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For all NCDOL Employees
March 2019

From the Commissioner

There are several events I'm looking forward to attending during the month of March. First, I'm looking forward to attending the Mine Safety and Health Conference along with Phil Hooper, deputy commissioner, Standards and Inspections, and William Gerringer, bureau chief, Mine and Quarry Bureau. The conference is sponsored by the N.C. Aggregates Association and will take place March 20–22 in Cherokee.

The aggregate industry is so very important to our state from the roadways we drive on to the buildings we work in, and for me personally, down to the lipstick I wear. I'd like to thank William for the leadership he demonstrates in the mine and quarry industry and for keeping abreast of important issues concerning the workers and contractors responsible for mining those minerals that allow us to live with life's modern conveniences. I look forward to attending and being a part of this special conference.

The second event I am looking forward to attending is the first banquet of the 2019 safety awards banquet season scheduled for March 19 in Lincolnton. Eursula Joyner, safety awards coordinator, has scheduled 30 banquets between March and June, and I look forward to attending each one.

The Safety Awards Program has been in operation since 1946 and provides workplace safety and health recognition to thousands of businesses throughout the state that did not experience a work-related fatality during the calendar year at the site in which they applied for, and also maintained an incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average for its particular industry group. I am honored to be a part of these special events and to have the opportunity to both present awards and thank award recipients in person.

The banquets could not happen without the support of the various chambers of commerce across the state, the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina and other sponsors who recognize the importance of workplace safety and health. Their support is much appreciated as we look forward to the start of yet another exciting banquet season.



Employee News

- Congratulations to Daniel Blanton, Dwight Currence and Ron Rankin, Elevator, who all passed the Qualified Elevator Inspector (QEI) Exam. The three employees are now QEI certified.
- Our condolences to Neal O'Briant whose mother passed away Friday, Feb. 1. Neal retired from NCDOL in 2017 with nearly 32 years of service after working first in the Publications Bureau and then in the Communications Division. **Link to obituary.**

New Hires

- Gideon LeConey, investigator, Wage and Hour, Raleigh
- Preston White, inspector, Elevator, Western area
- Latrina Briggs, health compliance officer, OSH East, Raleigh

Promotion

- Crystal Moss, investigator, Wage and Hour, Raleigh

Separations

- Luis Delia, safety officer I, OSH East, Raleigh

- Stephen Green, inspector, Elevator, Eastern area
- Angela Woods, administrative associate II, OSH East, Raleigh
- Jason Jackowitz, safety officer I, OSH West, Charlotte



Photo courtesy of Harriet Hopkins, REDB

Commissioner Berry greets Erin Smith, a new employee with REDB, and second-year Campbell University law student interns with REDB in the Labor Building Monday, Feb. 4. (L-R): Erin Smith, REDB; Commissioner Berry; Zach Johnson and Kelley Beck, second-year law student interns.

4th Annual Chili Cook-off Winners

Eight of NCDOL's best crockpot chefs competed for the department's 4th Annual Chili Cook-off held at the Old Revenue Building Monday, Feb. 18. Third place went to Angela Richardson with her Bean Me Up Chili, while second place was awarded to Jackie Tanner's Three-Meat Chili. Merlot Chili by Felicia Hoover and Lisa's No-Name Chili by Lisa Culbreth tied for first place. Special thanks to the Employee Recognition Banquet Committee and everyone who attended or worked to make it a success.



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Chili Cook-off winners receive gold, silver and bronze medals Monday, Feb. 25. (First row, L-R): Lisa Culbreth, Financial Services; Felicia Hoover, OSH Review Commission. (Second row, L-R): Jackie Tanner, Elevator; Angela Richardson, Wage and Hour.

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 3-2 Antonio Green | 3-13 Faizan Khaja | 3-23 Carrie Shortt |
| 3-4 Deidre Duncan | 3-15 Sybil Bray | 3-23 Dafang Zhao |
| 3-5 Lauren Norton | 3-16 Doris Kester | 3-24 Ken Darnley |
| 3-6 Vaughn Rizzo | 3-17 Horace Dozier | 3-25 Jesika Freeman |
| 3-7 Lisa Culbreth | 3-17 Jason Holtz | 3-27 Shirley Curtis |
| 3-8 Jamie Frame | 3-20 Andy Sterlen | 3-28 Sam Atassi |
| 3-9 Pam Short | 3-20 Tara Williams-Brown | 3-29 Michael Saye |
| 3-10 Chris Jasion | 3-21 Felicia Hoover | 3-30 Art Britt |
| 3-11 David Bullock | 3-21 Robert Martin | 3-30 Nancy Hall |
| 3-11 Lee Peacock | 3-23 Richard Parker | 3-31 Steve Hardin |

2019 Safety Awards Banquet Schedule

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|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Tuesday, March 19 | 7 p.m. | Lincoln Cultural Center | Lincolnton |
| Monday, April 8 | noon | AVS Banquet Center | Asheboro |
| Tuesday, April 9 | 5:30 p.m. | Morganton Community House | Morganton |
| Thursday, April 11 | 6 p.m. | LeGrand Center | Shelby |
| Tuesday, April 16 | 6 p.m. | Rock Springs Events Center | Greenville |
| Tuesday, April 16 | noon | Elm City Train Depot | Wilson |
| Thursday, April 18 | noon | Grandover Resorts & Conference Center | High Point |
| Friday, April 26 | noon | Embassy Suites | Charlotte |
| Monday, April 29 | 6 p.m. | Oliver's | Wadesboro |
| Thursday, May 2 | noon | Lane Tree Country Club | Goldsboro |
| Thursday, May 2 | 6 p.m. | Vance-Granville Community College | Oxford |
| Tuesday, May 7 | noon | Benvenue Country Club | Rocky Mount |
| Thursday, May 9 | noon | South Piedmont Community College | Monroe |
| Friday, May 10 | noon | Cabarrus County Country Club | Concord |
| Monday, May 13 | 6 p.m. | Coastline Conference and Event Center | Wilmington |
| Wednesday, May 15 | noon | Ramada Inn | Statesville |
| Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Ahoskie Inn | Ahoskie |
| Thursday, May 23 | 6 p.m. | Expo Center | Clinton |
| Thursday, May 30 | 6 p.m. | Homestead Steakhouse | Roxboro |
| Friday, May 31 | noon | Crabtree Marriott | Raleigh |
| Tuesday, June 4 | noon | Mebane Arts and Community Center | Burlington |
| Friday, June 7 | noon | J. Smith YMCA | Lexington |
| Tuesday, June 11 | noon | Sanford Public Works Service Center | Sanford |
| Wednesday, June 12 | noon | Olivia's Catering | Kinston |
| Thursday, June 13 | 6 p.m. | Adelio's Restaurant | Lumberton |
| Monday, June 17 | noon | Atrium Health | Albemarle |
| Tuesday, June 18 | 6 p.m. | Gastonia Conference Center | Gastonia |
| Tuesday, June 25 | 6 p.m. | Hilton Biltmore Park | Asheville |
| Thursday, June 27 | 6 p.m. | Crowne Plaza | Hickory |
| Friday, June 28 | 11:15 a.m. | Cross Creek Country Club | Mount Airy |

Inside NC Labor—February Episodes



Be sure to check out NCDOL's podcast ***Inside NC Labor***. Episodes six and seven include special guests Eursula Joyner (left), ETTA, and Don Kinney (right), Boiler Safety.

March Madness Pizza Lunch



Benefiting the 2019 Employee Recognition Banquet

Thursday, March 14

12:00pm until 1:30pm

ORB – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Catch some of the ACC tournament opening round game
and enjoy a couple slices of pizza!

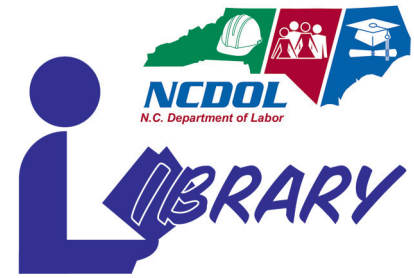
\$6 Pizza Lunch: 2 slices, drink and dessert

What's New @ Your Library

By NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

New Print Titles

- *Best Practices for Protecting EMS Responders during Treatment and Transport of Victims of Hazardous Substance Releases (HV 551 .B47 2009) USDOL-OSHA, 2009.*
- *Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a Federal OSHA Inspection (HD 3665 .E47 2018) USDOL-OSHA, 2018.*
- *Fall Prevention Training guide: a Lesson Plan for Employers (T 55.2 .F35 2014) USDOL-OSHA, 2014.*
- *Occupational Hygiene Safety Technician Exam Study Workbook (T 55.2 .O238 2019) Span International, 2019.*
- *Preventing Fire and/or Explosion Injury from Small and Wearable Lithium Battery Powered Devices (TK 2945 .L58 P74 2019) USDOL-OSHA, 2019.*
- *Protecting Construction Workers in Confined Spaces... (TH 443 .P76 2015) USDOL-OSHA, 2015.*
- *Recommended Practices for Anti-Retaliation Programs (KF 390.5 .W57 R43 2017) USDOL-OSHA, 2017.*
- *Sanitation in Construction (ANSI/ASSP A10.25-2017) American Society of Safety Professionals, 2017.*
- *Using Total Worker Health Concepts to Reduce the Health Risks from Sedentary Work (RA 427.8 .U85 2017) CDC-NIOSH, 2017.*



New Periodicals

- *Governing* (Feb. 2019) e.Republic Inc., 2019.
- *Professional Safety* (Dec. 2018—Feb. 2019) American Society of Safety Professionals., 2018/2019. Donated by Kevin Beauregard, OSH Admin.
- *Safety + Health* (Nov. 2018-Feb. 2019) National Safety Council, 2018. Donated by Cory Dunphy, ETTA, and Kevin Beauregard, OSH Admin.

Online FYIs

- *Dampness and Mold Assessment Tool: General Buildings* (NIOSH)
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2019-115/pdfs/2019-115.pdf>
- *Deaths and Injuries Involving Elevators or Escalators in Construction and the General Population* (CPWR Quarterly)
<https://tinyurl.com/yaoov8hf>
- *Digital Reference Guide to the FLSA* (USDOL-WHD)
https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/Digital_Reference_Guide_FLSA.pdf
- *Final Rule to Protect Privacy of Workers* (USDOL-OSHA)
<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/01242019>
- *How Can Small Businesses Comply with OSHA Standards* (OSHA/Score recorded webinar)
<https://www.score.org/event/how-can-small-business-comply-with-OSHA-standards>
- *NIH News in Health* (Feb. 2019)
<https://news.nnlm.gov/psr-newsbits/nih-news-in-health-february-2019/>

- *National Ladder Safety Month: Online Resources* (American Ladder Institute)
<https://www.laddersafetymonth.com/Safety-Resources/Online-Resources>
- *North Carolina's 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Week* (NOAA/NWS)
<https://www.weather.gov/rah/2019ncswpw>
- *OSHA Inspections: Regional Emphasis Program on Ammonium Nitrate* (video)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_6jx2Nwm68&feature=youtu.be
- *Preventing Fire and/or Explosion Injury from Small and Wearable Lithium Battery Powered Devices* (OSHA)
<https://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib011819.html>
- *Resources For Your Heart Health* (National Library of Medicine)
<https://news.nnlm.gov/sea/2019/02/14/resources-for-your-heart-health/>
- *Safety + Health* (Feb. 2019—National Safety Council)
<https://tinyurl.com/yeh86wca>
- *Safety Climate Assessment Tool (S-CAT)*--CPWR
<https://safetyclimateassessment.com/>