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July 18 CONN-OSHA Roundtable Workshop: Implementing a Compliant Respirator Program

WETHERSFIELD, July 13, 2017 – Implementing an OSHA-compliant respirator program in the workplace is the topic of the July 18 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group, sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA).

Guest speaker Anne Bracker, MPH, CIH, an occupational hygienist with the Labor Department’s CONN-OSHA division, will discuss “How to Implement an OSHA Compliant Respirator Program, Even When All You Provide are ‘Disposable Dust Masks.’” The 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. workshop will be held at the agency’s Wethersfield office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard.

As part of her duties at CONN-OSHA, Bracker provides safety consultations for the private sector by assisting managers and workers to identify and control workplace hazards and prevent work-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities. Prior to joining the Connecticut Department of Labor, Bracker worked at the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

“To help employers implement a respirator program that meets federal standards, the session will include types of respirators, medical clearance, fit testing, training, and written programs,” noted John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and roundtable coordinator. A ‘fit test’ demonstration also will be provided, followed by a Q&A session.

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

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