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WHAT'S HAPPENING

22nd and 23rd Michigan Worker Deaths of 2013

The 22nd and 23rd Michigan worker deaths of 2013 occurred on September 5th and September 6th. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

Summary of incident: On September 5, 2013, at approximately 3:20 pm, the deceased, a 25 year old laborer, was leveling stone in preparation for a paving operation when he was struck and run over by a skid steer loader operating in reverse.

Summary of incident: On September 6, 2013, at approximately 2:15 am, the deceased, a 33 year old process support tech performing maintenance on the paint system, was crushed between a horizontal beam and the transfer cart when the transfer cart carrying automotive parts automatically fed into the paint system.

Last year there were 27 MIOSHA-related deaths. 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. Click [here](#) to see the Annual Fatality Information, which shares preliminary details about the fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration this year.

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 Goals for Fiscal Year 2014 – 2018

MIOSHA's next five-year strategic plan is now complete. We truly appreciate the input we received from many of you – either in person at our focus group or stakeholder meetings, or via emails and phone calls. Your input is very important and truly helped us shape our plan for fiscal years 2014 – 2018. The plan has been approved by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and has been sent to federal OSHA. The final plan is posted on our website and can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to provide us with additional suggestions on how to implement the plan. We look forward to working with you as we continue our mission to protect the safety, health, earned wages and fringe benefits of Michigan workers.

MIOSHA's Construction Safety and Health Division Signing Two New Partnerships

The Construction Safety and Health Division entered its twenty-third partnership on September 11, 2013, with Pioneer Construction on the campus of Grand Valley State University (GVSU). The project is the GVSU Biology Lab and Marketplace. The facility will house a science lab, academic classrooms, faculty office suites, and study areas. The finished building will be approximately 150,000 square feet. Construction began this summer and expected to be completed by June, 2015.

Another new partnership is being planned with DTE Energy at their Belle River and St. Clair facilities. The project is for the addition of Dry Sorbent Injection and Activated Carbon Injection Systems to help decrease emissions from the plants. The prime contractors for the project will be Barton Malow and Black & Veatch. The signing date will be scheduled early in October. The project is set to commence this fall and take approximately 18 months to complete.

Both Pioneer Construction Inc. and DTE have been involved in partnerships in the recent past. These partnerships have proven successful for the contractors, employees, and MIOSHA. The Construction Safety and Health Division is looking forward to these partnerships as a way to provide the safest work environments for all the workers.

Alliance between MIOSHA, OSHA and the Consulate of Mexico in Detroit

In an ongoing effort to protect workers, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Consulate General Of Mexico in Detroit, formerly signed an alliance on August 27 to provide Mexican nationals with safety and health training and promote workers' rights. The signing ceremony took place during National Labor Rights Week – August 26 – 31.

“Labor Rights Week and the signing of this alliance are initiatives to educate Mexican nationals and other Spanish-speakers about workplace safety and health,” said Nick Walters, OSHA Regional Administrator in Chicago. “All workers in the United States deserve occupational safety training and protection from hazards.”

The alliance establishes a collaborative relationship to provide Mexican nationals in Michigan and northern Ohio with guidance and training resources on workers' rights, understanding U.S. domestic law and OSHA standards. Alliance partners, including MIOSHA and OSHA's area offices in northern Ohio, will also develop ways of communicating various workplace safety and health topics to Mexican nationals and local employers.

MEDIA

August 26, 2013 – [US Department of Labor's OSHA, MIOSHA and Consulate of Mexico to sign workers' protection alliance Aug. 27 in Detroit during Labor Rights Week](#)

September 11, 2013 – [Pioneer Construction and MIOSHA Sign Partnership to Protect Workers at Grand Valley State University Biology Lab and Market Place Project](#)

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