

CONN-OSHA

Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

The safety and health of any company can sometimes be an overlooked priority. The Labor Department's CONN-OSHA division has taken steps to help your business keep up to date on the latest information and resources. On the third Tuesday of every month, CONN-OSHA offers *Breakfast Roundtable Meetings* that cover subjects ranging from evacuation plans and fire extinguishers to air quality and ergonomics. The intent of these free 90-minute workshops is to discuss safety and health issues in a supportive and informal environment.

The roundtable meetings are held from 8:15 am to 9:45 on the third Tuesday of the month at the Connecticut Department of Labor:

**Conference Room A
CT Dept. of Labor
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone (860) 263-6900**

Pre-registration is required. Those interested in attending should reply to this e-mail or send an email to john.able@ct.gov.

The focus subject for the Tuesday, April 19, 2016 meeting is:

“Fatality Prevention: Do you have a fatality risk blind spot?”

Though OSHA injury and illness rates have dropped dramatically in recent years; fatalities and serious injuries have not experienced a similar decline. This seminar will focus on new fatality prevention theories and techniques. We will challenge the safety management paradigm and discuss effective ways to address fatality precursors. Mr. Peter (Pete) Susca will be the presenter.

Pete Susca is the founder of OpX Safety and brings over thirty years of environment, health & safety, management systems development/assessment, fatality prevention, process improvement and executive business leadership experience to the firm. Before founding OpX Safety, he spent 14 years in the EH&S consulting field as Senior Vice President at Loureiro Engineering Associates and Vice President of Health & Safety Operations for Allied Resources Corporation.

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Agenda

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- Welcome and Introduction
 - John Able, CSP
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- “Fatality Prevention: Do you have a fatality risk blind spot”
 - Peter T. Susca, Principal
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- Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities
 - Tunxis Community College is offering an OSHA 10-Hour Construction class in Spanish on April 8 and 9, 2016 in Bristol for \$120. Call 860-314-4700 or email tx-bcc@tunxis.edu for more information or to register.
 - The CT Associated Builders and Contractors (CT ABC) is holding a breakfast seminar on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 8 am – 10 am in Rocky Hill. The subject will be “Understanding an OSHA Inspection,” presented by representatives of Federal and CT OSHA. For more info go to:

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/f731d47c001/ad7e0d00-c83c-4546-9a95-c86a7d54be7a.pdf>

- The subject of the May 17, 2016 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group will be “Learn what’s in OSHA’s final rule on crystalline silica — and how to achieve compliance in a cost-effective and timely manner,” presented by Ana Ellington, Legal Editor, BLR safety publications. She writes federal and state regulatory summaries, develops compliance and educational materials for safety programs, and writes white papers and news articles about workplace safety.

Learn what’s in OSHA’s final rule on crystalline silica rule—and how to achieve compliance in a cost-effective and timely manner.

OSHA has released its final crystalline silica rule. This is a highly anticipated compliance development, as we’ve been waiting since August 2013 when OSHA announced its proposed rule, to significantly reduce the permissible exposure limit (PEL) to silica, which aims to curb lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease.

You’ll learn:

- The health issues associated with silica as they relate to your organization.
- The key provisions of the final rule and compliance requirements.
- The practical impact the newly released final rule on silica will have on the new exposure limit for respirable crystalline, silica exposure control measures, medical surveillance, training workers about silica-related hazards, and recordkeeping measures.

OSHA announced on March 24, 2016 the final rule to improve protections for workers exposed to respirable silica dust. See “New Business/News” for additional information.

- Tunxis Community College is offering OSHA 10-Hour Construction classes on April 22 and 23, 2016 in Bristol for \$120. Call 860-314-4700 or email tx-bcc@tunxis.edu for more information or to register.
- Attention Safety Colleagues! Rebuild Hartford Annual Event, Saturday, April 30, 2016. Rebuild Hartford will be completing 22 years of helping people maintain their homes. Once again, the CT Safety Society and the CT Valley Chapter of ASSE have an opportunity to gain public recognition and awareness of who we are and what we do. Many of our volunteers have participated for 4-6 years and keep coming back. Your participation is also worth ½ CEU per year for those needing points for recertification. If you haven't previously volunteered now is your chance. Don't miss out again.

WHEN AND WHAT IS “REBUILD HARTFORD” AND WHAT DO I DO?

On April 30, 2016, we volunteer to provide SAFETY EXPERIENCE AND DIRECTION to other Rebuild Hartford volunteers. Rebuild Hartford fixes/repairs owner occupied homes in the greater Hartford area. These home owners are either elderly, poor or don't have the ability or knowledge to do the repairs themselves. The repairs can range from simple cleaning tasks to painting to fixing steps to fixing bathrooms and decks. There is plenty for all volunteers to do and for all skill levels. All tasks are identified and scheduled through the on-site project manager (captain).

The work for selected homeowners has to be done that day and unfortunately, this creates pressure on the captains to get it done in a timely manner. Your main focus as a Safety professional is to ensure the safety of the volunteers remains a priority. The safety person's duties are to continuously make site observations, bring hazardous exposures/conditions to the attention of the house captain (project leader) and help to avoid incidents that could lead to an injury.

THE SAFETY VOLUNTEER CAN ENSURE SAFETY REMAINS A PRIORITY.

Approximately 20 safety volunteers are needed to observe working conditions and exposures and take corrective action as needed to prevent other volunteers from getting injured. In addition to the Good Samaritan law, Rebuild Hartford has \$5,000,000 of liability coverage to protect you.

Volunteers should contact Dick Pfeiffer at 203-271-2690 asap.

- The CT Associated Builders & Contractors (CT ABC) is holding their annual Construction Pro Rodeo on May 5, 2016 in Wallingford. They are offering the following training classes between 12 noon and 4 pm: aerial scissor lift certification, forklift certification, fall protection awareness, fire stop and powder actuated tools, rigging safety, and scaffold hazard awareness. Go here for more information: <http://www.ctrodeo.com/>
- **SAVE THE DATE!** CBIA 2016 Safety & Health Conference, Friday, May 20, 2016. The Radisson Hotel Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell. Don't miss out on the largest and most comprehensive event of its kind in Connecticut, providing business owners and safety and HR professionals with the essential tools for creating and maintaining a safe, healthy workplace. Check-in and networking, 7:30 am, Program, 8:30 am to 2:45 pm. Register now at:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cbia-2016-safety-health-conference-registration-21736266759>

- **Save The Date!** Thursday, June 23, 2016, the 3rd Annual OSHA Summer Summit in Amherst at UMASS. For more information and to register, go here:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec7lcygh7aff051d&llr=968rxxcab&utm_source=New+Course+Catalog+2016&utm_campaign=TrainingbyState030116&utm_medium=email



- Ongoing Educational Opportunities
 - Third-Annual National Safety Stand-Down to be held May 2-6. OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and the Center for Construction Research and Training will hold the third annual National Safety Stand-Down May 2-6, 2016, to raise awareness of the serious risk of falls in the workplace. Falls are the leading cause of death in the construction industry, and lack of proper fall protection remains the most frequently cited violation:

https://www.osha.gov/Top_Ten_Standards.html.

More than 4 million workers have participated in the last two years, dedicating themselves to on-the-job safety. This year the stand-down will highlight the safe use of ladders and encourage employers to pause during their workday for topic talks, demonstrations and training on how to prevent falls. For more information on the success of last year's stand-down, see the final data report at:

<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/2015report.pdf>.

Visit the 2016 National Safety Stand-Down webpage at:

<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/> for more updates.

- For the OSHA Training Institute Education Center, Keene State College schedule of classes, go to their home page at: www.OSHAEdCenter.com.
- New Business/News

- OSHA announced on March 24, 2016 the final rule to improve protections for workers exposed to respirable silica dust. The rule will curb lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease in America's workers by limiting their exposure to respirable crystalline silica.

Employers covered by the construction standard have until June 23, 2017 to comply with most requirements. Employers covered by the general industry and maritime standard have until June 23, 2018 to comply with most requirements; additional time is provided to offer medical exams to some workers and for hydraulic fracturing employers to install dust controls to meet the new exposure limit.

Here is the link to the OSHA News Release that just came out on March 24, 2016 about the new final rule on "respirable" silica dust:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=30534

Here is the link to the OSHA silica web page:

<https://www.osha.gov/silica/index.html>

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- On March 28, 2016 OSHA published a final rule that updates eye and face protection standards. OSHA published a final rule that updates [eye and face protection standards](#). The rule, which goes into effect April 25, covers PPE requirements for workers in general industry, shipyards, longshoring, marine terminals and construction.

The new rule updates OSHA's Eye and Face Protection Standards to include ANSI/ISEA Z87.1-2010 – Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protection Devices – and remove the 1986 edition of the same standard. OSHA is keeping the 2003 and 1989 versions of the ANSI standard referenced in the standard.

The rule also updates the construction standard by removing the 1968 version of the ANSI standard to instead have the construction industry follow the same standard as the other industry included in the rule.

This final rule becomes effective on April 25, 2016. Look at the Trade Release here:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=30582

- Trenching and Excavation Safety. OSHA Publication 2226 (updated 2015, October). This updated booklet highlights key elements of the applicable workplace standards and describes safe practices that employers can follow to protect workers from cave-ins and other hazards.

<http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?pSearch=2226>

- CONN-OSHA is moving its computer system over to the state of CT. This means that all CONN-OSHA staff email addresses will change to the standard state employee system of firstname.lastname@ct.gov effective immediately. Please update your address books, etc. and begin communicating with CONN-OSHA staff with the new addresses.
- OSHA has introduced more durable and secure Construction and General Industry outreach trainer and student cards:

The U.S. Department of Labor OSHA is introducing more durable and secure completion cards for its Outreach Training Program, including 10-hour and 30-hour voluntary safety classes. The new cards are intended to reduce fraud and improve efficiency.

After February 29, completion cards will be made of a more durable card stock, like a credit card, with authorizing logos, a watermark when copied, and a QR code for authentication.

Trainer cards will include trainer name, trainer ID number, expiration date, and the OTI Education Center where the trainer was authorized. Student cards will have student name, trainer name, the date the card was issued, and the OTI Education Center where the card was produced.

OTI Education Centers will maintain an electronic database of all trainers and students who have completed the 10 and 30 hour classes. This will allow

employers and students to authenticate their card with the use of a QR code on each card. All OTI Education Centers will charge \$8.00 for each of the new cards, compared to the \$5.00 for the current paper cards.

Workers who already have 10 and 30 hour cards do not need to change over to the new cards. They may choose to purchase a new card by contacting the trainer who conducted the class, but only if the course was taken in the past three years.

The new cards are expected to reduce fraud because their more durable stock will be more difficult to copy. Also each worker card will have verifiable information, including ways to contact the trainer who conducted the course. They are expected to increase efficiency, because the new process will reduce the number of days it takes to request and process cards.

For questions regarding these changes refer to www.osha.gov/dte/outreach.

- Announcements from the floor
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