



Quad Cities Chapter American Society of Safety Engineers

Next Meeting:

TOPIC: 8 Steps of Emergency Management

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4 new/revised OSHA Regs in First Months of 2016?

Time is running out for OSHA under the Obama administration to complete some of its regulatory priorities. If OSHA stays on track, some new and revised regs could debut early in 2016.

OSHA's [fall regulatory agenda](#) lists potential new Final Rules in these areas:

- **Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica** (2016): Under the proposal, workers' exposures would be limited to a [new permissible exposure limit](#) (PEL) of 50 micrograms of respirable crystalline silica per cubic meter of air ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The current PEL is 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for general industry.
- **Walking Working Surfaces and Personal Fall Protection Systems** (Slips, Trips, and Fall Prevention) (April 2016): In its Spring 2015 Regulatory Agenda, OSHA said this rule would be released in August 2015. It's now been pushed back another eight months. It's been languishing in the rulemaking process since 1990.
- **Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses** (March 2016): This rule would require larger employers to submit electronic versions of their injury and illness logs. OSHA would make parts of these records [public on the Internet](#). In a [poll](#) Safety News Alert conducted this fall, less than half of safety pros who responded favored the proposal.
- **Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards** – Eye and Face Protection (March 2016): In the 40 years since these standards were adopted by OSHA, the organizations responsible for these consensus standards have issued updated versions. However, in most cases, OSHA has not revised its regulations to reflect later editions of the consensus standards.

Among other OSHA regulatory changes in the pipeline:

- **Occupational Exposure to Beryllium**: Despite being petitioned to update this regulation in 1999, OSHA still doesn't have a proposed date to complete the update.
- **Bloodborne Pathogens**: OSHA is reviewing the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The review will consider the continued need for the rule; whether the rule overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with other Federal, State or local regulations; and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors may have changed since the rule was evaluated.
- **Chemical Management and [Permissible Exposure Limits](#) (PELs)**: OSHA expects to complete its analysis of comments in April 2016 to this proposal to update PELs for hazardous chemicals.

By: Fred Hosier

OSHA Challenge

Which OSHA standard would regulate the Zika virus in the workplace?

- A) *Americans with Disabilities Act*
- B) *Process Safety Management*
- C) *Bloodborne pathogens*
- D) *Emergency action plans*
- E) *Hazardous materials*

Tips for Avoiding OSHA Citations for Lockout/Tagout

What gets employers into LOTO trouble with OSHA? Attorney Nickole Winnett, shareholder in the Washington, D.C., office of Jackson Lewis, points to a number of culprits, including failing to ensure that energy control procedures have been developed, documented, and are in use for each piece of equipment where servicing and maintenance occur. Exceptions are situations in which the following are all in place:

- The equipment has no potential for stored or residual energy or reaccumulation of stored energy after shutdown, which poses a risk for employees.
- The equipment has a single energy source, which can be readily identified and isolated.
- Isolating and locking out the energy source will completely de-energize the equipment.
- The machine or equipment is isolated from the energy source and locked out during service or maintenance.
- A single lockout device will achieve a lockout condition.
- The lockout device is under the exclusive control of the authorized employee.
- The servicing or maintenance does not create hazards for other employees.

Winnett explains that in order to apply this exception, the employer has to have had no accidents involving unexpected activation or reenergizing of the equipment during service or maintenance. If the above conditions are not met, written procedures must be developed for *each* piece of equipment.

Another potential red flag for regulators is businesses that operate out of more than one location. "If you have multiple worksites, OSHA looks at the history of the company to determine whether to issue serious, repeat, or willful violations," says Winnett. If an employer has received a LOTO citation at a plant in one city, but has not made and verified the fixes, OSHA could issue a repeat violation with penalties up to \$70,000 (and higher after August 2016) for the same problem at another location. For that reason, employers should communicate OSHA citations received at one location to other sites so they can review their practices and make any necessary changes.

As well, Winnett urges employers to be mindful of the federal government's practice of issuing contracts to employers with a strong record in safety and other compliance areas. "If you've received a citation, the government is going to weigh that in determining who gets contracts." Employers need to provide equipment- and program-specific training to employees and not rely solely on off-the-shelf LOTO safety videos.

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<http://jobview.doors.dol.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=162943354&LogGetJobChannelID=6572>

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Safety Specialist, Davenport, IA, <http://www.jobs.net/jobs/cps/en-us/job/United-States/Safety-Specialist/J5L40R63MLZG90357B1/>

EHS Specialist, Rockdale, IL

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<http://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=034876941317c74a&q=safety&l=MoLine%2C+IL&tk=1ad3tcff1ah59c74&from=web>

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Safety Business Improvement Coordinator, Durant, IA

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Announcements

Progress Made on ISO 45001 DIS. Are you prepared to implement this standard at your organization?

Last week, the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO Project Committee 283 met in Dallas to discuss the draft international standard (DIS). As the first standard international for occupational health and safety management systems, it is expected that ISO 45001 will enable organizations to proactively improve OSH performance and provides a framework for a consistent OSH system for all organizations across the supply chain.

U.S. TAG Vice Chair Kathy A. Seabrook, CSP, CFIOSH, EurOSHM, points to the global significance of the group's work last week. "The work the U.S. TAG to ISO 45001 is doing . . . is positioning the U.S. to influence the development of [this] standard," she states. "Translated, this means the U.S. has the ability to impact workplace safety and health in organizations and their supply chains around the world."

Given the standard's potential impact and reach, OSH professionals need to understand this standard and its implications for business performance. Learn the details from Seabrook and other professionals instrumental in the standard's development during ASSE's March 10-11 [Virtual Symposium](#)

ASSE Comments on OSHA's Proposed Safety & Health Program Management Guidelines

In its comments to OSHA on the agency's proposed Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines, ASSE continued its advocacy of safety and health management systems as the "highest expression of our members' professionalism." [\(read more\)](#)

CDC Report Warns of Fatal Exposure When Working With Hydrocarbon Storage Tanks

A recent report from CDC details a study of deaths among U.S. oil and gas workers exposed to a lethal combination of high concentration to hydrocarbon gases and vapors (HGVs) and oxygen-deficient atmospheres. [\(read more\)](#)

Keep Up to Date on Regulatory Issues

ASSE does a wonderful job of summarizing any proposed or mandated regulatory changes. Please be sure to take advantage of this wonderful resource. This information can be found at <http://www.asse.org/professionalfaffairs/>

QC Chapter Accomplishments

We want to celebrate all our members achievements, certifications, milestones, etc. Please make sure to email Jeff Pacheco about your achievements or achievements of other members. Jeffpacheco@falconsafetygroup.com

OSHA Challenge Answer

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