

EFO Safety and Health Committee News

March 11, 2016

OSHA Extends Public Comment Period on Determining Potential Health Hazards of Chemicals

On March 9, 2016, OSHA extended the comment period on the Guidance on Data Evaluation for Weight of Evidence Determination to May 2, 2016. This document was published on February 16, 2016. The agency received stakeholder requests to extend the comment period to allow more time to review this highly technical guidance and respond constructively. For more information, see [OSHA Weight of Evidence](#).

Step-Up to Protect Oil and Gas Exploration Sites

OSHA has announced the 2016 Step-Up for Safety in the Upstream Oil and Gas Industry to raise awareness among employers and workers about hazard in oil and gas exploration. During Step-Up events, employers around the country will take time out to conduct site inspections, safety training, and other activities. **These events will be held mid-February until the end of March.** The Step-Up is part of OSHA's alliance with the National Service, Transmission, Exploration & Production Safety Network and the NIOSH. There are 22 regional STEPS Networks who will coordinate and promote these events. For more information, visit the [Step Up for Safety Web site](#), which includes a menu of resources that employers can use during their events.

Oklahoma Workers Memorial Day – A Day of Remembrance

On April 28, 2016, Oklahoma will remember the more than 4600 women and men who die as a result of work-related accidents and diseases in the United States. Please join the ODOL as these workers are remembered on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the Oklahoma State Capitol on the 2nd floor.

NIOSH and OSHA provide online resources to prevent aerial lift injuries and fatalities

While aerial lifts are used frequently at construction, warehousing, and many other jobsites, they can pose potentially fatal hazards to workers. Aerial devices include boom-supported aerial platforms, such as cherry pickers or bucket trucks, aerial ladders and vertical towers. Learn about the fall-related risks and recommended safe work practices associated with this equipment by visiting the [new NIOSH Aerial Lifts webpage](#). The page includes a Hazard Recognition Simulator designed to help you acclimate to aerial lift operation. Additional [resources on aerial lift safety](#) are available from OSHA.

National Safety Stand-Down May 2-6, 2016

The [U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) and other federal safety agencies announced today that they have designated May 2-6, 2016, for the third annual National Safety Stand-Down. The event is a nationwide effort to remind and educate employers and workers in the construction industry of the serious dangers of falls - the cause of the highest number of industry deaths in the construction industry. To guide their efforts, OSHA has developed the official [National Safety Stand-Down web site](#) with information on conducting a successful stand-down. After their events, employers are encouraged to provide feedback and will receive a personalized certificate of participation. See the poster on the next page for communication to the workforce and your company's participation in this event.



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Falls are the number one killer in construction. Join #OSHA May 2-6 to #StandDown4Safety: [osha.gov/StopFallsStand...](http://osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown)

National Safety STAND-DOWN
TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION
MAY 2-6, 2016

Stop Falls Stand-Down

- Plan a toolbox talk or other safety activity
- Take a break to talk about how to prevent falls
- Provide training for all workers

For more information:
www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown
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2016 Safety Conferences

Below is a list of the safety conferences scheduled for 2016 with their internet websites:

- Oklahoma ASSE Chapter Safety Expo and Golf Tournament: April 7-8, 2016 in Oklahoma City. See <http://okc.asse.org/> for additional news.
- The 2016 Region VI VPPPA Conference will be held in Ft. Worth, TX at the Forth Worth Convention Center on May 16-19, 2016. See www.regionvivpp.org for additional information.
- AIHce 2016 will be held in Baltimore, MD on May 21-26. See www.aiha.org for additional information.
- 2016 Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference held June 15-17, 2016 in Norman, OK. See <http://www.oksafety.org/> for additional news.
- The 2016 National VPPPA Conference will be held at the Gaylord Palms & Convention Center in Kissimmee, FL on August 29-Sept 1, 2016. See www.vpppa.org for additional information.

- The 2016 National Safety Council Congress & Expo will be held in Anaheim, CA October 15-21, 2016. See www.nsc.org for additional information.
- AIHA Fall Conference will be held in San Antonio, TX on October 24-25, 2016 in San Antonio, TX. See www.aiha.org for additional information.

Oklahoma Safety Resources

- **OSHA:** Sign up for Quick Takes at <https://www.osha.gov/as/opa/quicktakes/index.html>
- **Oklahoma Safety Council** - Monthly luncheon meetings held in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Sign up to receive their newsletters at <http://www.oksafety.org/>.

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