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CONN-OSHA Roundtable Helps Employers Get to Root Causes of Workplace Health/Safety Issues

WETHERSFIELD, Dec. 15–The Connecticut Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) monthly meeting will focus on the various approaches to process improvements at a roundtable event to be held 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. December 20.

Rick Supples, founder of Applied Improvement Technologies in Shelton, will explain the difference between the traditional method of process improvement and the "non-linear approach" – which he recommends as more effective. Supples, who has more than 30 years of occupational safety, industrial hygiene and quality improvement expertise, will also detail steps involved in putting together any necessary corrective action plan.

"In today's business world, preoccupied as we are with speed and urgency, there is an increased probability of identifying the wrong root causes," explains CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist and breakfast series coordinator John Able. "During his talk, titled "A Non-Linear approach to Root Cause Analysis," our speaker will encourage us to look at alternative approaches in searching for solutions."

The roundtable event, to be held at the Labor Department's Central Office at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard in Wethersfield, will include time for open discussion. Admission to the CONN-OSHA roundtable is free, but pre-registration is required. For further information, please email John Able at able.john@dol.gov.

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