

From the Commissioner

The 2011 Safety Awards season will officially end on the last day of June. During the three-month season, we recognized thousands of companies and agencies for maintaining good safety records. This program provides a platform to promote workplace safety and health in each corner of the state. The program continues to grow each year, which is a testament to the program coordinator, Eursula Joyner, and the entire Consultative Services team. I feel fortunate to be a part of this prestigious recognition program and want to thank Consultative Services for making the 65th annual banquet season an overwhelming success.

I am glad I had the opportunity to visit the Mine Safety and Health Seminars in June with William Gerringer and his staff. Both the Raleigh and Morganton seminars were well attended by mine and quarry operators. The one-day seminars bring together industry leaders to discuss current trends and to learn about key initiatives from us and the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

On June 16, Kevin Beauregard testified before the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections in Washington, D.C. As chair of the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association (OSHSPA), Kevin addressed some of the concerns shared by State Plan states regarding funding and other issues. Kevin represented the 27 State Plans well and made those of us watching in North Carolina very proud to be associated with him. (Click [here](#) to see Kevin's statement.)

The General Assembly passed the state budget and has adjourned until July 13 when they will reconvene to focus on redistricting. NCDOL received roughly a 6 percent reduction, the bulk of which is operating expenses. We will lose four vacant positions, but were fortunate enough to avoid issuing pink slips. I would like to thank our Governmental Affairs team for doing such a nice job during the long session. Art Britt and Jennifer Haigwood were instrumental in getting the Omnibus Labor Bill passed, and I would like to thank them for their perseverance and dedication to matters that impact the department at the General Assembly.

Have a Great Fourth!



Employee News

- Congratulations to Claire and Robert Wallace on the birth of their daughter. Charlotte Wallace was born on April 28, weighing in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 21 inches long. Claire works in the Wage and Hour Bureau.



- Congratulations to Ryan LaPlante, who graduated from boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes on June 17. He is the son of Rose Gray, Apprenticeship and Training Bureau.

New Hires

- Peter Simon, investigator I, Wage and Hour, Raleigh.
- Stephen Green, elevator inspector, Elevator, Greenville.

Separations

- Aisha Holloman, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Winston-Salem.
- Allen Gollick, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Wilmington.
- Ervin Shaw, safety compliance officer II, OSH, Raleigh.

Retirements

- Tom Gooding, employment discrimination investigator, EDB.
- Richard Brown, OSH consultant II, Consultative Services, Raleigh.



Above: Tom Gooding receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from John Baldwin. The Employment Discrimination Bureau held a retirement luncheon for Tom at Olde Raleigh Buffet on June 2.

Miles for Wellness Campaign

Several NCDOL teams recently completed another Miles for Wellness event. This spring's virtual walk took participants from London to Lisbon. The circuitous route took the teams from England to Portugal via France, Italy and Spain for a total distance of 2,397 miles.

Mike Morrow and Erin Gould led two NCDOL teams. Mike's team of 10 Wage and Hour Bureau employees made it way past Lisbon, recording more than 2,664 miles walked. Erin's Labor Building team of nine employees from Legal Affairs, Commissioner's Office, Publications and Communications also successfully completed the walk with 2,473 miles recorded.

Erin received notice from the Office of State Personnel's coordinator for the Miles for Wellness Campaign that the Labor Building team placed in the top 15 among all teams in its competitive division in the state.

The members of the Wage and Hour team were Dawn Beasley, Elnora Fields, Jeff Barnhill, Marisol Suarez, Nicole Ingram, Selenia Genao, Shannon Council, Taylor Cambron, Val Eucare and Mike Morrow. The members of the Labor Building team were John Baldwin, Joyce Bulluck, Jennifer Chrisohon, Rex Edwards, Jane Gilchrist, Erin Gould, Jennifer Haigwood, Neal O'Briant and Dolores Quesenberry.

Upcoming Birthdays

7-1 Emily McGill	7-9 Kimberly Bostic	7-23 Eddie Cotten
7-1 Nick Vincelli	7-10 Nicole Brown	7-24 Belvin Horres
7-2 JoAnn Bell	7-11 Dennie Brooks	7-26 Brian Tuttle
7-2 Mike Smith	7-11 Angela Leon	7-27 John Baldwin
7-3 Bill Wallace	7-13 Lula Powell	7-28 Shannon Council
7-4 Neil Brown	7-15 Rebecca Israel	7-28 Nelson Edwards
7-5 Terri Burns	7-16 Chip Thomas	7-29 Kathy Capps
7-6 Ron Wells	7-17 David Poole	7-29 Jane Gilchrist
7-6 Ray Payne	7-19 Karen Bogner	7-29 Evelyn Zoldak
7-6 Trenda Smith	7-19 Tim Childers	7-30 Randall Raborn
7-8 Angela Richardson	7-21 Mildred Rivera	7-31 Amanda Keyes
7-8 Jim Baker	7-22 Jerome Evers	

ProLogger Class

BY LEIGHTON DOWDLE, OSH COMPLIANCE WEST

“These three days have saved my life more than once,” was a comment overheard at a ProLogger base program held recently at Forsyth Tech Community College in Winston-Salem. ProLogger is supported by the N.C. Department of Labor and our alliance members: Forestry Mutual Insurance Co. and the N.C. Forestry Association.

ProLogger classes are held at various community colleges three times per year. The third and final class for this year is scheduled for Oct. 26-28 at McDowell Community College in Marion. CSHOs are encouraged to attend! Contact me at Leighton.Dowdle@labor.nc.gov for details.



Twenty-two new ProLoggers gather for a photo after completing the program that teaches them to be smart, safe and environmentally conscious while working in the woods.

What's New @ Your Library

BY NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

Revised Library Intranet Page

- <http://intra2.dol.state.nc.us/Intranet/Library/Library.htm>

This page has been updated to reflect the updated standards list.

New Print Titles

- *Equipment, Design, and Installation of Closed-Circuit Ammonia Mechanical Refrigerating Systems* (ANSI/IIAR 2-2008). IIAR, 2010.
- *A Guide to Transportation Safety* (2011 edition). NCDOL/OSH, 2011.
- *North Carolina OSH Standards for Construction* (2011 edition). NCDOL/OSH/Mancomm, 2011.
- *North Carolina OSH Standards for General Industry* (2011 edition). NCDOL/OSH/Mancomm, 2011.

Online FYIs

- *Indoor Air Quality in Commercial and Institutional Buildings*
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/3430indoor-air-quality-sm.pdf>
- *NOAA Watch: Excessive Heat*
<http://www.noaawatch.gov/themes/heat.php>
- *OSHA's Recordkeeping Advisor*
<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/OSHARecordkeeping.htm>
- *Tornado Cleanup and Response*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/tornado.html?source=govdelivery>