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# October 9 CONN-OSHA Seminar Details New Confined Space Safety for Construction Rules

WETHERSFIELD, September 16, 2015 – Recent changes to the rules governing Confined Space Safety for construction workers will be examined during an October 9 “Confined Space Safety – Construction” seminar sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). This free seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the agency’s Central Office, located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

An updated regulation concerning Confined Spaces in Construction – 29 CFR 1926, Subpart AA Standard emphasizes training, continuous worksite evaluation and communication requirements to further protect workers’ safety and health.

Confined spaces “such as manholes, crawl spaces and tanks are not designed for continuous occupancy and are difficult to exit in the event of an emergency,” noted CONN-OSHA Training Specialist Catherine Zinsser. “People working in confined spaces face life-threatening hazards including toxic substances, electrocutions and asphyxiation. The updated regulation will help to save the lives of construction workers. Construction sites are continually evolving, with the number and characteristics of confined spaces changing as the work progresses.”

Admission to the Confined Space Safety –Construction seminar is free, but pre-registration is required and a photo I.D. is needed to enter a government building. To register, or for additional information, contact Catherine at [Zinsser.catherine@dol.gov](mailto:Zinsser.catherine@dol.gov).

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