

Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter



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OSHA issues final rule clarifying the ongoing obligation to make and maintain accurate records of work-related injuries and illnesses

by The Department of Labor

On December 2016 "The Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Monday will issue a final rule that clarifies an employer's continuing obligation to make and maintain an accurate record of each recordable injury and illness. The final rule becomes effective Jan. 18, 2017.

OSHA's longstanding position has been that an employer's duty to record an injury or illness continues for the full five-year record-retention period, and this position has been upheld by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission in cases dating back to 1993. In 2012, the D.C. Circuit issued a decision in *AKM LLC v. Secretary of Labor (Volks)* reversing the Commission and rejecting OSHA's position on the continuing nature of its prior recordkeeping regulations."

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Chapter Highlights



The ASSE & AIHA December Holiday Social!

We want to thank everyone that came out to the ASSE and AIHA December 2016 Holiday Social event hosted by the Energy Corridor.



Interested in being a vendor at the Monthly Chapter Meeting?

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OSHA Updates continued

"The new final rule more clearly states employers' obligations. "This rule simply returns us to the standard practice of the last 40 years," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "It is important to keep in mind that accurate records are not just paperwork; they have a valuable and potentially life-saving purpose."

The amendments in the final rule add no new compliance obligations and do not require employers to make records of any injuries or illnesses for which records are not already required.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance."

"OSHA issues final rule clarifying the ongoing obligation to make and." *U.S. Department of Labor*. OSHA, 16 Dec. 2016. Web. 16 Dec. 2016. <https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=33561>.

Additional information can be found at: www.osha.gov

Upcoming Meeting and Events

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting

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| Date | Thursday, January 5, 2017 |
| Time | 11:30-1:00pm |
| Location | Brady's Landing 8505 Cypress St Houston, Texas |
| Speaker | William Garnes |
| Topic | Risk Tolerance in the Workplace |
| Description | During this session participants will learn why individuals and groups sometime appear to ignore hazards in the work place. In the past, we thought that workers did not recognize the hazard, or did not properly understand the extent of the risk presented by the hazard. When we look at RISK TOLERANCE, we find that individuals may properly identify the workplace hazards, but for a variety of reasons the workers accept the risk and proceed with the task in an unsafe manner. |

Energy Corridor Section Meeting

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| Date | Thursday, January 12, 2017 |
| Time | 11:00-1:00pm |
| NEW Location* | Spring Creek BBQ 2100 Katy Fwy; Katy, TX 77449 |
| Speaker | Stephen Gray, ASSE Region III VP |
| Topic: | ASSE Update |

North Section Meeting

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| Date | Thursday, January 26, 2017 |
| Time | 11:30-1:00pm |
| Location | 10000 Energy Drive Spring, Texas 77389 |

*Happy
Holidays
from the Gulf
Coast
Chapter!*



Speaker Tom Damico & Chad Grady

Topic: Lessons Learned - HSE technologies talking to each other

Description Ever thought about 'what if our technologies could all talk to each other. With the increased spread of the smart house and things like Alexa and Ok Google, what are some of the possibilities for safety and health? Specifically, Tom Damico with Honeywell Portables and Chad Grady with Trakopolis will share the story about how their companies starting having their tech talk to each other and what advice they have for companies seeking to streamline and automate safety tech.

Interested in being a vendor at the Monthly Chapter Meeting?

Sponsorship (Single Vendor Exclusive) Vendor

- \$1,000 Exclusive Sponsorship (First Come First Serve Basis)
- Provide Drawing Prizes

Benefits

- Recognition during the Meeting "Kick Off"
- 5 min presentation on your services/products
- 2 table spaces in the meeting room
- Display logo on Signage

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- \$500 Sponsorship/Vendor
- Provide Drawing Prizes

Benefits

- Limited to first 3 Vendors
- Recognition during the Meeting "Kick Off"
- 1 table space in the meeting room per vendor
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