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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Michigan Worker Deaths of 2018

The eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh reported Michigan worker deaths of 2018 occurred on May 4, 8, 23 and 29. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (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 #8: On May 4th, at approximately 12:00 p.m., a 36-year-old foreman was moving leaves into a pile on the property. A coworker had gone to move a truck and heard a tree crackle. When he came back, he found that a tree branch had fallen on the foreman and crushed him.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #9: May 8th, at approximately 7:00 p.m., two employees were operating a tube cutting machine, cutting metal tube rollers to size, in a facility that manufactures roller conveyors. The tube didn't cut all the way through, so the 52-year-old machine operator adjusted the machine rpm to cut another piece. The cut left a burr which caught on the cutting blade causing the roller to fly up. The end of the roller caught the machine operator in the neck cutting him. Emergency services were called, but he was pronounced dead at the scene.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #10: On May 23rd, at approximately 10:30 a.m., a 20-year-old asphalt paving crew member was struck by a dump truck on site.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #11: On May 29th, at approximately 10:20 a.m., a 43-year-old tow truck driver was responding to a disabled school bus on the interstate. The tow truck driver pulled over to tow the school bus. He went to the passenger side to talk to the bus driver opposite the side of oncoming traffic, and it was at this time the bus was struck from behind by a passenger vehicle. When the bus was struck it was pushed forward striking the tow truck driver.*

There were 38 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2017. 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 Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace

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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](#).

## OSHA Proposes to Extend Compliance Date for Ancillary Provisions of General Industry Beryllium Standard

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a proposed rule that would extend the compliance date for certain ancillary requirements of the general industry beryllium standard to December 12, 2018. This extension applies to all processes, operations, or areas where workers may be exposed to materials containing beryllium that fall under the scope of the general industry standard. This proposal would not extend the compliance date for the permissible exposure limits (PELs), exposure assessment, respiratory protection, medical surveillance, or medical removal protection provisions, or for any provisions for which the standard already establishes compliance dates in 2019 and 2020.

For more information, see the [Federal Register Notice](#) and [OSHA news release](#).

MIOSHA will also extend the compliance date for the same ancillary provisions.

## Trench Safety Stand-Down is June 18-23

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, excavation and trench-related fatalities in 2016 were nearly double the average of the previous five years. [OSHA's](#) goal is to increase awareness of trenching hazards in construction, educate employers and workers on safe cave-in prevention solutions, and decrease the number of trench collapses. OSHA is issuing public service announcements, updating online resources on trench safety, and updating OSHA's trenching and excavation national emphasis program and encouraging participation in the 2018 Trench Safety Stand-Down. Trench Safety Stand Down Week, June 18-23, is led by the [National Utility Contractors Association \(NUCA\)](#), the [North American Excavation Shoring Association \(NAXSA\)](#), and OSHA. Those who may benefit from participating in the Trench Safety Stand Down include construction companies that engage in trenching operations, plumbers, the military, unions, associations, educational institutions, safety professionals, and safety equipment manufacturers.

Trench Safety Stand Down resources available on the NUCA website ([www.nuca.com/tssd](http://www.nuca.com/tssd)) include a poster, an article, suggestions on how to prepare for a successful stand down, and a trench safety toolbox talk. Every company or organization that participates will receive a certificate, hard hat stickers for all employees who participated, and recognition in a press release as well as NUCA and NAXSA publications. MIOSHA is helping to spread the word about this event and will continue to send new resources and public service announcements as they are available.

## Take A Stand Day

Across the state on **August 8, 2018**, MIOSHA is inviting employers to "**Take a Stand**" for workplace safety and health. Sign up today on our website.

For this 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Take a Stand Day," the MIOSHA program is dedicating more than 125 professional staff to visit Michigan high-hazard industries targeted by the MIOSHA [Strategic Plan](#). MIOSHA safety and health professionals - including compliance staff, outreach consultants, managers, and supervisors - will be scheduled on "Take a Stand Day" to provide one-on-one consultations. **There will be no CITATIONS or FINES for participating workplaces.** However, participants must agree to correct all serious conditions. Sign up today on our [website](#)!

Click [HERE](#) to view this year's flyer.



## MIOSHA Staff Updates



After 33½ years, **Anthony Neroni**, Consultation Education and Training (CET) senior safety consultant, has decided to retire effective June 1, 2018. Tony said, “It has been a lot of fun and a huge learning experience, but it’s time to move on to the next chapter of my life. I thank everyone for everything you have all done to make my career a long and happy one. It’s been awesome and the time has flown by, so fast it doesn’t even feel like 33+ years.” We wish Tony well and lifelong happiness.



After 24 years of service with MIOSHA including 14½ years with CET Division, **Patrick Sullivan**, CET senior construction safety consultant, is retiring. His plans include spending more time with his family, golfing, traveling out west, spending winter vacations someplace warm, and learning to cook. We wish Pat well and lifelong happiness.

MIOSHA will be filling these two vacancies, please visit the state of Michigan job [vacancies webpage](#) to apply for these vacancies once they have been posted.

### MEDIA

**May 1, 2018** - [Gov. Snyder Proclaims May Workplace Falls Awareness Month](#)

**May 2, 2018** - [Westwind Construction and MIOSHA Partner to Safeguard Workers on Traverse City Multi-Family Residential Project](#)

**May 4, 2018** – [Capitol Stand-Down News Advisory](#)

**May 8, 2018** - [MIOSHA and Christman to Hold Fall Prevention Stand-Down at Center City District Construction Site in East Lansing News Advisory](#)

**May 18, 2018** – [Thousands of Michigan Construction Workers and Their Employers Participate in State-wide Safety Stand-Down with MIOSHA](#)

**May 31, 2018** – [MIOSHA Targets Blight Removal Projects to Protect Workers from Asbestos and Other Hazards](#)

### 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 [website](#).

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