## **ARTBA**

Conference and Exposition Baltimore, Maryland November 3, 2004

## Work Zone Safety

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### A traffic pattern - - -





And then - - -Work Zone Accidents

> A construction laborer killed when run over by dump truck in highway work zone

A construction surveyor is run over and killed by a motor grader that was backing up

> A highway worker dies when struck by a speeding vehicle while picking up cones

## Why do these fatalities have to occur?

Working Toward **Solutions** for the **Roadway Construction** Industry through an Alliance





Leaders of the Roadway Work Zone Safety and Health Coalition sign an Alliance agreement with OSHA's Assistant Secretary John Henshaw

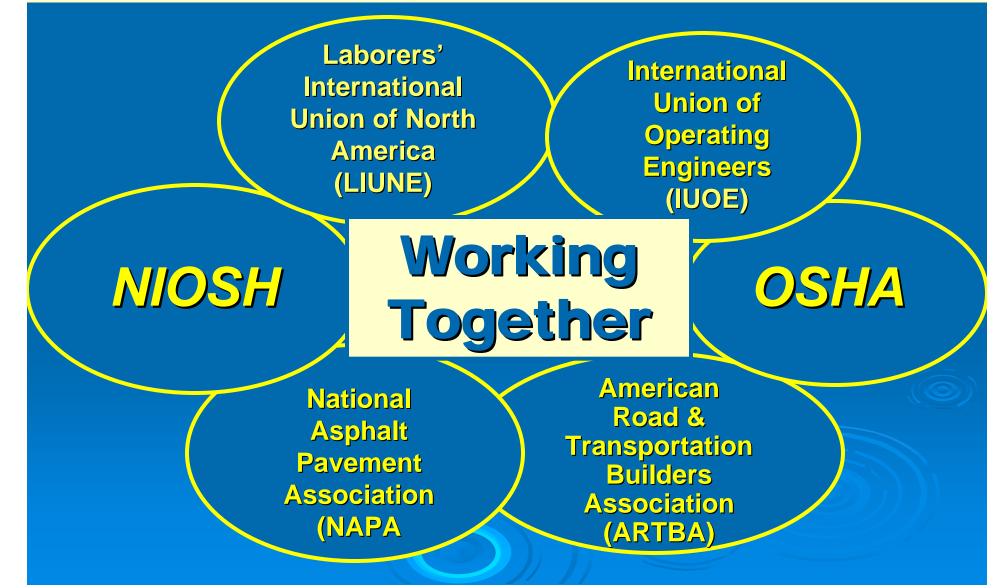
## The Alliance



#### November 18, 2003



John Howard Director of NIOSH John Henshaw Assistant Secretary of Labor Roadway Work Zone Safety and Health Alliance Hazard Awareness Training and Education Spanish-speaking and "Hard-to-reach" Workers



### Work Zone Alliance Goals

Promoting safety in the transportation construction industry

 > Improving Roadway Work Zone
 > Safety and Health
 > Develop innovative solutions for reducing injuries and fatalities
 > Focus on "value-added" results
 > Develop hazard awareness training and education programs

### Susan Harwood Grants 2004

Laborer's Health & Safety Fund of North America, Washington, D.C.
Develop Training Materials

> American Road and Transportation Builders Association, Washington, D.C.

> Update Training Materials Hold Training Classes

### Susan Harwood Grants 2005

Laborer's Health & Safety Fund of North America, Washington, D.C. **Driving skills training materials** Transporting materials study > American Road and Transportation **Builders Association, Washington, D.C.** Continue developing training materials **Continue educational programs** 

# Regional Efforts toward Best Practices

#### New Jersey Highway Work Zone Partnership Program

> New Jersey Department of Transportation > New Jersey State Police > Laborers – >Locals 472 & 172 International Health and Safety Utilities & Transportation Contractors Assoc >Rutgers – New Jersey's State University > Local Police Departments **> FHWA** > OSHA

#### New Jersey Highway Work Zone Partnership Program

#### **Best Practices**

- > Troopers trained for patrolling work zones
- > Traffic Control Coordinator (TCC)
- > Added work zone safety to vehicle manuals
- Contractors required to have a written safety program
  - Safety responsibilities
  - > Emergency Plans
  - > Training
  - > Implementation
  - > Discipline procedures

#### Region V - Roadway Construction Work Zone Activities

#### Local Emphasis Program

- > Region V's jurisdiction
- > Road construction work zone activities

#### Inspection Methodology

Randomly selected inspection sites
 Observable serious hazards
 Over 1500 inspections conducted

# Regulatory

# Update

### Cranes and Derricks Subpart N

Consensus Reached on the Proposed Rule

Highlights:
Addresses ground conditions
Signal persons qualifications
Phase-in period for operator certification
Qualified person address hazards - assembly and disassembly

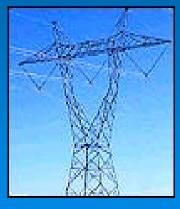
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Power Distribution and Transmission Subpart V

## Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) scheduled to be published in

January 2005





## **Crystalline Silica Revision**



SHA proposes more stringent PELs

Change mppcf to µg/m3

SBAR Panel's Report completed

Directorate of Standards and Guidance is reviewing SBAR Panel Report



## Occupational Noise

General Industry Standard 29 CFR 1910.95 – (1983)

February-March 2004
 OSHA collected data during site visits
 March 2004
 Stakeholder meeting in Chicago, IL
 July 2004
 Stakeholder meeting in Washington, DC

#### Hexavalent Chromium Cr(VI)

Public Meeting scheduled February 1, 2005 Washington, D.C.

December 3, 2004, deadline for notifying OSHA of intention to present testimony

January 3, 2005, deadline for submitting comments

**Docket H054A** 

#### Hexavalent Chromium Cr(VI) (continued)

Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) was published in the Federal Register on October 4, 2004

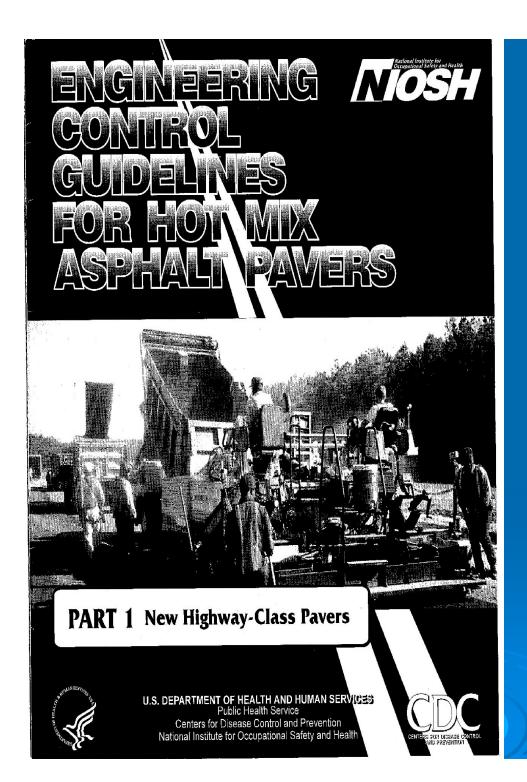
Doesn't apply to Portland cement and

PEL reduced from 52 to 1.0 ug Cr(VI)/m3 air (8-hr TWA)



#### Working with OSHA is good!

> Work with OSHA on Regional/National level
> Improve safety and health programs
> Reduction in injuries, illnesses, and fatalities
> Priority technical assistance
> Regional/National exposure



NIOSH NAPA OSHA Voluntary Initiative January 1997







An OSHA Cooperative Program

#### 231 Alliances

#### 19% are construction-related

OSHA and its allies work together to reach out to, educate, and lead the nation's employers and their employees in improving and advancing workplace safety and health

## OSHA's CHALLENGE FOR CONSTRUCTION

## **A ROADMAP TO VPP**





#### <u>1153 Federal and State Sites</u> 853 are Federal Sites

In the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system



#### **VPP for Construction (VPPC)**

Short-tem projects Mobile workforces General contractors Subcontractors

#### Maintain high standards of VPP



<u>dockets.osha.gov</u>

### OSHA's Web Page Hispanic Information

#### Hispanic Events Calendar

List OSHA safety and health outreach and training events that are focused on raising injury and illness prevention awareness for Hispanic workers

Hispanic Site on OSHA's web page

> Average 22,000 visits a month

Spanish Help Line at 1-800-321-OSHA.

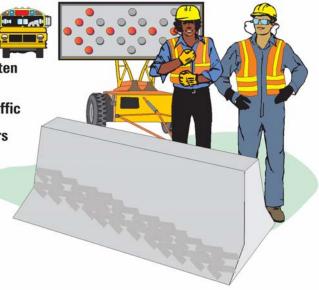
Construction eTool in Spanish



#### **Can We Be Safe Near Equipment/Traffic?** Being struck is the biggest danger in road work.

#### Workers on foot must

- Remain alert at all times
- Check surroundings often, listen for warnings
- Keep a safe distance from traffic
- Stay behind protective barriers where possible
- Look out for each other, warn coworkers





Working together achieves results! Efforts are Appreciated! THANK YOU!

## OSHA DIRECTORATE OF CONSTRUCTION

## **MOVING TOWARD THE FUTURE**



#### **Protecting the American Construction Workforce**



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