Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA)

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The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful Michigan workplaces. To that end, MIOSHA and MGIA hereby form an Alliance to provide MGIA's members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers in Michigan's green industry.

Promoting Michigan's dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- The participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers, with MGIA members and Michigan Green Industry employers and employees.
- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or meetings to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.

Outreach and Communication:

- Develop and share such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and MIOSHA's and MGIA administrator websites) to MGIA member companies and Green Industry employers and employees.
- MGIA will share information among MIOSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding MGIA's good practices or effective approaches through training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum) developed by the participants.

Training and Education:

- To develop effective training and education programs for the green industry regarding safe work practices, equipment maintenance and operation, MIOSHA required standards, and promote understanding of workers' rights including the use of the MIOSHA complaint process and the responsibilities of employers.
- To invite and allow MIOSHA staff to attend any safety training classes or seminars that MGIA sponsors.

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- **July 28, 2015 –** The Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) recently formed an alliance to provide MGIA members and others with information, guidance and access to training to reduce and prevent exposure to workplace hazards. The MIOSHA program is a part of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

July 28 2015 Signing – From Left:

Diane Andrews-Banks (MGIA Executive Director), Martha Yoder (MIOSHA Director), Bart Pickelman (MIOSHA Deputy Director)

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Alliance Agreements

- Alliance Agreement– July 28th, 2015

Alliance Press Releases

- Press Release July 28th, 2015

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- Michigan Snow Conference and Expo: Thursday October 15, 2015

  For additional information call (248) 646-4992.

- MGIA Annual Trade Show & Conference: March 1 & 2, 2016

  For additional information call (248) 646-4992.

- Your Bucket List: Aerial Lift Training & Operation: September 27, 2016

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Fact Sheets:

- Health Hazards in the Green Industry

Other Documents:

- Green Industry Self Inspection Checklist
- Tree Trimming Fatality Hazard Alert (10/11/16)

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Areas of Emphasis:

- **Tree Trimming & Removal:** Workers in this field perform tree care maintenance, tree trimming, tree removal, and wood chipping operations.
- **Groundskeeping:** Workers performing this type of work conduct lawn mowing, edging, trimming, snow removal & salting, and pesticide/insecticide spraying.
- **Landscaping:** Workers in this category perform such duties as retaining wall construction, patio block and paver installations, plant, tree and flower planting, and mulch and stone decorating applications. Some groundskeeping activities listed above are included in this category.