



**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
THE MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
AND
MICHIGAN INDUSTRIAL VENTILATION CONFERENCE**

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and Michigan Industrial Ventilation Conference (MIVC) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful Michigan workplaces. To that end, MIOSHA and MIVC hereby form an alliance to provide information and guidance for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of Michigan employers and workers, particularly by reducing or preventing exposure to airborne contaminants in the workplace. In developing this alliance, MIOSHA and the MIVC recognize that MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division is an integral part of this effort.

Raising Awareness of MIOSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives

MIOSHA and MIVC intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives:

- To share and disseminate information on OSHA's National Emphasis Programs, MIOSHA's State Emphasis Programs, Regulatory Agenda, and opportunities to participate in the rulemaking process pertaining to airborne contaminants.
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers pertaining to airborne contaminants.
- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on airborne contaminants, including industrial ventilation system design applications and system testing, to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.

Proposed Implementation:

MIVC will populate and maintain a page on the MIVC website citing MIOSHA and OSHA standards and rulemaking and enforcement initiatives pertaining to airborne contaminants.

Information will outline workers' rights, including the use of the MIOSHA complaint process, and the responsibilities of employers and to communicate such information to workers and employers.

Training and Education

MIOSHA and MIVC intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

Alliance partners will participate in MIOSHA or MIVC sponsored conferences, meetings, and events as requested and when possible, for the purpose of providing information and guidance that will help train, educate, or reduce injuries and illnesses.

Proposed Implementation:

MIVC will plan and execute an annual conference addressing the design, monitoring, maintenance, and management of industrial ventilation systems used to control employee exposures to airborne contaminants. This conference will provide in depth information for novice and advanced practitioners to assist Michigan employers and employees impacted by OSHA's National Emphasis Programs, MIOSHA's State Emphasis Programs, and OSHA/MIOSHA's Regulatory Agenda.

Conference content will include four levels of industrial ventilation education: Phase 1, Phase 2, Nonstandard Air, and Managing Industrial Ventilation Systems. The conference will also provide workshops on industrial ventilation-related topics, such as: troubleshooting of industrial ventilation systems, combustible dust hazard awareness, and/or other applicable topics. MIVC will confer with a MIOSHA liaison on emerging trends that should be addressed in conference planning.

- MIVC will serve as a resource for industrial ventilation education to MIOSHA staff upon request.
- If requested by MIOSHA, MIVC will develop and implement online training to address issues in the workplace regarding employer/employee exposure to airborne contaminants.
- MIVC will extend reduced training fees to MIOSHA staff.

Outreach and Communication

Alliance partners will support each other to achieve the following outreach and communication goals by:

- Developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace airborne contaminants and identifying methods for communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and MIOSHA's and MIVC websites) to employers and workers in the industry.
- Participating in MIOSHA or MIVC events when possible.
- Sharing information among MIOSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding industrial ventilation practices or effective approaches through training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum) developed by the alliance partners.
- Promoting workplace safety and health education and training opportunities through email blasts, social media, website listings, and other appropriate methods.

Proposed Implementation:

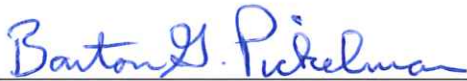
- MIVC participants include plant engineers and managers, facilities managers, risk managers, sheet metal and mechanical contractors, consulting engineers, industrial hygienists and others involved in overseeing industrial ventilation system design, installation, operation, and maintenance duties. Our audience represents a diverse range of industries and types of employers who would benefit from learning about MIOSHA/OSHA standards and the MIOSHA/OSHA Regulatory Agenda.
- MIVC would appreciate the support of MIOSHA for publicizing our training opportunities to employers and employees in Michigan.
- MIVC will disseminate MIOSHA information using our contact lists.
- MIVC will provide an annual update for MIOSHA publications detailing our education and training activities for the year, including training numbers and demographics.
- MIVC will populate and maintain a page on the MIVC website citing MIOSHA and OSHA standards and rulemaking and enforcement initiatives pertaining to airborne contaminants. Information will outline

workers' rights, including the use of the MIOSHA complaint process, and the responsibilities of employers and to communicate such information to workers and employers.

MIOSHA's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with MIOSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both MIOSHA and its alliance participants. By entering into an alliance with a party, MIOSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance. MIOSHA team members will include representatives of the CET Division. The alliance agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signing. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days' written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of all signatories.

Signed this 10th day of February 2022.



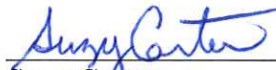
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