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**Walk the Talk
Meeting Reminder &
Membership Drive
Bring a Friend!**




Join us! The next meeting is: Thursday, November 14, 2013

**** REGULAR LOCATION NOTED BELOW ****

The Public Agency Safety Management Association invites you to attend our next meeting. Meetings focus on issues that affect the environmental, health and safety professions in the public sector.

Agenda

8:30-9:00am	Registration – Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	 PETER A. RILEY, CIH, CSP "NAVIGATING CAL/OSHA COMPLIANCE" Learn about how Cal/OSHA uses the IIPP (Section 3203) for enforcement and how Cal/OSHA addresses the Multiemployer Worksites responsibilities. Enforcement of the 3381 Head Protection will be discussed as well as development and implementation of the program. This session will also analyze realistic use of the 18Y form and its benefits. Mr. Riley will discuss Cal/OSHA's biggest challenges in dealing with employers through the entire inspection process of an organization. You will learn valuable information about the direction of Cal/OSHA's future and any changes specifically relative to public agencies. About the Speaker... Peter Riley was appointed to the position of Regional Manager of Cal/OSHA Region 3 on April 1, 2012. The Regional Office oversees the operations of the District Offices of San Diego, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, and Torrance whose territory includes San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and parts of Los Angeles Counties. The District Offices conduct complaint, accident, and programmed initiated inspections of unsafe or unhealthy working conditions. Mr. Riley began his career in State service in April of 1994 and worked at the Southern California District Office in the High Hazard Unit. Mr. Riley was appointed District Manager of the High Hazard Unit on January 1, 2002. As District Manager he supervised inspections of high hazard work places and handled complex investigations including Diacetyl, Adult Film, Maritime, Warehouse, and State Mental Hospital inspections. Mr. Riley has a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of California at Berkeley, a bachelor's degree in chemistry from California State University at Long Beach (CSULB), and a Masters of Business Administration from CSULB. Prior to coming to work for the State, Mr. Riley worked for Powerline Oil Company, UNOCAL, Health Science Associates, McDonald-Stephens and the Northrop Grumman Corporation. Mr. Riley is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and a Certified Safety Professional.
10:15–10:30am	Break
10:30-11:00am	Q&A for Mr. Riley
11:00 –11:20am	Regulatory Update – Bill Taylor, CSP - City of Anaheim
11:20 - 11:30am	PASMA South Chapter - Budget Update - Glenn Newson, PASMA South Treasurer - Election Committee - Ken Erwin, PASMA South President - Membership matters - Ken Erwin, PASMA South President
11:30-12:00pm	Open Forum Discussion and Adjournment – Ken Erwin, PASMA South President

RESERVATIONS: Please RSVP by November 11th 2013 to ensure that enough hand-out materials will be available. **NO COST** for Members. \$15.00 for non-members and guests.

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**Cal/OSHA Issues Notice of Proposed
Emergency Regulatory Action for Process
Safety Management (PSM) Program
Assessment**

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) is proposing to adopt emergency regulations to implement a methodology for determining and collecting an annual assessment to fund Cal/OSHA's Process Safety Management Program.

The emergency regulations propose to adopt Article 12.5 of Subchapter 2, of Title 8, California Code of regulations, sections 344.76, 344.77, and 344.79. Government Code section 11346.1(a)(2) requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulations action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency regulations to the Office of Administrative Law, OAL shall allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6. Upon filing, OAL will have 10 calendar days within which to review and make a decision on the proposed emergency rule. If approved, OAL will file the regulations with the Secretary of State, and the emergency regulations will become effective for one hundred and eighty (180) days. Within the 180-day effective period, Cal/OSHA will proceed with a regular rulemaking action, including a public comment period. The emergency regulations will remain in effect during this rulemaking action. The proposed regulatory language, finding of emergency regulations and text of proposed regulations are posted on Cal/OSHA's website.

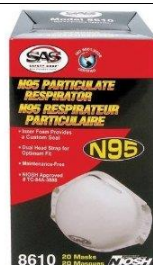
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**Cal/OSHA Reminds Employers of Risks of
Valley Fever, Urges Employers to Take
Preventative Measures**

Oakland—Cal/OSHA reminds employers of the risks of Coccidioidomycosis (also known as Valley Fever), a potentially serious illness caused by the inhalation of fungal spores. These spores are present in the soils in the Central Valley and many other areas in California. A Valley Fever informational page has been posted with resources for workers and employers.

In California, Valley Fever is caused by a microscopic fungus known as *Coccidioides* which lives in the top two to 12 inches of soil. When soil is disturbed by activities such as digging, grading, driving, or when high winds circulate dusts, fungal spores can become airborne and potentially be inhaled by workers. A recent publication reports an average annual increase of 13% in the incidence of reported Valley Fever cases in California. While the fungus is consistently present in the soil of many undeveloped areas, highly endemic counties are Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare. The number of new Valley Fever cases reported in California has increased dramatically in the last few years, according to the California Department of Public Health. Employers have a legal responsibility to report to Cal/OSHA any serious injury or illness, or death, of an employee occurring in a place of employment or in connection with any employment. Tips for reducing the risk of Valley Fever exposure include:

- Determine if a worksite is in an area where fungal spores are likely to be present.
- Adopt site plans and work practices that minimize the disturbance of soil and maximize ground cover.
- Use water, appropriate soil stabilizers, and/or re-vegetation to reduce airborne dust.
- Limit workers' exposure to outdoor dust in disease-endemic areas.
- When exposure to dust is unavoidable, provide approved respiratory protection to filter particles.
- Train supervisors and workers in how to recognize symptoms of Valley Fever and minimize exposure.



New from the Fed/OSHA Website.

Need to find an equivalent and less toxic material?? Please visit the links below.

The annotated PEL tables are available at <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/annotated-pels/index.html>, and the toolkit is available at http://www.osha.gov/dsg/safer_chemicals/index.html.

Remember the ladder of controls to know hazards in THIS ORDER OF PRIORITY!

1. **Removal of the Hazard**
2. **Control through Engineering**
3. **Administrative Controls**
4. **Personal Protective Equipment**

THIS WEBSITE SHOULD HELP WITH YOUR DECISION MATRIX.



- Home
- Why Transition to Safer Alternatives?
- Basics of Informed Substitution and Alternatives Assessment
- Success Stories
- Watch Assistant Secretary Michaels' Introductory Video
- Explore the Steps

Welcome.

American workers use tens of thousands of chemicals every day. While many of these chemicals are suspected of being harmful, only a small number are regulated in the workplace.

As a result, workers suffer more than 190,000 illnesses and 50,000 deaths annually related to chemical exposures.¹ Workplace chemical exposures have been linked to cancers, and other lung, kidney, skin, heart, stomach, brain, nerve, and reproductive diseases.

Establishing a chemical management system that goes beyond simply complying with OSHA standards and strives to reduce or eliminate chemical hazards at the source through informed substitution best protects workers. Transitioning to safer alternatives can be a complex undertaking, but a variety of existing resources make it easier. OSHA has developed this step-by-step toolkit to provide employers and workers with information, methods, tools, and guidance on using informed substitution in the workplace.

By using this toolkit, businesses can improve worker well-being through eliminating or reducing hazardous chemicals, while creating other benefits, including:

- Cost Savings — Reduce expenses and future risks.



...AND FROM WORKSAFE BC THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF THEIR EXCELLENT SAFETY AND HEALTH INTERACTIVE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.... PLEASE ALSO INVESTIGATE THEIR "PAD" FRIENDLY INTERACTIVE E-BOOKS... VISIT and ENJOY!!!

Safety Home Page

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Safety/Home.asp>

Worksafe BC "Forklift Safety Clip" –

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/Multimedia/Videos.asp?ReportID=35419>



<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/Multimedia/Videos.asp?ReportID=36001>

Worksafe BC "Hazard vs Risk" Concept Training



RISK = HAZARD x EXPOSURE