



Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter

June 2017

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US Labor Department's OSHA publishes proposed rule on beryllium exposure *Rule would modify standards for construction, shipyard sectors in January 2017 final rule*

by **The Department of Labor**

On June 23, 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor— “The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration today announced a proposed rule that would modify the agency's recent beryllium standards for the construction and shipyard sectors. Representatives of the shipyards and construction industries, as well as members of Congress, raised concerns that they had not had a meaningful opportunity to comment on the application of the rule to their industries when the rule was developed in 2015-16. This proposal provides a new opportunity to comment on the rule for those industries and the public. The new proposal would make changes to the rule only for the shipyard and construction sectors. The general industry standard is unaffected by the proposal.

The proposal for shipyards and construction would maintain the requirements for exposure limits (permissible exposure limit of 0.2 µg/m³ and short-term exposure limit of 2.0 µg/m³), which will continue to protect workers from a serious beryllium-related lung disease known as chronic beryllium disease. The proposal instead revises the application of ancillary provisions such as housekeeping and personal protective equipment in the January 2017 final standards for the construction and shipyard industries. OSHA has evidence that exposure in these industries is limited to a few operations and has information suggesting that requiring the ancillary provisions broadly may not improve worker protection and be redundant with overlapping protections in other standards. Accordingly, OSHA is seeking comment on, among other things, whether existing standards covering abrasive blasting in construction.....”

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**2017 Region III ASSE
Professional Development
Conference**

**September 11-13, 2017
Hurst Conference Center
Hurst, Texas**

FREE Safety Trainings June-July 2017:

- New Trends in Safety
- OSHA's Final Rule on Crystalline Silica
- OSHA 10 Hour Construction
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a vendor during a
2017 Monthly
Chapter Meeting?

Contact Program Chair
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Chapter Highlights

June 2017 ASSE & AIHA

Chapter Meeting/Awards and Honors Ceremony



Jim Shelton, Compliance Assistance-OSHA, was selected as the 2017 Safety Professional of the Year! Thank you Jim for always supporting the Gulf Coast Chapter and for your outstanding commitment to the field of safety!

Randy Royal, a VPPPA National and Regional Speaker, gave an incredible talk on "How an Accident Impacts More Than Just You."



Rohit Kamath (right) is this year's Regional and State Science Engineering Fair Winner. Kamath's project "The Influence of Technology on Teenage Driving Behavior" highlights the dangers of teen texting and driving as well as the hazardous use of hands-free devices. Additionally, Kamath received an invitation to attend the Governor's Science and Technology Academy at SMU. He also attends high school in Katy.

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Interested in writing an original article or want your personal work shared in the Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter?

Please contact Krystle Hodge at hodge.krystle@gmail.com

2016 & 2017 Gulf Coast Chapter Executive Committee



Left-right: David Drake, Tabitha Laser, Cameron Isaacs, Leslie McGaha, William Gonzales, Dustin Hickey, Krystle Hodge, James Charo and Doug Rush (missing Jovan Lora and Jessica Good).



AIHA Scholarship
Winners!



Safety professionals networking and enjoying lunch at the June Chapter Meeting.

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".....abrasive blasting in shipyards, and welding in shipyards provide adequate protection for workers engaged in these operations.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Occupational Exposure to Beryllium and Beryllium Compounds in Construction and Shipyard Sectors will be published in the Federal Register on June 27, 2017. OSHA encourages the public to participate....." **The entire article can be found at: www.osha.gov**

"US Labor Department's OSHA publishes proposed rule on beryllium exposure." U.S. Department of Labor. Occupational Safety & Health Administration, 23 June. 2017. Web. 23 June. 2017.

Upcoming Meeting and Events

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast Summer Social

Date Thursday, July 13, 2017
Time 4:30-7:30pm
Location Aquarium Restaurant
 11 Kemah Boardwalk Kemah, TX 77565
Register here: <http://gulfcoast.asse.org/events/summer-social-aquarium-kemah/>

Energy Corridor Section Meeting

Date Thursday, July 13, 2017
Time 11:00-1:00pm
Location Wood Group Offices -West Houston (additional details TBA).

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast Chapter
Summer Social
 (In lieu of July Monthly Meeting)

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017
4:30-7:30PM
AQUARIUM RESTAURANT
11 KEMAH BOARDWALK
KEMAH, TEXAS 77565

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