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Dr. David Michaels addresses KY Gov's Safety/Health Conference

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On May 9, 2012, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Dr. David Michaels, addressed participants at the 28th Annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference and Exposition in Louisville. Dr. Michaels spoke about OSHA's Workers' Memorial Day events in honor of fallen workers, and he discussed recent OSHA initiatives to protect workers from hazardous chemicals, falls in construction, and heat illness.

He also invited those in attendance to join OSHA in making the Fall Prevention in Construction and Heat Illness Prevention campaigns a success.

While Dr. Michaels' speech is not posted on OSHA's website yet, a similar Workers' Memorial Day speech he gave at the National Labor College on April 27, 2012, is posted at http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=SPEECHES&p_id=2680.

With regard to the Fall Prevention campaign, Dr. Michaels pointed out that because falls are the leading cause of construction fatalities (250 fatalities in 2010, and over 10,000 injuries), OSHA has joined with management and labor groups to launch an outreach and education campaign to prevent fatal falls in construction.

According to Dr. Michaels, "this awareness campaign is designed to bring a message to America's employers and workers: Falls can be prevented."

Deaths are preventable when employer's follow three simple steps: "Plan, Provide, and Train — plan ahead to get the job done safely, provide the right equipment, and train everyone to use the equipment safely."

The Fall Prevention campaign is patterned after the successful 2011 heat illness prevention campaign (reported on in the May 2011 issue of this Journal), which reached "more than 2 million workers with the simple, life-saving message: 'Water. Rest. Shade.'"

He stated that this summer OSHA hopes to reach even more employees through outreach activities and distribution of materials similar to what was done in 2011. ▲

State proposing 13 new administrative regulations

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet has set in motion the process to adopt 13 new OSHA regulations to bring Kentucky into compliance with recent federal standard changes. By state law, all proposed executive branch regulations, before adoption, must be printed in the *Administrative Register of Kentucky* — an equivalent of the *Federal Register* — and there is a required public hearing process, as well as a review procedure by a legislative subcommittee.

So, employers (and also workers and citizens) who may have concerns about a proposed rule have an opportunity to try to influence or amend it before the regulation becomes law, encoded in the Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR), which for OSHA is chapter 803.

A digest of the 13 new OSHA regulations is provided below. To read the full text of each of them, go to the home page of the Kentucky Legislature at www.lrc.ky.gov. In the left-side menu bar, choose "Kentucky Law"; then choose "KY Administrative Regulations (KAR)"; then in the middle of the page choose "Administrative Register of Kentucky"; then scroll down to Labor Cabinet and there you will see the 13 proposed regulations listed in the 803 KAR series.

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