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CMI WISHES EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY & SAFE 2009!!



JPK CORNER

With a new year upon us, and the state of the economy as it is, we cannot lose sight of what is truly important – Family.

As safety trainers and consultants, we sometimes never know how effective our classes or services are. While it is our hope that students are able to reinforce safety practices or learn new information, we realize that sometimes it just does not take. However, every once in a while, we learn of incidents that show our trainings pay off.

Here are a couple examples: One of our consultants had

conducted a First Aid/CPR/AED class in September and in December a student thanked him for the class. As it turns out, his wife had gone into cardiac arrest over the weekend and he performed CPR until the ambulance arrived and paramedics took over. Last word was she is doing fine and is out of the hospital.



Another occurred at a Rochester, NY facility: An electrical class instructed students not to stand in front of an electrical

disconnect when switching. An employee in the class was in the habit of standing in front of disconnects and did not understand the safety issue until we showed him an example of an arc blast. Three weeks later, a disconnect he was switching arced and a flash occurred. Fortunately, he was off to the side and was not injured.

Please pay attention and apply what you learn – we all want to see our family at the end of the day.

Jeffrey P. Koch, President, CMI

REGIONAL SAFETY NEWS

Feb. 2009

Region 2— [Lewiston Hazmat team responds to diesel spill over 10 miles long.](#) Puncture was found in one of the fuel tanks. Trucker



being held responsible for cleanup.

Jan. 2009

Region 5— Miami Township— [Agrium US, Inc. evacu-](#)

[ated due to ammonia spill—2 workers injured](#)

Dec. 2008

Region 5—Milford Township— [CSI Waste Service employee crushed between dumpster & truck.](#)

RECENT OSHA CITATIONS

REGION 2

Buffalo, NY—Dec. 08

Ajay Glass & Mirror Co., Inc.:

A Manchester, NY contractor faces proposed fines of \$89,000

for allegedly exposing employees to falls up to 50 feet at a Buffalo work-site.



Tonawanda, NY—Dec 08

The Wendt Corp.:

A manufacturing company of automobile recycling equipment has been cited additional fines totaling \$169,500 for failure to correct hazards from a previous OSHA inspection.

Edison, NJ—Feb. 09

O.C.E. Warehouse & Distrib. Ctr.:

Company faces proposed penalties of \$123,100 resulting from a July 2008 inspection. Primary violations involved blocking emergency exits and improper storage of product.

REGION 5

Columbus, OH—Sept. 08

Interstate Brands Corp.:

An inspection resulted in proposed fines totaling \$104,000 for failures in utilizing lockout/tagout procedures that are designed to prevent serious injury in the event of accidental start-up.



Alsip, IL—Jan 09

Certified Painting Co., Inc.:

Company now faces proposed fines of \$225,000—they have been cited for over 100 violations since 1976.

Hebron, OH—Feb. 09

Sunfield, Inc.:

OSHA has inspected this co. 13 times since 1997—resulting in 60 citations. They now face over \$300,000 in fines resulting from the most recent, Aug. 08, OSHA investigation. Citations resulted from violations of LOTO, machine guarding & eye protection safety standards, to name a few.



OSHA UPDATES

December 2008—OSHA issues a final rule for companies providing employees that require PPE. Those employers that fail to comply

with the rule will be held fully accountable for each employee who is not provided with proper PPE.

December 2008—Cintas to pay out almost \$3 million to settle 6 pending cases .

SAFETY NEWS FROM OTHER REGIONS

Milwaukee, WI-

Coal dust silo explosion at We Energies yields 6 injuries.

Saskatchewan, Canada-

A man fell six stories from a construction site platform and dies at the scene. No fall protection measures were noticed. He landed on a ground worker who was critically injured.

Tumwater, WA-

A 23 year old dies from a trip and fall incident. The worker was rushing up the stairs at the Cardinal Coated Glass Plant when his neck hit the edge of a pane of glass that was coming off the assembly line, resulting in a severed carotid artery.

Albion, IN-

A worker is crushed to

death by a bulldozer when he didn't notice the bulldozer backing up behind him.

Trevorton, PA-

A 19 year old dies at a wood processing plant after being struck by an overhead saw.

Guthrie, OK—

Man crushed by 3,000 lb. steel heating system component while checking for leaks.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
– Benjamin Franklin