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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MIOSHA ASBESTOS PROGRAM CHANGES

The term that can best be used to define the MIOSHA Asbestos Program for 2011 is "change." The program has undergone significant personnel changes in the past several months. This includes the appointment of a new Program Manager, **Anthony Casaletta**, a new Accreditation Specialist, **Fred Kirkland**, and a new Student Assistant, **Amber Spitzley**. Combine that with a new Construction Safety & Health Division (CSHD) Health Manager, **Mike Mason**, and a new CSHD Director, **Patricia Meyer**, and you have a new program from the top down! The core focus of the asbestos program is still in place, but the way the program is performing investigations and enforcement activities is changing.

The MIOSHA Asbestos Program is responsible for the enforcement of asbestos-related work activities throughout the state. These enforcement activities are not limited to the MIOSHA rules and regulations. The MIOSHA Asbestos Program also enforces the Asbestos Abatement Contractors Licensing Act (Act 135, P.A. 1986, as amended), the Asbestos Workers Accreditation Act (Act 440, P.A. 1988, as amended), and is responsible for meeting Michigan's responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Agency's Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA).

In the past week, CSHD has integrated the work of the Asbestos Program Industrial Hygienists (IH) (**Scott Thelen** and **Fred Kirkland**) and the CSHD IHs (**Keith Langworthy**, **Eric Allen**, **Cindy Zastrow**, and **Dan Maki**). The goal of this integration is to increase the amount of asbestos inspections, address more serious violations, provide better coverage for asbestos work activities throughout the state, reduce travel costs, develop staff in multiple disciplines, and to grow the Asbestos Program throughout the state. In addition to the integration, the Asbestos Program is also in the process of implementing an online renewal process for asbestos abatement worker licenses. This on-line renewal system is scheduled to go live soon and it will greatly enhance the program's customer service. Click [here](#) to visit the MIOSHA Asbestos Program website.

FREE WEBINAR

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is hosting a free webinar – Introduction to Hazardous Waste Regulations: Waste Characterization and Generator Status. If you are interested in registering, click [here](#).

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NEW WORKPLACE POSTING REQUIREMENT

As of January 31, 2012, most private sector employers are required to post a notice advising employees of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act. The National Labor Relations Board advises that [11-by-17-inch notice](#) be posted in a conspicuous place, where other notifications of workplace rights and employer rules and policies are posted. Information about this new workplace posting has been added to MIOSHA's [Poster Information for Employers](#) publication.

MIOSHA IS A 2011 SLOAN AWARD WINNER

On October 7th, MIOSHA received the prestigious 2011 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. MIOSHA was one of 24 Michigan recipients and it's the 4th consecutive year MIOSHA received this award. This award recognizes MIOSHA as an employer who distinguishes itself as a leading employer of choice that is successfully using flexibility as part of an effective workplace strategy to achieve business goals and benefit employees by helping them meet their responsibilities on and off the job. Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

MEDIA

October 7, 2011 -

[MIOSHA Program Recognized for Exemplary Workplace Practices; MIOSHA Awarded the Prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Award](#)

October 11, 2011 -

[United Airlines Detroit Customer Contact Center Receives Star Award for Workplace Safety and Health Excellence](#)

October 14, 2011 -

[Christman and MIOSHA Sign Partnership Agreement to Ensure Worker Safety at BWL Project in Lansing's REO Town](#)

October 19, 2011 -

[Verso Paper Corp. Quinnesec Mill Recognized by MIOSHA for Workplace Safety and Health Excellence](#)

October 21, 2011 -

[Roncelli, Inc., of Sterling Heights Receives State Award for Outstanding Safety and Health Record](#)

October 27, 2011 -

[Herman Miller, Inc.'s Greenhouse Seating Operations and the Zeeland Main Site Operations Receive Renewed MIOSHA Recognition of their Safety and Health Excellence](#)

October 28, 2011 -

[Merrill Engineering & Integration Receives State Award for Outstanding Safety and Health Record](#)

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

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS & MEMOS ISSUED

September 23, 2011 - MIOSHA-COM-11-3 - [Penalty Considerations During Economic Downturn](#)

September 23, 2011 - MIOSHA-COM-04-1R3 - [Multi-Employer Work Sites](#)

October 7, 2011 - MIOSHA-STD 08-1R2 - [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Standard](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 14, 2011 - 9:30 a.m. – General Industry Safety Standards Commission Meeting, State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, Conference Room B

December 14, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. – General Industry Part 74 Fire Fighting Advisory Committee Meeting, MIOSHA Management & Technical Services Division Laboratory, 7707 Rickle Street, Lansing

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