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WHAT'S HAPPENING

27th Michigan Worker Death of 2013

The 27th Michigan worker death of 2013 occurred on December 15, 2013. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

Summary of incident: On December 15, 2013, at approximately 2:30 am, a 31 year old remote railcar operator passed away. An employee had just dumped molten metal into a pot. The crane operator picked up the pot and moved it approximately 30-40 yards to the tilter table. After the crane released the pot and moved, something went catastrophically wrong causing the ladle to tip over spilling approximately 195 tons of molten metal. The molten metal ran out of the side of the building and hit the snow outside causing an explosion. The remote railcar operator was in a warming shanty approximately 30 yards away and the shanty caught on fire.

There were 27 MIOSHA-related deaths in 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!

Radiation Rule Changes

A request for rulemaking to revise the *Ionizing Radiation Rules* was approved by the Office of Regulatory Reinvention. The rules will be revised to separate the radiation machine (x-ray) rules from the radioactive materials rules and to update some sections. Michigan's original radiation program covered both x-ray and radioactive materials until those programs were separated by executive order in 1996. Radiation Safety will now begin the formal rules promulgation process.

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Digital Communication: MIOSHA's Move to GovDelivery

On October 1st, GovDelivery replaced the State's ListServ messaging system which was decommissioned. Anyone interested in signing up for emails from MIOSHA, should go to www.michigan.gov/mioshaupdates where you can select your MIOSHA topic of choice.

MIOSHA has five GovDelivery topics to choose from:

- MIOSHA CET Events provides weekly updates on CET Division events and other safety and health information.
- MIOSHA Training Institute informs current MTI students of upcoming course offerings and scholarship opportunities.
- New or Revised MIOSHA Standards informs subscribers of changes to MIOSHA standards, public hearings, and work group and advisory committee activity.
- LARA-Radiation-Safety provides updates to the radiation safety website, policy regarding the Ionizing Radiation rules, and regulatory changes.
- MIOSHA News & eNews subscribers receive the quarterly MIOSHA Newsletter & the monthly MIOSHA eNews.

News You Can Use – Working in a Winter Wonderland

MIOSHA is passing along the following timely information from our partners at federal OSHA.

Winter is here, and many parts of the country already have been feeling its bite. For those who work in cold weather, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has important information to share. Employers should be aware of the dangers of working in extreme cold and snow, and plan accordingly. Working in snow and ice, and illnesses like hypothermia and frostbite, can be a serious threat. Proper clothing, footwear and training can help ensure a safe and healthy winter for outdoor workers. OSHA's winter storm page contains useful information on snow shoveling, walking on snow and ice, and many other weather-related topics.

- [Read the Blog](#)
- [Visit OSHA's Winter Storm Page](#)
- [Find Local Weather Conditions](#)

Safety Stand Down Training Program

Safety Stand Down events are one example of the way the construction industry works together to have a highly trained workforce, not just for their own employees but for other contractor's employees too. Christman Constructors Inc. (CCI) and the Michigan Laborers' Training and Apprentices Institute (MLTAI) put together a two-day Safety Stand Down training program event on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, 2013, at the MLTAI training facility in Perry, Michigan. The laborers' training staff conducted the training, provided resources, and lunch both days. Several vendors supported this effort with lottery prizes and equipment. Mike Eckert from Accident Fund Insurance spoke at the event.

CCI also invited MIOSHA, Accident Fund, and other contractors to the event. The training programs included fall protection, aerial work platforms, rough terrain forklifts, lead/asbestos/silica, personal protective equipment, masonry wall bracing, scaffold training, and global harmonization. Approximately 60 workers attended this event. It is great to see this kind of leadership and we commend Christman Constructors Inc. and the Michigan Laborers' Training and Apprentices Institute for their leadership in offering this training opportunity. More Safety Stand Down events are being planned and available to other contractor's employees.

MEDIA

December 3, 2013 – [Send Workers Home Safe for the Holidays; MIOSHA urges employers to put worker safety first during the holiday season](#)

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

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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