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WHAT'S HAPPENING

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Michigan Worker Deaths of 2014

The 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Michigan worker deaths of 2014 occurred on January 24, 2014. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

Summary of incident #1: On January 24, 2014, at approximately 10:30 am, a 30 year old operation employee was working at a grain storage terminal loading a railroad car from atop when he fell through the hatch and into soybeans being loaded. The operation employee died of possible suffocation in the soybeans.

Summary of incident #2: On January 24, 2014, at approximately 2:15 pm, a 51 year old repair technician was using a ladder to access the top of a building for purposes of repairing a condensing unit when he apparently fell from the ladder.

Summary of incident #3: On January 29, 2014, at approximately 1:36 am, a 23 year old truck driver entered the company yard to pick up a trailer. He was found at approximately 4:45am pinned between two trailers. It appeared that the employee was rolling up the dollies on the trailer and the truck rolled back crushing the employee between the trailer he was picking up and a trailer setting next to the one he was picking up.

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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7 More Standards Finalized

Many of our standards are being revised due to the recommendations of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) Workplace Safety Advisory Committee report. The final version of the following standards are now effective and are posted on our website: GI Part 49 Slings; GI Part 76 Spray Finishing Using Flammable and Combustible Materials; OH Part 431 Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories; and OH Part 470 Employee Medical Records and Trade Secrets; (all effective January 17, 2014) and CS Part 22 Signals, Signs, Tags, and Barricades; OH Part 312 1,3 – Butadiene; and OH Part 451 Respiratory Protection; (all effective January 21, 2014).

Updated information is available on the standards page **SPOTLIGHT** section on our website.

2014 Michigan Safety Conference

The 2014 Michigan Safety Conference will take place April 15-16, 2014, at the Lansing Center. This year's conference includes more than 125 programs, live demonstrations, vendors, and keynote speaker Dr. L. Casey Chosewood, Senior Medical Officer for Work Life and Total Worker Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many MIOSHA employees are involved in planning the conference – an effort that begins for the following year as soon as the current year conference ends. The Outreach Committee organizes the MIOSHA booth. Consultants and compliance officers answer questions, provide materials, and guide attendees through the MIOSHA website.

In addition, MIOSHA Recordkeeping and Cost of Injuries professional development course is being offered on Monday, April 14, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a cost of \$100. MIOSHA Consultants will help employers ensure that their organization complies with MIOSHA recordkeeping requirements. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered for this course and all CET Division classes.

A Michigan Voluntary Protection Program Mentor's Meeting will be held in the CET Division classroom on Tuesday, April 15, at 12:30 p.m. Interested companies are invited to attend to learn more about MIOSHA's premier safety and health management system award program.

For more information, check out the [Michigan Safety Conference website](#).

Training Options (MTI and/or customized CET training)

MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) courses are offered throughout the state at a reasonable cost in sponsorship with M-TEC facilities, community colleges, and safety and health organizations. MTI started in October, 2007, and has trained almost 15,000 participants. While MTI is certainly a great resource, the Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division can also be asked to conduct customized training at the employer's worksite for no cost.

The CET division offers free statewide safety and health training. Within CET, a staff of experienced, professional occupational safety experts, construction safety consultants, and industrial hygienists are available to provide free, customized training on a variety of safety and health topics. In fact there are more free customized training presentations conducted at employers' worksites in a given year as there are formal MTI seminars/workshops.

For information on how to contact CET consultants and ask for customized training at your worksite, visit our [Request for Consultative Assistance](#) page and scroll to the bottom for the paragraph that begins, **"To request a consultation or workplace survey to be conducted at your facility..."**

Looking for more MIOSHA training assistance? A free training CD that covers 22 general industry topics can be requested through the CET Division.

MEDIA

January 15, 2014 – [Columbian Logistics Network Receives SHARP Award for Workplace Safety and Health Excellence](#)

All of the MIOSHA Press Releases can be viewed from our [website](#).

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS/MEMOS ISSUED

December 23, 2013 - MIOSHA-ADM-10-2R1, [Occupational Exposure to Isocyanates - National Emphasis Program \(NEP\)](#)

December 23, 2013 - MIOSHA-MEMO-ADM-10-5R1, [Hexavalent Chromium - National Emphasis Program](#)

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/mioshavariances.

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