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WHAT’S HAPPENING

Enforcement Suspension: Injury and Illness Reporting – Electronic Submission of Forms 300 and 301

Effective immediately, MIOSHA is suspending enforcement of the requirement for employers to electronically submit information from the Form 300 “Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses,” and the Form 301 “Injury and Illness Incident Report” to OSHA. This requirement is found in Administrative Part 11, Recording and Reporting of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The suspension is based on OSHA’s rescission of the federal rules requiring electronic submission of the Forms 300 and 301. The federal rule change was published on January 25, 2019, and becomes effective on February 25, 2019. MIOSHA intends to make the same rescission in Part 11 within the next six months. In July 2018, OSHA stopped accepting electronic submission of the 300 and 301 data, so compliance is currently an impossibility. Employers will still have to maintain the Forms 300 and 301 on-site.

Per Part 11, employers with 250 or more employees must still electronically submit information from the Form 300A “Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses.” Electronic submission is also required for employers with 20 to 249 employees if they are in an industry listed in Appendix B of Part 11. The submission is an annual requirement. The deadline for submission is March 2 of the year after the calendar year covered by the form. The information is submitted through a secure web application at the US OSHA website. See Rules 1141 – 1141b in Part 11 for more details.

Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA)

The Landsculptor – a publication of the MGIA – took a look back at their year and gave a special thank you to all of their sponsors including MIOSHA. They also thanked their 2018 speakers which included Mike Brodzik, CET Safety Consultant and liaison to the MGIA Alliance, and Kristin Osterkamp, CET Industrial Hygienist. MGIA provides novice and advanced educational opportunities for green industry professionals in Michigan. To read the article, click here.

Winter Weather Safety Resources

With the recent record-breaking cold temperatures and wind chills, be sure to review and share these resources for cold weather preparedness.
OSHA Winter Weather Safety
FEMA - Snowstorms & Extreme Cold
CDC - Extreme Cold: A Prevention Guide

Slope It. Shore It. Shield It.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, excavation and trenching related fatalities in 2016 were nearly double the average of the previous five years. MIOSHA has made reducing trenching and excavation hazards a high priority. Trench collapses, or cave ins, pose the greatest risk to worker lives.

Recently, the Consultation Education and Safety (CET) Division modified OSHA’s Slope It. Shore It. Shield It. hard hat decal. We just received our supply from the printer. These decals are now available for a limited time from the CET library by calling 517-284-7720.

We are encouraging field staff to hand out individual stickers to employers and employees as part of our trenching/excavation outreach efforts as a simple reminder that there is a safe way to enter and exit trenches.

Coffee with MIOSHA

The weather had us a bit nervous but this January’s Coffee with MIOSHA event was a huge success! Kent Power and the West Michigan ASSP chapter hosted the Coffee with MIOSHA event in Rockford. The event attracted over 80 Grand Rapids area operations and safety professionals and MIOSHA representatives.

Visit our website for upcoming Coffee with MIOSHA events.

MIOSHA FY 19 MIWISH Grants Are Still Available

Funds are still available for the MIOSHA Workplace Improvement to Safety and Health (MIWISH) matching grants. They are available to small employers (250 or less) to purchase safety and health-related equipment and corresponding equipment-related training that will provide a safer and healthier work environment. Preference will be given to employers in high-hazard industries identified in MIOSHA’s 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. Consideration is also given to projects in areas not targeted in the Strategic Plan. All projects are evaluated based on the specific hazards addressed.

To apply for the grant, click HERE to complete the application.

If you have any questions, please contact the grant administrator at 517-284-7811 or email lorishl@michigan.gov.
First Michigan Worker Death of 2019

The first reported Michigan worker death of 2019 occurred on January 9. The information below shares preliminary details about the most recent fatalities reported to MIOSHA which is believed to be covered by the MIOSH Act. The description reflects information provided to MIOSHA at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOSHA investigation.

Preliminary summary of incident: On January 4, 2019, at approximately 10:23 a.m., a 22-year-old general laborer working for a Christmas decorating company fell off a ladder removing Christmas decorations at a private home. He was removed from life support and passed on January 9, 2019.

There were 37 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2018. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day.

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The 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.

AGENCY INSTRUCTION ISSUED
January 2, 2019 – Pyrotechnics Manufacture, Storage, Sale, Handling, Use, and Display

VARIANCES
Variances from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variances are published on the MIOSHA website.

QUICK LINKS
Air Contaminants Initiative
Asbestos Program
Ask MIOSHA
CET Training Calendar
DVD/Video Library Service
Employee Safety, Health, and Discrimination Complaint Forms
Fall Prevention Campaign (STOP FALLS. SAVE LIVES.)
Hazard Communication/GHS
MIOSHA Publications
MIOSHA Recordkeeping
MIOSHA Standards
MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI)
MIOSHA Updates
MIOSHA Variances
Radiation Safety Section
Residential Construction
Strategic Plan and Initiatives
Take A Stand Day

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