on your ASP/CSP? If so, that’s outstanding and we are pulling for you! If you’d like to receive personal coaching for your ASP/CSP preparation, contact our Chapter President Enrique Medina, CIH, CSP to start the ball rolling.

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. Contact Enrique at (619) 297-1469 or [past-president@sandiego.assp.org](mailto:past-president@sandiego.assp.org).

## ASSP Career Center

The ASSP Career Center is a free comprehensive resource available to all ASSP Chapter members who are looking for a job or those who are employed and want to advance their safety careers.

The Career Center’s Job Seeker Resource Center offers resume writing tips, tools to build your resume online, and a Resume Bank where you can post your resume anonymously for employers to view, except for your name and contact information. But that’s not all! You also get interview preparation and follow-up strategies, such as how to bring up and negotiate a salary.

The Job Board lets you to search for job postings throughout the US and internationally by applying filters that fit your criteria, and save them by keyword, location, industry, or job function. The Job Alert automated search sends new postings that meet your criteria right to you, instead of having to log in to search for new jobs. You also get help with career advancement to move your career forward or change industry sectors, including using social media for networking, how to work effectively with recruiters, how to give notice, and negotiating salary and benefits. And you have access to expert coaching!

Employers can post and manage job openings, search and manage job candidates, create a company profile, upload position templates, consult a Resume Bank, and much more. This is a great free resource designed with you in mind—visit the ASSP Career Center and Job Board at <https://jobs.assp.org/>.

## Calendar of Special Events

March 2020

Dates	Event
1-31	Brain Injury Awareness Month
1-31	National Nutrition Month
1-31	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
1-31	National Caffeine Awareness Month
1-31	Workplace Eye Wellness Month
1	Self Injury Awareness Day
2	World Teen Mental Wellness Day
1-7	National Consumer Protection Week
8-14	National Patient Safety Awareness Week
9	Daylight Saving Time—Spring Forward!
16-22	National Poison Prevention Week
23	National Near Miss Day
30-4/5	National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

March 2020 						
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29	30	31				

Always find the latest San Diego ASSP events at <https://sandiego.assp.org/event!>



# ASSP SD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

## WHEN

**March 10, 2020**  
**7:30am – 5pm**

## WHERE

**Jacobs Center**

404 Euclid Ave San Diego CA 92114

Symposium meets Navy threshold for normal supervisor approval, per OPNAVINST 5050.34

**[HTTPS://SANDIEGO.ASSP.ORG/EVENTS/ASSP-PROFESSIONAL-DEVELOPMENT-CONFERENCE-2020](https://sandiego.assp.org/events/assp-professional-development-conference-2020)**

## JOIN US!

### EARLY BIRD

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### REGULAR

\$175/person

\$1000/table (8)

## TOPICS

- Earthquake Early Warning & Recovery
- Surviving Workplace Violence/Active Shooter
- Actively Caring for People’s Safety
- 6 Lies About Work Safety Pros Believe
- Ergonomics Made Fun & Easy for Employees
- HAZMAT CUPA Requirements
- The Opioid Crisis
- NIOSH Updates

## VENDORS

- UCSD OSHA Training Institute
- State Compensation Fund
- MAKESafe Tools
- First Aid Only
- Safe-T-Proof
- CSI Scaffolds
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Response
- 3M Corporation
- Chubb
- Superior Glove
- Thirdhand Smoke Resource
- *and More!*



## ASSP San Diego Chapter 2020 Professional Development Conference

March 10, 2020  
7:30 AM—5:00 PM

The Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation  
404 Euclid, SD, CA 92114

### Featured Speakers



**Krista Geller**, President Geller AC4P

*“Actively Caring for People's Safety:*

*How to Cultivate and Sustain a Brother's/Sister's Keeper Work Culture”*

This presentation will explain the fundamental AC4P principles from psychological science essential for successfully addressing the human dynamics of occupational safety and health. Incorporating these AC4P principles will enhance effectiveness and enable the achievement of a "brother's/sister's keeper" work culture. The See, Thank, Enter, Pass (STEP) method asks participants to look for AC4P behavior that supports safety (See). Thank the person for the safety-related act, give an AC4P wristband with a unique identification number, report the positive exchange at [www.ac4p.org](http://www.ac4p.org) (Enter), including the wristband number. Ask to Pass on to thank another person. With this AC4P process, observations of safety-related behaviors are spread to facilitate the promotion of an AC4P culture.

### Lunch Keynote Speaker



**Dr. John Howard**, MD, MPH, JD, LLM, MBA, Director, NIOSH.

*“Cannabinoids and the Workplace”*

Dr. Howard will speak about solutions to help workers and employers facing this in their communities, and the specific steps NIOSH is taking to approach this challenge. Dr. Howard was appointed to his third term as NIOSH Director in 2015. He served as Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the State of California (Cal/OSHA) from 1991 through 2002.

### Closing Keynote Speaker



**Monica Zech**

*“The Real-Life Dangers of Texting and Driving!”*

Monica's passion is “driving” safety. Since 1984 she's been speaking on behalf of all those injured and killed in preventable collisions. Driving Safety Becomes Her Passion: Almost from the start of her traffic reporting career, Monica began delivering lectures on driving safety throughout San Diego, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties, and in 2010 her talks became national when she was invited to speak to a high school in Miami, Florida. Later came requests to speak in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, Petree, Wyoming, and Grand Ronde, Oregon. Recognized for her dedication to safety, Monica has received numerous news, safety and community service awards. Although Monica enjoyed her work as a reporter, she most enjoyed her research and lectures in the community on transportation safety. Her goal is to reduce the injury and death on our roadways.



For Apple

Stay current with the latest PDC details—  
download the *free* WHOVA app and search for “ASSP”

For Android





# OSHA Trade News Release

U.S. Department of Labor  
OSHA, Office of Communications



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. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

## U.S. Department of Labor Publishes Amendments and Technical Corrections to OSHA Standards

February 14, 2020

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) re-

cently published **technical corrections and amendments** to 27 OSHA standards and regulations. This administrative rulemaking corrects minor misprints, omissions, outdated references, and tabular and graphic inaccuracies. The revisions apply to several industry sectors, including general industry, construction, shipyard employ-

ment and longshoring. Some revisions may reduce employer costs, and none expand employer obligations or impose new costs. ■

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The Department’s **Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center** converts departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

neta Chatmon at (202) 693-2020, or by e-mail at [chatmon.veneta@dol.gov](mailto:chatmon.veneta@dol.gov).

Comments and requests to speak must be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal, by mail or facsimile. Requests and submissions are due by Feb. 28, 2020. Read the **Federal Register notice** for submission details and telecommunications requirements. The meeting is open to the public.

Established under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act of 1970, **ACCSH** advises the Secretary of Labor and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on construction standards and policy matters. ■

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

## U.S. Department of Labor to Hold Meeting of the Construction Advisory Committee Workgroups to Discuss Industry Hazards

February 26, 2020

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor will hold a teleconference meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) Workgroups on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

The Education, Training and Outreach workgroup will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST to discuss trench

- WHAT:** Teleconference Meeting of Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health Workgroups
- WHEN:** Thursday, March 5, 2020
- Education, Training and Outreach workgroup: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST
  - Emerging and Current Issues workgroup: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST
- WHERE:** Teleconference Dial-in  
888-658-5408  
Passcode 7001480

Attendance will be by teleconference only. For additional information about the telecommunication requirements for the meeting, please contact Ve-

help everyone understand and comply with the law.

Visit [www.osha.gov/osha50](http://www.osha.gov/osha50) to find 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and information on OSHA’s efforts to protect America’s workforce. ■

## U.S. Department of Labor Launches New Webpage to Observe 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

February 6, 2020

**WASHINGTON, DC** —The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has launched a new webpage marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Occupational

Safety and Health Act of 1970, the landmark worker safety and health law that led to the creation of OSHA. The webpage highlights transformative workplace improvements over the past half century, from OSHA’s first standards and whistleblower protections, to assistance programs for small businesses, and the creation of training centers and education grants to



## Update on Coronavirus Response

In response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) CDC is operationalizing all of its pandemic preparedness and response plans, working on multiple fronts to meet these goals, including specific measures to [prepare communities](#) to respond local transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. For more information, please visit the [COVID-19 Outbreak web page](#).

## Follow #KeepTeenWorkersSafe for Young Workers Safety Info

NIOSH has teamed up with OSHA, CareerSafe, and others to provide workplace safety and health information and resources to employers of youth, young workers, parents, and educators with a goal of keeping young workers safe at their summer jobs. Follow along on the NIOSH [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) through April. Visit the [Keep Teen Workers Safe](#) website and the [NIOSH Science Blog](#) for materials, resources, and information.

## NIOSH Seeks Input on Workplace Supported Recovery

In a *Workplace Supported Recovery* program (WSRP), employers use evidence-based approaches to reduce risk factors for substance use among workers and help those who have a substance use disorder in seeking the care they need and assisting in their recovery. To better understand perspectives on and experiences with *Workplace Supported Recovery*, NIOSH is extending an opportunity to provide input through a *Request for Information* in the Federal Register, open now until April 27. NIOSH has posed a series of questions on WSRPs and is interested in responses from a variety of stakeholders, including employers, labor unions, workers, researchers, treatment providers, and government agencies at all levels—federal, state, territorial, local, and tribal. Please contribute your feedback by visiting the [Federal Register site](#).

## NIOSH Leadership Updates

- Dr. R.J. Matetic has been appointed to the position of Associate Director for Manufacturing, directing the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Manufacturing Sector portfolio. Dr. Matetic will also serve as a senior advisor to NIOSH for the Transportation,

Warehousing and Utilities NORA Sector and the Hearing Loss Prevention NORA Cross-Sector program portfolios.

- Dr. Jennifer Lincoln has been appointed to the position of Associate Director for the NIOSH Office of Agriculture Safety and Health in the Office of the Director.
- LCDR Alice Shumate has been appointed to lead the NIOSH Center for Maritime Safety and Health Studies.

## Upcoming Webinar on Future of Work and Implications for Occupational Safety and Health

NIOSH Director Dr. John Howard will be one of three speakers for the first installment of the 2020 [Expanding Research Partnerships Webinar Series](#)! Join us on March 11, from 12:00–1:30 p.m. (ET), for a webinar on the future of work and implications for occupational safety and health. Learn more and register [here](#).

## 2020 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award Winner Is Out of This World!

The winner of the 2020 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award™ for innovation was awarded to the Multilateral Medical Operations Panel Acoustics Sub-Working Group for the International Space Station (ISS). In order to mitigate the effects of constant noise from equipment controlling the basic amenities (e.g., air and water supply) on the ISS, as well as noise from the many experiments taking place, the working group developed solutions to reduce noise exposure through monitoring, testing, and protective equipment. Find out more about the [Safe-in-Sound award](#).

## NIOSH Congratulates Hard Hat Inventor Inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame

The National Inventors Hall of Fame announced that Edward W. Bullard is being initiated as a [historical inductee](#) for his invention of the hard hat. Edward W. Bullard invented the first commercially available industrial head protection device, called the “hard-boiled hat,” in 1919. Bullard’s lightweight, nonconducting hard hat design was sturdy enough at the time to withstand many falling objects. This invention has since become a mandatory piece of equipment that protects millions of workers around the world.



## HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS

### Working Safely with Solvents: CPWR Publishes Alert, Infographic

January 28, 2020

**Silver Spring, MD**—Stressing the importance of safety when working with solvents, CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training has published a [hazard alert](#) and an [infographic](#) addressing the topic.

Solvents are chemicals used to thin or dissolve paint, grease, epoxies, adhesives and coatings. Exposure to skin can cause dryness and cracking. If swallowed or inhaled, solvents can irritate or burn the nose, mouth, throat, lungs, stomach and intestine. Long-term exposure can damage the nervous system, reproductive system, kidneys and respiratory system, as well as cause cancer.

The center notes that under OSHA’s Hazard Communication Standard

(1910.1200), employers are required to educate workers about potential chemical exposure hazards, provide Safety Data Sheets and label products.

Additionally, employers must provide and maintain personal protective equipment, such as gloves, respirators and eye protection. When working in confined spaces, proper ventilation is particularly important, CPWR adds. Workers who come into contact with solvents should wash their skin immediately.

The infographic is available in English



and Spanish. ■

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### NIOSH announces partnership aimed at enhancing safety and health in 3D printing

**WASHINGTON**—NIOSH is teaming up with nonprofit organization [America Makes](#) in an effort to advance workplace safety and health in 3D printing and additive manufacturing.

The agency defines additive manufacturing as “the process of taking a design created in software or by a 3D object scanner and then using hardware to create that object out of various materials.” America Makes – founded in 2012 in Youngstown, OH – works with industry, academic and government stakeholders, among others, on technology research, discovery, creation and innovation. The organization serves as a “teaching fac-

tory’ to build workforce skills” and “strengthen business capabilities in both large and small advanced manufacturing companies.”

NIOSH is researching possible respiratory hazards from 3D printing emissions, including exposure to ultrafine



particles, evaluating engineering controls and providing best practices for protecting workers. “NIOSH is particularly well-positioned to contribute to the emerging knowledge and guidance around workplace safety practices, for both employees and workers,” a Jan. 2 press release states.

“We are pleased to enter into what promises to be a collaborative and creative partnership with America Makes,” NIOSH Director John Howard said in the release. “By working alongside industry, academia and other government partners, we can together leverage existing resources, collaborate and co-invest to advance manufacturing innovation.” ■

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## FEATURED SAFETY RECALLS

- 2/4: Hyundai Elantra—ABS Module May Short Circuit: <https://is.gd/Td57Sh>
- 2/4: Goodyear Fortera tires—Tire Belt Separation: <https://is.gd/jklmDU>
- 2/6: Sun Organic Recalls Wintergreen Essential Oils Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirements; Risk of Poisoning: <https://is.gd/AEfX4E>
- 2/6: Star Water Systems Recalls Sump Pumps Due to Fire Hazard: <https://is.gd/pGYdL2>
- 2/6: Juratoys Recalls Bead Maze Toys Due to Choking Hazard: <https://is.gd/7chP6y>
- 2/6: Country Home Products Recalls DR Walk Behind Leaf Blowers Due to Projectile Hazard: <https://is.gd/mcYVSY>
- 2/6: Infantino Recalls Infant Carriers Due to Fall Hazard: <https://is.gd/yqsKm3>
- 2/6: Rawlings Recalls Catcher's Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury: <https://is.gd/oc4Nwc>
- 2/6: Rooms To Go Recalls Patmos Chaise Lounge Chairs Due to Violation of Federal Lead Paint Ban: <https://is.gd/MMIbc6>
- 2/7: Nuts 'N More LLC. Recalls: Plain Peanut Spread Because Of Possible Health Risk: <https://is.gd/8ba139>
- 2/10: Ford Flex and Taurus and Lincoln MKT—Rear Suspension Toe Links May Fracture: <https://is.gd/nPD8oN>
- 2/12: Compañía Hulera Tornel tires—Lower Sidewall Separation/FMVSS 139: <https://is.gd/uY9M4D>
- 2/12: Lotte Int'l America Corp Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Almonds in Chocopies: <https://is.gd/eAKk15>
- 2/13: Fanim Industries Recalls Harbor Breeze Santa Ana Ceiling Fan Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Lowe's Stores: <https://is.gd/aWbSFU>
- 2/13: Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls Gas-Powered Golf, PTV, Utility and Shuttle Off-Road Vehicles Due to Fire Hazard: <https://is.gd/zPbvMx>
- 2/13: Yamaha Recalls Golf Cars Due to Crash Hazard (Recall Alert): <https://is.gd/EANV1v>
- 2/13: Save A Lot Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Peanuts in Coburn Farms 4.5oz Cheese, Cherry Juice-Infused Dried Cranberries & Roasted Sea Salted Cashews Snackers: <https://is.gd/7ValG1>
- 2/14: Kia Sedona and Sorento—ABS Module Mat Short Circuit: <https://is.gd/ONKPTn>
- 2/15: CJ Foods Voluntarily Recalls Annie Chun's Japanese-Style Teriyaki Noodle Bowls Due To Undeclared Peanuts: <https://is.gd/eP2P7V>
- 2/19: Contigo Reannounces Recall of 5.7 Million Kids Water Bottles Due to Choking Hazard; Additional Incidents with Replacement Lids Provided in Previous Recall: <https://is.gd/wMPCSr>
- 2/20: Kolcraft Recalls Inclined Sleeper Accessory Included with Cuddle 'n Care and Preferred Position 2-in-1 Bassinets & Incline Sleepers to Prevent Risk of Suffocation: <https://is.gd/MmHv1j>
- 2/20: Browning Recalls Pistol Holsters Due to Injury Hazard: <https://is.gd/UkXSRP>
- 2/26: Home Depot Recalls 4-Drawer Whitewash Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards: <https://is.gd/yeKrRV>
- 2/26: Safavieh Recalls Chests of Drawers Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards: <https://is.gd/toIEJq>
- 2/27: Step2 Recalls Children's Grocery Shopping Carts Due to Laceration Hazard: <https://is.gd/qnQXWU>
- 2/27: Just Blanks Children's Nightgowns Recalled by Ishtex Textile Products Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard; Burn Hazard: <https://is.gd/yslOmM>
- 2/27: Lennox Industries Recalls Ductless Heat Pumps Due to Fire Hazard: <https://is.gd/SF1lrT>
- 2/27: Whalen Recalls Bayside Furnishings 9-Piece Dining Sets Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Costco (Recall Alert): <https://is.gd/8G2wwO>

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## 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 Main Website: <https://www.assp.org/>

ASSP Center for Safety and Health Sustainability: <http://www.centershhs.org/>

ASSP Learning Library: <http://www.safetybok.org/>

ASSP Risk Assessment Institute: <https://www.assp.org/advocacy/risk-assessment-institute>

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

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

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC): <https://www.cpsc.gov/>

Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Safety & Health: <http://www.elcosh.org/index.php>

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

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Main Page: <http://www.fema.gov/>

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

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

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

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

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

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA): <https://www.cdc.gov/nora/> **NEW**

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

OSHA Silica Fact Sheets: <https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?pSearch=Controlling+Silica+Dust+in+Construction+&pSearch=>

OSHA Silica Frequently Asked Questions: [https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/generalindustry\\_info\\_silica.html](https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/generalindustry_info_silica.html) **NEW**

San Diego ASSP Website: <https://sandiego.assp.org/>

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