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Winter Newsletter #2

Top Five OSHA Citations In The Manufacturing Industry:

1. Lockout/Tagout
2. Hazard Communications
3. Machine Guarding
4. Respiratory Protection
5. Electrical Safety

Home Heating System Safety

Each year, about 200 people die throughout the country due to carbon monoxide poisoning from faulty home heating systems. Here are two things you can do to protect your family.

- *Have your home heating system inspected*
- *Buy a Carbon Monoxide Detector*

Important EH&S Dates

February 1st through April 30th

Non-Exempt employers with greater than 10 employees must post their OSHA 300-A Annual Summary within their workplace.

March 1st

Facilities storing more than 10,000-lbs of a hazardous chemical or more than 500 lbs or the threshold planning quantity of an extremely hazardous substance must submit an EPCRA/SARA 311 Tier II Report to their local fire department, LEPC and SERC.

July 1st

Under EPCRA/SARA 313, facilities must submit Form R or Form A reports for each chemical exceeding the 25,000 lb manufacture/process thresholds, 10,000 lb otherwise use threshold or 100 lb PBT threshold to the EPA and their State.

November 20, 2009

Current due date for facilities storing more than 1,320 gallons of oil, which has the ability to impacts navigable waters, to have updated their SPCC Plans to meet the July 2002 (and subsequent) Amendments.

Selecting a Consultant

Selecting a consultant who can save time, provide valuable insight and help overcome obstacles is a crucial part of projects. The following are a few tips to consider during the selection process.

Rely on the People You Trust

Ask your trusted colleagues for consultants they have worked with before and trust. Ask them if the consultants were knowledgeable, efficient and able to meet their needs and deadlines.

Experience

Look for a consultant with experience in your industry/service sector. This will help ensure they know the basics of what you do and are able to adapt projects/programs to more closely meet the needs of your business. Such a consultant will be more adept at anticipating and adjusting to overcome design/implementation pitfalls that may impact your organization.

Flexibility

A flexible consultant is more likely to deliver a product/service, which integrates well with your companies needs and existing infrastructure. Flexible consultants tend to have experience in a wide range of industries/services and sizes of businesses.

A Fit To Your Organization

Visit companies where the consultant has worked or ask them to perform a gap assessment at your facility. This gives you the opportunity to evaluate the consultant's personality, motivation and style to ensure they match your organization's needs.

Did You Know...

Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil.