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WHAT'S HAPPENING

6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Michigan Worker Deaths of 2014

The 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Michigan worker deaths of 2014 occurred on March 4, March 5, March 6, and March 17, 2014. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities. Please see the summaries of these incidents below.

On March 4, 2014, a 43 year old rider and floor tech was in the back of a box truck providing guidance to the driver who was backing up to a semi-trailer they were going to transfer materials to. When the driver stopped and walked to the back of the box truck he observed the deceased pinned between the box truck and the semi-trailer.

On March 5, 2014, a 23 year old material handler went to the rear of the machine to adjust a cardboard catch tray as instructed by operator/supervisor who was located at the front of the plastic injection mold machine. The material handler opened the rear door which had the interlock defeated with a shop towel. The material handler leaned in to access the catch tray. The operator/supervisor at the front of the machine closed the operator door which cycled the machine. The material handler was caught between and crushed by the closing of the mold.

On March 6, 2014, a 42 year old farm hand was moving approximately 60 cows from a pen where they eat and drink during the day to a barn for milking. A bull that was allowed to routinely mix with the cows, attacked and mauled the farm hand, resulting in their death.

On March 17, 2014, a 37 year old tire repair technician responded to an after-hours repair of a semi-truck tire and was crushed when the technician released a bottle jack that was holding up the cab.

There were 27 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2013 & 2012. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24.

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education & Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at (800) 866-4674 or submit a request online at www.michigan.gov/cetrca. View the [Annual Fatality Information](#) chart, which shares preliminary details about the fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration this year, by clicking on the link provided, or visit our website.

Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

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MIOSHA and NESHAPS Asbestos Symposium

The staffs of MIOSHA and NESHAPS (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants) asbestos programs held their fourth asbestos symposium on March 13, 2014, at the Michigan State Police Training Academy. The symposium was well attended, 193 asbestos training providers, asbestos abatement contractors, and other interested parties attended. Thanks to the Lansing Area Safety Council for handling registrations.

During the symposium, attendees were able to meet key individuals involved in training and enforcement of the asbestos regulations. The MIOSHA and NESHAPS program managers provided updates on their respective programs. The administrative staffs presented a review of past, present, and future online services. MIOSHA and NESHAPS field staffs presented case studies. Representatives from the Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division interacted with the attendees. There was an open-format, question and answer session at the end of the symposium.

We received 71 evaluations, which revealed that the question and answer session was the most valuable aspect of the symposium. One commenter said that he liked how the differences between MIOSHA and NESHAPS rules were explained and clarified. Another attendee commented that she “especially liked how examples were given during the presentations to help understand the regulations.” Ninety-six percent of the evaluators indicated they would attend future asbestos symposiums.

OH Part 432 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response amended, March 27, 2014

Many of MIOSHA’s standards are being revised due to the recommendations of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) Workplace Safety Advisory Committee report. The final version of OH Part 432 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response is amended, effective March 27, 2014, which includes minor editorial changes, such as revising the name of the department, and formatting changes.

Copies of the revised standards are located on the Standards web page.

In order to stay abreast of the rapidly changing status of these rule changes, we advise you to watch the standards page **[SPOTLIGHT](#)** section on our website, where we will be putting the updated information as it becomes available.

MIOSHA Attends FRIB Groundbreaking

On March 17, 2014, MIOSHA’s Director, the Construction Safety and Health Division’s Director, and the Radiation Safety Section’s Supervisor, attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) on the campus of Michigan State University (MSU). Besides the MIOSHA contingent, there were a number of dignitaries in attendance including two U.S. senators. The FRIB will be a new national user facility for nuclear science funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science and will be operated by Michigan State University (MSU).

The facility will use a high-power super conducting linear accelerator to accelerate heavy ions at half the speed of light to strike a target and produce the rare isotopes. The Radiation Safety Section has been working with MSU in reviewing the proposed shielding of the structure to ensure the public and facility workers are adequately protected against radiation.

FRIB is expected to enable scientists to advance their research into nuclear structure, the origin of the elements in the cosmos, and the forces that shaped the evolution of the universe. In addition to the science, this project will be beneficial to the economy of the state, providing thousands of construction jobs and several hundred full-time science and managerial jobs at the facility.

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS/MEMOS ISSUED

February 28, 2014 - [Boot Camp Guidelines for MIOSHA Training Institute \(MTI\)](#)

February 28, 2014 - [Alliance Policies and Procedures](#)

VARIANCES

Variations from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variations (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variations are published on the MIOSHA News website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariations.

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