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April 15 CONN-OSHA Employer Roundtable Addresses Importance of Respirator Use

WETHERSFIELD, April 8, 2014 – The importance of wearing the appropriate respiratory equipment when working in a hazardous environment will be discussed during a Breakfast Roundtable Discussion, sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) that will be held 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. on April 15 at the agency’s Wethersfield office at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard.

Leona May, Compliance Assistance Specialist in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bridgeport area office, and Sue Roy, Senior Territory Manager with Safeware, Inc. of Maryland will review the importance of choosing the appropriate respirator, noting that each situation is dependent upon the contaminants to which an individual could be exposed, as well as the required protection factor.

“Respiratory protection must be worn whenever you are working in a hazardous atmosphere, so selecting the correct type is essential,” points out CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and Breakfast Roundtable project coordinator, John Able. He added that the two speakers will also discuss the importance of ensuring that required respirators are NIOSH-approved and medical evaluation and training is provided before use.

Admission to the event is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact John Able at able.john@dol.gov to register for the breakfast roundtable or for additional information.

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