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Iowa Workforce Development

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Elevator/Amusement Ride/ Boiler Area Update

Accomplishments:

- Matt Mitchell, a new inspector, was certified.
- Elevator inspectors attended a safety workshop.
- Supervisor Jim Borwey was elected secretary of the NAESA International Central Region.
- The Boiler section welcomed Sharold Shepard as boiler clerk.
- The boiler team has worked tirelessly to eliminate a significant invoicing backlog.

Up Coming:

- The elevator board began the adoption of ASME A17.1-2004 with 2005 supplement. This code provides rules to inspect elevators configured in a machine roomless (MRL) design.
- A proposal to incorporate the American Standards of Testing and Materials (ASTM) as a basis for amusement ride inspection.
- The elevator/amusement ride inspectors will train at the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO) seminar. Testing for the amusement ride inspector certification is offered at this seminar.



Inspecting amusement rides at the 2005 Iowa State Fair.

Of Note:

- Chief Boiler Inspector, Mike Klosterman, was featured in a meet and greet session sponsored by the Boiler Board and the State and insurance boiler inspectors.
- Labor Commissioner Neil was featured at the annual Association of Iowa Fairs meeting.
- Mike Klosterman attended an annual Chief Boiler Inspector meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.

OSHA and Latinos en Acción di CCI Sign Partnership

Commissioner Neil and a local community organizing group in Marshalltown signed a two year agreement to educate workers, particularly Hispanic workers, on their rights to a safe workplace and help them report hazardous working conditions.



Chairperson Tomasa Fonseca and Labor Commissioner Dave Neil finalizing the alliance.

Signing for Latinos en Acción di CCI was chairperson Tomasa Fonseca who said, "Our alliance has the potential to truly reform unsafe workplaces in Iowa. We are so excited to be working with IOSHA".

IOSH Consultations & Inspections

Over the past quarter, consultations were requested by 55 employers, in 17 Iowa counties. Additionally, 120 Iowa companies received IOSH inspections during the quarter. Inspections occurred in the following communities:

Ainsworth (1)	Edgewood (1)	Maquoketa (1)	Ottumwa (2)
Alta (1)	Eldridge (1)	Marengo (4)	Panora (2)
Ankeny (1)	Ellsworth (1)	Marion (2)	Red Oak (1)
Boone (6)	Fort Dodge (1)	Marshalltown (2)	Scranton (1)
Burlington (1)	Fort Madison (1)	Mason City (2)	Sibley (1)
Cedar Falls (2)	Gilmore City (1)	Middletown (1)	Silver City (1)
Cedar Rapids (4)	Goldfield (1)	Mitchellville (1)	Sioux City (7)
Charles City (1)	Indianola (1)	Mount Pleasant (1)	Spencer (1)
Cherokee (1)	Iowa City (9)	Mount Vernon (1)	Spirit Lake (1)
Clinton (2)	Johnston (1)	Muscatine (5)	Urbandale (8)
Council Bluffs (5)	Keokuk (2)	New Hampton (1)	Waterloo (2)
Creston (1)	Lawton (1)	Newton (1)	Webster City (1)
Davenport (2)	Lisbon (1)	Oakville (1)	West Liberty (1)
Denison (1)	Lorimor (1)	Onawa (1)	Williamsburg (1)
Des Moines (6)	Manchester (1)	Osceola (3)	Wilton (1)
Dubuque (3)			

Electronic Elevator Permit Application System Nears Completion

The July Kaizen event, focusing on the elevator permitting process, has led to a complete redesign of the Division's process.

The old, paper intensive, manual system, often took two months. Staff worked for several months to develop a fully electronic system for elevator installation and alteration permitting. In the new system, a "smart" internet form that automatically adjusts the set of fields, based on the installation type, will be completed by the contractor. Blue prints and payments will be submitted electronically.

Plans can be reviewed electronically by staff, and approval will take a "click" of a button. Instantly, the approval will be logged in the system and an electronic installation or alteration permit will be sent to the elevator contractor. After the electronic inspection report is filed and approved, an electronic operating permit will be issued.

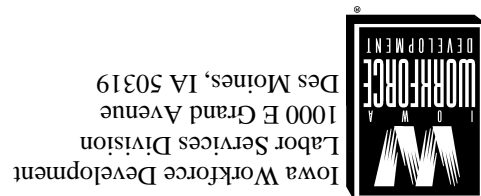
The system is currently being tested in the field, and we look forward to final completion of the electronic application process. Future plans include integrating related functions such as scheduling of annual elevator inspections and amusement ride inspections.

OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)

This program recognizes employers who operate exemplary safety and health management programs at specific worksites and thereby prevent job-related injuries and illness. In Iowa, the Division of Labor provides incentives and support to smaller, high hazard employers who agree to work with their employees to develop, implement and continuously improve the effectiveness of their health management and workplace safety systems through SHARP.

Companies who successfully complete the program receive a one-year exemption from IOSHA's General Schedule Inspections. Other benefits far beyond OSHA's exemption and the SHARP certificate include: eliminating the occurrence of hazards in the workplace, lowering the number of lost work day cases, reducing workers' compensation costs; lowering employee turnover and increasing worker productivity.

For information on Iowa's SHARP and Inspection Deferral Program, call (515) 281-7629.



Iowa's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)

Congratulations to the following companies for receiving VPP STAR site status:

- **Turbine Fuel Technologies—Research & Development Lab**, West Des Moines, September 14, 2005
- **Monsanto, Beaman**, November 2, 2005

The **MONSANTO** site at Boone, IA, is in the final stages of the auditing process for continued participation as a STAR site.

VPP TEAM NEWS

With the retirement of Tom Robinson and Russ Gilkes' resignation, the VPP Team is currently experiencing a changeover in personnel. While the team has lost a tremendous amount of expertise, with some readjusting here and there, the Team will be back up and rolling soon.

Iowa Workforce Development extends our condolences to the families of...

- Joyce Wachter, 49, struck by a dump truck in Spirit Lake
- Claude Hime, 48, fell from a two story building in Cedar Rapids
- Michael Ries, 45, fell from a tipped cherry picker basket in Dubuque
- Scott Stamper, 42, crushed between a semi and a building in Oakville
- Paul McCrory, 41, crushed by a conveyor rail in Ottumwa
- Kathi Mertens, 44, strangled by a client in Burlington
- Robert Helm, Sr., 74, died of a blunt force injury removing a container roof in Muscatine
- Randy Schenkel, 32, crushed under a forklift in Wilton

Cooperation is the Key

The Division of Labor recently collected \$4,500 in unpaid wages and interest for three individuals from the same employer. If the claims were paid at the initial point of action, one dating back to 1996, the employer would have saved \$2,800.

Satisfying judgments is one of the more difficult and time consuming tasks in the wage collection process. A number of steps are required, including locating the current addresses of the parties involved! We take this responsibility very seriously. Collecting wages earned nine years ago is worth it.

Congratulations to Story Construction!

On November 17th, Story Construction, in Ames, achieved 1 million hours worked in 1,000 days without a lost-time accident!

"IWD and the IOSH team congratulates Story Construction on achieving such a significant event", stated Labor Commission Dave Neil. "By promoting a culture of safety throughout their organization they have achieved success for their employees and themselves." Another benefit received by the company for focusing on safety within their organization is a reduction in workers' compensation costs by \$95,000 over the previous year.

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