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Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group

Agenda

October 20, 2015

- Welcome and Introduction
  - John Able, CSP
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- “How to Get Buy In to Your Safety Program”
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- Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities
  - The Worcester County ASSE is offering a 3 part webinar series starting on October 22, 2015 directed to safety managers, risk managers, human resource managers/acting as safety coordinators, line management/supervision and safety committee members, and behavioral-based safety coordinators, on how to manage time and resources effectively when it comes to writing skills, video editing & program development, and internet productivity. See attached information.
  - The Western Mass. OSHA Alliance (WMOSHA) meeting this Friday will discuss “Fleet Safety and DOT Overview” at Amherst College. See attached information.
  - The Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a no-cost OSHA Seminar: “Planning & Responding to Workplace Emergencies” on Monday, October 26, 2015 from 9 am - 12 noon, in Shelton, CT. See attached information.
  - CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost OSHA Recordkeeping class Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. Of Labor. To register send an e-mail to able.john@dol.gov.
- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Lockout/Tagout safety training class Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. Of Labor. To register send an e-mail to able.john@dol.gov.

- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost OSHA Recordkeeping class Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. Of Labor. To register send an e-mail to able.john@dol.gov.

- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Powered Industrial Truck safety training class Wednesday, February 24, 2016 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. Of Labor. To register send an e-mail to able.john@dol.gov.

- Did you know that 16% of all motor vehicle crashes in the United States involve a distracted driver? On-the-job crashes cost employers $24,500/ crash, $128,000/ injury & $3.8 million/ fatality. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) The week of October 5th was Drive Safely Work Week. At UL Workplace Health & Safety, we understand the importance of keeping your workers safe on the road. That's why we are offering you our Distracted Driving course at no charge through the month of October. See attached information.

http://learn.ulworkplace.com/course-preview-distracted-driving?hsCtaTracking=f7d2a32b-70b4-456e-a7ad-04edf66b53a1%7C5b137b2e-796f-4119-a589-22c80318defd&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--IzGLaZ9CwolGp0Uyw5FN6sz0Jp4ISDAC9Yi3bVi8KruUaUIHSUzi2DGjGledzq0SRVYYQyJTh_at3O9jAdVG6APYmJsq&hsmi=22574650&utm_source=hs_email&utm_content=22574650

- Ongoing Educational Opportunities

- 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

- Updated comprehensive guide to OSHA training requirements now available. OSHA has posted a fully updated version of its guide to all agency training requirements to help employers, safety and health professionals, training directors and others comply with the law and keep workers safe. Training Requirements in OSHA Standards organizes the training requirements into five categories: General Industry, Maritime, Construction, Agriculture and Federal Employee Programs.

The safety and health training requirements in OSHA standards have prevented countless workplace tragedies by ensuring that workers have the required skills and knowledge to safely do their work. These requirements reflect OSHA's belief that training is an essential part of every employer's safety and health program for protecting workers from injuries and illnesses. For a list of educational materials available from OSHA, visit the OSHA Publications webpage.
OSHA has issued a memo titled: “Temporary Enforcement Policy for Residential Construction Work in Confined Spaces.” Although the new Confined Spaces in Construction standard went into effect on August 3, 2015 for residential construction work, a temporary enforcement policy has been in effect through October 2, 2015. OSHA is now extending this temporary enforcement policy through January 8, 2016. During this period, OSHA will not issue citations to an employer engaged in residential construction work if the employer is making a good faith effort to comply, as long as the employer is in compliance with the training requirements of either the new standard or the former CFR 1926.21 (b)(6)(i). Employers who do not train their employees consistent with either of these will be cited for violation of 1926.1207. For more information concerning the temporary enforcement policy, please see the attached memo.

OSHA has posted a new publication called Protecting Construction Workers in Confined Spaces: Small Entity Compliance Guide on its Website. Print copies are not currently available. The guide is intended to help small businesses and other construction employers comply with the standard. It addresses the most common compliance issues in plain English and includes examples of a permit-required confined space program and an entry permit.

For more information on complying with the confined spaces in construction standard, see OSHA’s Confined Spaces in Construction Web page, which includes links to the standard, FAQs, and fact sheets. Go to: http://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3825.pdf

Updated OSHA guide available: Trenching and Excavation Safety. Trench and excavation work are among the most hazardous operations in construction. Because one cubic yard of soil can weigh as much as a car, an unprotected trench can be an early grave. OSHA’s updated guide to Trenching and Excavation Safety 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. A new section in the updated guide addresses safety factors that an employer should consider when bidding on a job. Expanded sections describe maintaining materials and equipment used for worker protection systems as well as additional hazards associated with excavations. http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha2226.pdf

OSHA provides guidance to OSHA compliance officers for enforcing the revised Hazard Communication standard. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued instructions to compliance safety and health officers on how to ensure consistent enforcement of the revised Hazard Communication standard. OSHA revised the Hazard Communication standard in March 2012 to align with the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. The revised standard improved the quality, consistency and clarity of chemical hazard information that workers receive.
This instruction outlines the revisions to the HCS, such as the revised hazard classification of chemicals, standardizing label elements for containers of hazardous chemicals, and specifying the format and required content for safety data sheets. It explains how the revised standard is to be enforced during its transition period and after the standard is fully implemented on June 1, 2016.

Under the standard, employers were required to train workers on the new label elements and safety data sheets by Dec. 1, 2013. Chemical manufacturers, importers and distributors had to comply with revised safety data sheet requirements by June 1, 2015. Manufacturers and importers had to comply with new labeling provisions by June 1, 2015. Distributors have until Dec. 1, 2015, to comply with labeling provisions as long as they are not relabeling materials or creating safety data sheets, in which case they must comply with the June 1 deadline.

Additional information on the revised Hazard Communication Standard may be found on OSHA's Hazard Communication Safety and Health Topics page at http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html.

- Announcements from the floor
- Adjourn