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OSHA - New Priorities and Directions

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U.S Secretary of Labor

Hilda L. Solis

- Nominated by President Obama on January 20, 2009
- Confirmed, February 24, 2009
- Represented 32nd Congressional District in California from 2001 – 2009
- Nationally recognized leader on the environment and improving the lives of working families.

OSHA – Organizational Chart

- **David Michaels** – Nominee for Assistant Secretary of OSHA
- Professor and interim chair of the Dept. of Environmental & Occupational Health at George Washington University School of Public Health in Washington, D.C.

Organizational Chart

- **Jordan Barab** – Acting Assistant Secretary for OSHA as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Involved with U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- Health and Safety Specialist for AFL-CIO

Statement from U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis

- *“ While the decrease in the number of fatal work injuries represents change in the right direction, it does not lessen the need for **strong enforcement** to ensure that safety is a **top priority** in every workplace”.*
- *2007 = 5,657 workplace fatalities*
- *2008 = 5,071 workplace fatalities*

Comments by Acting Assistant Secretary Jordan Barab

- 8/18/2009 – Speech presented at the United Steelworkers Health and Safety Conference, Houston, Texas
- “We’re back in the enforcement business and the standards writing business”.
- “The new OSHA will react quickly to troubling trends”.
- “Shifting resources from cooperative programs to enforcing existing standards”.

Example of Change

- “Texas Sweep” - Construction safety sweep in Texas that brought in inspectors from across the country.
- 300 inspections conducted between July 12, 2009 to August 7, 2009

National Emphasis Programs

- Combustible Dust - CPL 03-00-008 (2008)
- Amputations – CPL 03-00-005 (2008)
- Lead - CPL 03-00-009 (2008)
- Ship breaking – CPL 02-00-136 (2005)
- Silica – CPL – 03-00-007 (2008)

National Emphasis Programs

- Flavoring Chemicals / Diacetyl (2008)
(Pop corn Flavoring) CPL 03-00-005
- Process Safety Management (2007)
CPL – 03-00-003
- Trenching and Excavation (1985)
CPL – 02-00-069

Region III Emphasis Programs

- Falls Hazards in the Construction Industry
- Road Work Zone Safety – Numerous fatalities in Region III over the past four years (2004 – 2008)
- Bridge Construction and Maintenance
Part of ARRA

Region III Emphasis Programs

- Inspections of Stimulus Funded Construction Activities (ARRA) Other than Bridge Work and Road Workzone Jobsites.
- Follow-up Inspections in General Industry and Maritime.

Local Emphasis Programs

- Wilmington Area Office
- Residential Construction
- Never Before Inspected High Hazard Manufacturing Establishments

Wilmington Area Office

- Staffing

Area Director

Compliance Assistant Specialist

4 Safety Specialists

1 Industrial Hygienist

Administrative Assistant

National Impact

- Increased hiring of enforcement staff (CSHO's)
- Increased inspection activity
- Penalty Structure will change – increase in penalties.

H1N1- Pandemic Flu

- CDC (Center for Disease Control) stated that the flu is here, spreading in parts of U.S. Southeast.

Questions ?

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