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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Celebrating 100 years of respiratory protection NIOSH Respiratory Protection Week – Sept. 3-6, 2019**

One century ago, the U.S. Department of Mines initiated the first respirator certification program in the U.S. Today, the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) carries out research, testing and related activities aimed at protecting workers through Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

To recognize this important milestone, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will celebrate this first annual Respiratory Protection week, Sept. 3-6. This year's observance will recognize the history of respiratory protection as well as the science and certification work that is happening now to protect workers both today and in the future. NIOSH will host several webinars, an online poster session, have a slew of new educational products, and be joining their many partners to spread the word via social media.

NIOSH is also utilizing this recognition as an opportunity to expand [N95 Day](#) into a more inclusive observance to occur annually the first week of Sept. Learn more about the long and complex history of respiratory protection by visiting [NIOSH's webpage](#). Or visit [MIOSHA's webpage](#) for more respiratory protection resources.

### **Twenty-Nine Year Summary of Silicosis in Michigan**

Since 1988, Michigan's Project SENSOR (Sentinel Event Notification System for Occupational Risks) has been identifying individuals who develop silicosis with the goal of targeting preventative actions. This is both the longest and only comprehensive surveillance system for silicosis in the United States. The project team recently reported on the 1,048 Michigan residents with confirmed cases of silicosis identified over 29 years in the Annals of the American Thoracic Society. Click [HERE](#) to see the findings in the Project S.E.N.S.O.R. News.

### **OSHA Requests Information on Table 1 of Silica Construction Standard**

OSHA has issued a request for information (RFI) on Table 1 of its Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction. Specifically, OSHA is requesting information on:

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- The effectiveness of engineering and work practice control methods not currently included for the tasks and equipment listed on Table 1.
- Tasks and equipment involving exposure to respirable crystalline silica that are not currently listed on Table 1, along with information on the effectiveness of engineering and work practice control methods in limiting worker exposure to respirable crystalline silica when performing those tasks.
- Additional circumstances for which it would be appropriate to permit employers covered by the silica standards for general industry and maritime to comply with the silica standard for construction.

Comments are due by Oct. 14, 2019. For more information, see the OSHA [trade release](#) and the public inspection version of the [Federal Register Notice](#).

## New MIOSHA FOIA Process

Effective Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, **ALL** Freedom of Information Act requests for MIOSHA, including the Radiation Safety Section, **MUST** be directed to the MIOSHA Freedom of Information Act Coordinator at:

**Email:** [MIOSHAFOIARequest@michigan.gov](mailto:MIOSHAFOIARequest@michigan.gov)

**Fax:** 517-284-7735

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Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity  
Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
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Mason Building  
530 West Allegan Street  
P.O. Box 30649  
Lansing, MI 48909

Any FOIA questions, please contact our office at 517-284-7740.

## Coffee with MIOSHA – Oct. 2, 2019

MIOSHA and the Upper Peninsula Construction Council invite employers and employees to share a cup of coffee and learn about the importance of workplace safety and health.

The 'Coffee with MIOSHA' events provide an informal opportunity for employers and employees to meet with MIOSHA representatives (Consultative and Enforcement) to ask questions, establish rapport and learn about program services, resources and MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) opportunities.

**DATE:** [Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019](#)

**TIME:** 9 - 11 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Holiday Inn of Marquette, 1951 US Highway 41 W, Marquette, MI 49855

**COST:** Free

**RSVP:** Email [Tony Retaskie](#). Walk-ins welcome.

## Michigan Worker Deaths of 2019

The 15th and 16th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2019 occurred on August 17 and 24. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to MIOSHA which are believed to be covered by the MIOASH 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 #15: On Aug. 17, 2019, at approximately noon., a 51-year-old drywaller/laborer fell off a balcony while hanging drywall.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #16: On Aug. 24, 2019, at approximately 8 a.m., a 52-year-old roofer fell from a two-story house while performing tear-off activities on the roof.*

There were 38 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 Consultation Education and 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](#).

## AGENCY INSTRUCTION ISSUED

**Aug. 13, 2019** – [Coordination of Enforcement and Consultation Interventions](#)

## LATEST NEWS

**Aug. 6, 2019** – [Kentwood Company Receives MIOSHA's Highest Recognition Award for Workplace Safety and Health](#)

**Aug. 8, 2019** – [MIOSHA and the Michigan Electrical Training Director's Association Sign Alliance to Promote Workplace Safety and Health](#)

## 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 online at [www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances)

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