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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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November 1, 2023: Legionnaire's Disease - Causes and Prevention

Presented by: Laura M. Bonk, Laura M. Bonk, MS, MBA Project Manager Certified Safety Professional, RPF Environmental

Is there water at your place of employment? Of course! There are bathrooms and perhaps processes that use water. RPF Environmental has found the Legionella bacteria in employee sinks and showers throughout New England. Legionella can cause Legionnaire's Disease-- a severe form of pneumonia.

Legionella can grow and spread in building water systems such as:

Showerheads and sink faucets

Cooling towers

Hot water tanks and heaters

Large, complex plumbing systems

Hot tubs

Decorative fountains and water features

This webinar will review Legionnaire's Disease and the CDC's recommended Water Management Program to prevent Legionella growth in your building.

November 8, 2023: Nanomaterials "what are they" and "why we're concerned for public health"

Presented by: Molly Jacobs

Over the past decades, nanotechnology and the use of engineered nanomaterials have garnered significant attention for their beneficial uses in medicine, industrial processes, and consumer products. Nanomaterials are materials with structures and properties significantly different from those of conventional chemicals/materials due to their extremely small size. The physicochemical properties of engineered nanomaterials have opened the door to improved performance properties not routinely offered by conventional chemicals. However, these same properties have created concern for the health and safety of workers and the public. In this edition of the OSHA Regional Roundtable, Molly Jacobs, Director of Applied Research in the Sustainable Chemistry Catalyst at the University of Massachusetts Lowell will provide an introduction to the topic of engineered nanomaterials – what are they and what are the concerns for worker and public health.

November 15, 2023: State-Based Occupational Health Surveillance: Injury and Illness Data to Inform Prevention Programs and Policies

Presented by: Karla Armenti, MS, ScD Research Assistant Professor, Principal Investigator, NH



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Each year thousands of workers are injured or become ill as a result of exposure to health and safety hazards at work. Work-related injuries and illnesses can be prevented with appropriate and targeted interventions. Successful approaches to making the workplace safer begin with having the most accurate and current occupational health surveillance data, which are necessary to understand the root causes of the problems that lead to occupational injury and illness. This presentation will provide an overview of the NH Occupational Health Surveillance Program (OHSP), funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) with new data highlighting the results of analysis of core occupational health indicators, such as, hospitalizations for injuries, burns, and illnesses, work-related fatal injuries, elevated blood levels among adults, incidence of work-related cancer, asthma prevalence among NH workers by industry and occupation, and other indicators of workplace exposure to hazardous substances. Resources for accessing data from state-based occupational health surveillance programs will be provided.

November 22, 2023: Climate Impacts on Occupational Safety and Regulatory Policies in the United States

Presented by: Scott Smith | Lp.D, CSP Tighe & Bond

Using meteorological data as a benchmark, this session will review the impacts on worker safety due to elevated atmospheric temperatures and regulatory responses. Specific areas of focus include changes to weather systems, impacts to occupational safety, increased particulate risks, regulatory actions at the state and federal level, and how to leverage ACGIH and technology-based applications attendees can begin using immediately to proactively manage heat risks.

Scott has worked in the field of industrial hygiene and occupational safety and health for 3 decades. A Board-Certified Safety Professional, he has earned a master's in industrial Hygiene and a Doctorate in Law and Policy in Occupational regulatory law. Scott has published articles on safety management systems, education, and industrial hygiene and is an OSHA authorized instructor. His current research addresses the integration of empirical indicators into effective safety and health management and systems analysis.

November 29, 2023: Forklift Safety

Presented by: Andy Palhof and Jim Lindsay



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