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# Trenching and Excavation “Emphasis” Program Is Topic at Dec. 18 CONN-OSHA Roundtable

WETHERSFIELD, December 12, 2018 – At its December 18 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group, the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) will review the new federal “Emphasis” program focused on trenching and excavation safety in manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors with high injury rates.

“OSHA’s Site-Specific Targeting 2016 Inspection Plan and National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavation,” will be held 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Labor Department’s Wethersfield office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard.

John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and workshop presenter, notes that the program, which began October 1, provides a three-month period of education and prevention outreach to help the employer with compliance.

“Under this program, OSHA performs inspections of those establishments it believes should have provided data electronically, but did not do so beginning with the calendar year 2016 injury and illness data collection,” Able said. “During the outreach period, OSHA will continue to respond to any complaints, referrals, hospitalizations and fatalities, with enforcement activities beginning after the three-month outreach effort ends.”

Admission to the breakfast is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at [john.able@ct.gov](mailto:john.able@ct.gov) to register or for additional information.

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