

From the Commissioner

We ended March with the official kick-off of the 2016 safety awards banquet season at the Lincoln Cultural Center in Lincolnton. This was the first of 30 banquets scheduled between now and June 24. Once again, I look forward to attending each banquet and hope to have the opportunity to visit with many of you at the various venues across the state.

Providing safe and healthy workplaces is at the heart of the annual Safety Awards Program, and this year in particular, we have a lot to celebrate. The program is celebrating its 70th season this year, while our state has maintained the lowest injury and illness rate for private industry on record for two consecutive years—2.7 per 100 full-time workers.

To put this in perspective, in 2000, the year before I took office, the private industry injury and illness rate stood at 5.3 per 100 full-time workers. Our state has realized a 49 percent decline in the injury and illness rate over the past 14 years. That works out to 80,000 fewer injuries and illnesses suffered by workers in 2014 than in 2000.

Much of our state's success can be attributed to programs like this that are administered by the OSH Division, and I'd like to thank Eursula Joyner, Sandra Allen, Lamont Smith, Wanda Lagoe and the many others in the Recognition Program for all that they do to carry out our mission.

It has been an honor to be part of a program that has established such deep roots throughout our state and one that continues to grow each year. I have no doubt that this program will one day celebrate 100 years and beyond. While many of us may not be here for those celebrations, it is comforting to know that the work we do today plays a part in leaving behind a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Keep up the great work.



Employee News

- Congratulations to Nancy Hall on passing the ASP (Associate Safety Professional) exam. Nancy works in Compliance West.
- Congratulations to Richard Parker, Boiler Safety, on passing his National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors New Construction "A" Commission Exam on March 9.
- Congratulations to Chris Moore for being named the Spotlight of the Month for Compliance East.
- Our condolences to Kay Knezevich, Compliance West, on the death of her father, Jay Young.
- Our condolences to Don Kinney, Boiler Safety, on the death of his father, Donald Ralph Kinney, March 23.

A poster for OSH Compliance East's Spotlight of the Month Chris Moore highlights his service to the bureau.



New Hires

- Brittany McCray, processing assistant V, Human Resources, Raleigh
- James Thomas, mine safety and health representative, Mine and Quarry, Raleigh
- Cheryta McKoy, wage and hour investigator I, Wage and Hour, Raleigh
- Mark Pierce, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Winston-Salem
- Carl Burgette, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Charlotte

Job Change

- James Cook, safety compliance officer I to safety compliance officer II, OSH, Charlotte

Separations

- Victoria Parks, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Raleigh
- William Davis, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Raleigh
- Bill Essick, elevator inspection supervisor, Elevator and Amusement, Central Area
- Bill Wallace, elevator inspector, Elevator and Amusement, Charlotte

Retirements

- Preston White, elevator inspector, Elevator and Amusement, Western Area

Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee News

The Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee held two chili events recently. The Charlotte office held one on March 16, and the Raleigh offices held one on March 17. Upcoming events include a taco challenge in April in the Charlotte office and the start of the silent auction later in April.

The winners of the Raleigh chili contest, held March 17 in the Old Revenue Building, display their prize spoons. From left to right, second place winner Ana Gomez ("To Bean or Not to Bean Chili"), first place winner Eursula Joyner ("Central Carolina's Cul-de-sac Chicken Chili"), and third place winner Karen Kelly ("Simply Southern Chili").



Upcoming Birthdays

4-2 Brandon Barnhardt
4-2 Marcia Page
4-3 Andrew Gunto
4-4 Jeffrey Mitchell
4-4 Amy Snow
4-6 Bart Evans
4-8 Mark Cole
4-9 Blair Byrd
4-9 Sam Kirkman

4-9 Mark Rasdall
4-9 Tom Savage
4-10 Tim Juneau
4-12 Gary Yarbrough
4-13 Thomas Rabold
4-14 Ed Lewis
4-17 Rob Jacobson
4-20 Wesley Tart
4-22 Sandra Allen

4-23 Dean Johnson
4-24 Anita Henderson
4-26 Jerrick Valerio
4-27 Elizabeth Cruz
4-27 Chuck Murdock
4-28 Leaton Jones
4-29 Crystal Stallings
4-30 Hoyle Hoffman

Lake Boone Trail Celebrates Service Award Recipients

The OSH Compliance East Lake Boone Trail staff hosted an ice cream social on March 23 to recognize the 2015 service award recipients. Bureau Chief Nicole Brown provided the buckets of ice cream, and staff volunteers brought in toppings to make ice cream sundaes. There were all kinds of goodies to pile on top: waffle cone bowls, fudge and caramel sauce, wet and dry nuts, sprinkles, and cherries.

During the celebration the recipients were recognized for their years of service and presented the service award they had selected. A good time was had by all!

The 2015 recipients for OSH Compliance East, Raleigh Field Office: Front row: Diedrik Lewis, 10 years; Kathy Capps, 15 years; and Karen Kelly, 30 years. Back row: Ric Schumann, 15 years; Bill Allen, five years; Belvin Horres, 20 years; Chris Moore, 10 years; and Curt Davis, 15 years. Not pictured: Don Johnson, five years.



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Updated Standards and NIOSH Publications Lists

- http://10.35.133.11/etta_one_stop/listingDetails.cfm?&catid=16&subcatid=201

The NIOSH publications and standards lists have been updated and can be accessed from OSH One Stop Shop (Library Resources page).

New Print Titles

- *Guide to Occupational Exposure Values* (2016 edition). ACGIH, 2016.
- *Hand Protection Classification* (ANSI/ISEA 105-2016). ISEA, 2016.
- *Industrial Ventilation: A Manual of Recommended Practice for Design* (29th edition). ACGIH, 2016.
- *National Board Bulletin* (Winter 2016). National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspections, 2016.
- *Safety Professional's Reference and Study Guide* (2nd edition). CRC Press, 2015.
- *TLVs and BEIs ...* (2016 edition). ACGIH, 2016.
- *Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices* (ANSI/SAIA A92.2-2015). SAIA, 2015.

New DVDs

- *To the Point About: Fire Prevention and Response* (DVD 766—English and Spanish). 11 min.; 2015; To the Point Communications.
- *To the Point About: Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls* (DVD 767—English and Spanish). 11 min.; 2015; To the Point Communications.

Online FYIs

- *Aerial Lifts*

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/falls/aeriallift.html>

- *Fostering a Culture of Safety for Mine Workers*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/02/25/fostering-a-culture-of-safety-for-mine-workers/>
- *Flexibility and Fair Pay ...*
<http://blog.dol.gov/2016/02/18/flexibility-and-fair-pay-you-can-have-both/>
- *Get Weather Ready*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5TiTfuvotc
- *Hazards when Purging Hydrogen Gas-Cooled Electric Generators*
<https://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib012216.html>
- *Health and Safety Risks for Workers Involved in Manual Tank Gauging and Sampling at Oil and Gas Extraction Sites*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3843.pdf>
- *Misclassification and Home Care Workers*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/02/25/misclassification-and-home-care-workers/>
- *MultiVapor Version 2.2.3*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/multivapor/multivapor.html>
- *NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluation Program Lead Measurement Database*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/data/datasets/RD-1006-2015-0/default.html>
- *NIOSH Research Rounds, February 2016*
<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/bulletins/1382d49>
- *National Safety Stand Down: Prevent Falls in Construction*
<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>
- *Protecting Zip-Line Workers*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3845.pdf>
- *Reducing Hazardous Dust Exposure When Cutting Fiber-Cement Siding*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2015-185/pdfs/2015-185.pdf>
- *Whistleblower Investigations Manual*
https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_02-03-007.pdf
- *A Year of Injuries, and Lessons*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/03/17/a-year-of-injuries-and-lessons/>