



Newsletter October 2015

From the desk of...



Final CSM Course For 2015...

We just finished our final CSM Course for 2015 last week here in Shelby, NC. I always joke that every class has its own personality and WOW! did this class have a personality! With a whopping 38 students attending (one of our largest classes yet) from all over the world, including 18 states here in the US, the Bahamas, the US Virgin Islands, Jordan and Nigeria, we were certainly not at a loss for diversity and enthusiasm.



One of the greatest things about a CSM classroom format (instead of taking the course online) is the opportunity to hear and understand different views related to the Safety Cause, including what has worked and what has not worked for persons in the safety field. I truly believe that individuals in this class will continue to network with one another throughout their career and I certainly welcome them to the NASP family. Remember our adage... 'There is more to Safety than meets the eye'... Thank you for a wonderful class experience! **DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR LAS VEGAS IN 2016!** Click [here](#) for details.

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Developing A Multi-Hazard Contingency

Plan

The recent flooding in South Carolina and neighboring states is a not-so-gentle reminder of Mother Nature's wrath. After a 1000 year flood event, the death toll in SC alone is at 19 and counting. Some of these fatalities were caused by individuals purposely going around road blocks and barriers and then plunging to their death in the raging flood waters.

What is your plan at work to battle the elements of nature? What happens if you have employees who are trapped within your building due to a flash flood, tornado, or ice storm? What are your SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for such an event? If you do not have the answers to this and many other questions, then you may need to review or implement a multi-hazard contingency plan (some call it an Integrated Contingency Plan) at your facility. This plan should address issues such as HAZMAT incidents, fire, weather related emergencies, bomb threats, active shooter and many others. OSHA requires an Emergency Action Plan and EPA requires a Contingency Plan and quite often, multiple regulatory requirements may be met with a single document.

Read more [here](#).

This is just an example of what information needs to be included in your multi-hazard contingency plan and do not forget to TRAIN, TRAIN, TRAIN!! For more information on this and other emergency related issues that may arise at your facility, we recommend taking the Emergency Management Specialist course. We are running an October Special for this Certification Course - normally \$395.00, but till the end of October 50% off! Use coupon code SEM. Click [here](#) to purchase the course.

Confined Space Construction Safety

Your temporary reprieve is over... OSHA (as of October 3rd) will now begin issuing citations under the new CSE Construction standard (29 CFR 1926 Subpart AA) for employers that are building a new structure or upgrading an old one. This INCLUDES industrial sites that have fallen under the GI standard only in the past. There are five primary differences between the GI and Construction standard as follows:

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There are some other changes as well. To find out details of this and other recent interpretations (like whether or not an attic is considered a permit required confined space), become a [GOLD member](#) of NASP. If you already are a member, be sure and check out the latest information on this new, important standard.

What's killing the most workers?

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After a few years of encouraging stats on workplace fatalities, the feds recently delivered some bad news.

Workplace fatalities rose 2% in 2014, the first such rise since 2012, federal labor officials reported.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries report, 4,679 workers died on the job in 2014 at a rate of 3.3 workers per 100,000 full-time employees.

In 2013, the agency reported 4,585 fatal workplace injuries.

That means about 13 workers died on the job every day, according to the preliminary data.

Top cause of deaths

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For more information on the latest OSHA trends and how to protect your workers from injuries and your company from undue liability, attend our next CSM Course by clicking [here](#).

Worker loses hand, company fights fines

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A judge recently upheld a host of safety violations leveled against a New York packaging company after a worker lost a hand on the job.

Two years ago a worker for American Recycling & Manufacturing Company in Rochester was cutting wood with a pop-up saw when a co-worker accidentally stepped on an unguarded foot pedal that activated the saw. The blade sliced through the man's left hand, amputating it.

OSHA cited the company for 18 safety violations and \$154,800 fine.

'Indifference to safety measures'

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