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New England Roundtable Online Series

9:00 am to 10:15 am | log-on begins at 8:50 am

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March 27, 2024: Demystifying Your EMR

Presented by: Kelly Pina, CSP, CSHM, OHST Health and Safety Program Manager VHB

Many people view a company's EMR as a proxy for its health and safety record, which can unfairly punish companies in the procurement process. A high EMR, however, often has nothing to do with a company's health and safety record. Indeed, there is a lot of mystery behind the calculation of the score and its intended purpose. This session will provide an in depth understanding of the elusive EMR and provide techniques to help you manage it. Don't let your EMR impact your ability to get work.

April 3, 2024: Hot Off the Press. ANSI/ASSP A10.50 – 2024 Standard for Heat Stress Management in Construction and Demolition Operations

Presented by: David May ScD, CIH, PE

With the occurrence of climate change, occupational heat stress and strain is an increasing concern among safety and health practitioners. ANSI/ASSP A10.50 is a newly published national consensus standard that provides guidance for managing heat stress in the construction work environment. In this session, David will provide an overview of this document designed to establish minimum requirements for the prevention of occupational heat stress.

Dr. May is an Associate Professor Emeritus, at Keene State College where he taught in the Department of Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences. He had previously served as an Area Director with OSHA in the Concord NH Area Office. David currently is an OSH trainer with the Region 1 OSHA Training Institute and Educational Center and Vice Chair of ANSI/ASSP A10.50.

April 10, 2024: FLSA Best Practices and Updates

Presented by: Ana Maria Rogers Community Outreach and Resource Planning Specialist Northern New England District Office United States Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division

Description: Overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act to include minimum wage, overtime, record keeping, and child labor. We will also go over the new final rule for independent contractors and the new proposed final rule for salaried employees.



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April 17, 2024: Confined Spaces

Presented by: Michael Ziskin, CHMM, CBCP, CUSP, FIHMM

This is not a new topic at all, but workers die every day because they do not recognize the dangers of confined spaces. Regulatory compliance is not effective enough and we must go beyond compliance.

This presentation will include:

1. an overview of the OSHA General Industry 1910.146 and Construction 1926.1201-1213 Standards;
2. a comparison and contrast of both OSHA Standards with the ANSI Z117.1 - 2022 Standard;
3. definitions of enclosed, non-permit and permit required confined space entry;
4. training, testing, permits and rescue considerations; and
5. and an illustrative discussion of confined spaces.

April 24, 2024: Federal Motor Carrier

May 1, 2024: Workplace Violence

May 8, 2024: Exoskeletons: Current understanding, benefits and challenges in the OSH industry

Presented by: Dr. Lito Amit, Amit, LPT, ASP Assistant Professor • Director, Graduate Program; Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences

In this presentation, we will explore the multifaceted landscape of exoskeletons within industrial contexts. Attendees will gain insights into the substantial benefits of exoskeletons ranging from injury prevention and ergonomic support to heightened worker efficiency. This presentation will also unravel the challenges that accompany the integration of exoskeletons into diverse industries, addressing issues such as adaptability, user experience, and cost considerations. The speaker will also provide an overview of the current understanding of exoskeleton technology, incorporating latest research findings and real-world case scenarios.

May 15, 2024: Head Protection

Presented by: Jack Padden - CPMR, QSSP

May 22, 2024: Machine Guarding

Presented by: Andy Palhof & Steve Gauthier

May 29, 2024: NFPA 70B

Presented by: Derek Vigstol, Electrical Safety Consultant for Eazard

The purpose of NFPA 70B is "to provide for the practical safeguarding of persons, property, and processes from the risks associated with failure, breakdown, or malfunction" of electrical equipment. An additional part of the scope also serves to provide "a means to establish a condition of maintenance of electrical equipment and systems for



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safety and reliability.”

In 2023, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70B changed from a “Recommended Practice” to a “Standard” containing mandatory language for the development, implementation and operation of an electrical maintenance program Electrical Maintenance Program (EMP). NFPA 70B is the standard that can now be both utilized and enforced, to ensure that the proper conditions of maintenance have been established.

Before joining e-Hazard in 2021, Derek was with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for 6 years as, respectively, a Senior Electrical Specialist, an Electrical Technical Lead, and a Senior Electrical Content Specialist. He was SME for the development of the entire suite of training on the 2020 National Electrical Code and was the technical reviewer for the 2017 NEC and 2018 NFPA 70E training products from NFPA.

He authors a regular column in IAEI Magazine and the NFPA Journal and is a, regular contributor to other periodicals including EC&M, Electrical Contractor, and IEC’s Insights. Derek was the primary author of the 21st edition of the Electrical Wiring: Residential textbook from Cengage Learning. He has also been an instructor at Minneapolis Electrical JATC and owned a home inspection business.

June 5, 2024: Panel Discussion

Summer break until September!



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