

# APPALACHIAN STEPS OSHA Update

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# Agenda

- Area Office Information
- Recent News
- Stats
- Future and Past Outreach Events
- Alliance Renewal
- Questions and Answers

# The Charleston Area Office

## Enforcement

- Area Director
- Assistant Area Director
- 8 CSHO's
  - 2 IH
    - 1 recent hire
  - 4 Safety

## Compliance Assistance

- Area Director
- Compliance Assistance Specialist



## Recent News



# News Release

U.S. Department of Labor | October 11, 2019



## U.S. Department of Labor Cites West Virginia Contractor For Exposing Employees to Falls, Other Workplace Hazards

**CHARLESTON, WV** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Roofing Solutions LLC – based in Charleston, West Virginia – for exposing employees to falls, and other safety and health hazards at worksites in Charleston and Nitro, West Virginia. The company faces \$202,988 in penalties.

OSHA initiated an inspection after receiving complaints alleging that employees were working on roofs without fall protection. The company received citations for failing to provide employees with proper fall protection, and training on fall hazards. Roofing Solutions LLC also failed to have a required safety and health program, and ensure that employees engaged in roofing activities used hardhats, and proper ladders.

“The employer’s failure to take appropriate steps to protect employees from falls and other hazards exposed workers to serious, potentially fatal injuries,” said OSHA West Virginia Area Director Prentice Cline. “Employers are required by law to use personal fall arrest systems when workers perform roofing work.”

OSHA’s [Protecting Roofing Workers](#) booklet describes other types of fall protection, including fall restraint and guardrail systems, and requirements for using extension ladders and stepladders.

The company has 15 business days from receipt of the [citations](#) and [proposed penalties](#) to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA’s area director, or contest the findings before the independent [Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission](#).

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for American working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education, and assistance. For more information, visit <https://www.osha.gov>.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.



# FY 2019 STATISTICS

# 2019 Enforcement Stats

- FY 2019
  - 336 Inspections
  - 10 Fatalities
  - 167 Construction Insp.
  - 141 Unprogramed Insp.
  - 168 General Industry
  - Averaged 2 serious violations per inspection
  - Average serious penalty \$5,000

# Statistics

- 130 Employer Reported Hospitalizations
  - 27 Inspections
  - 27 Amputation
- In compliance rate of 36%



# 2019 Inspections in Oil and Gas

# Oil and Gas Inspections

- 4 inspections in oil and gas
  - 1 Fatality
  - 1 Employer Reported Hospitalization
  - 2 Complaints

# FY 16 (October 2015) to Present

- 33 Inspections
  - 10 Fatalities
  - 10 Employer Reported Hospitalizations
  - 8 Complaints
    - Average 1 Serious Violation
    - Average \$7,851 penalty

# CHAO Frequently Cited Oil and Gas

# Most Cited Standards CHAO FY16 to Present in Oil and Gas

- OSH Act of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)
- 1910.1200(e)(1) - Written Hazcom program
- 1910.1200(g)(8) - SDS's were not readily available
- 1910.132(a) - PPE not provided or worn
- 1910.106(b)6 - Sources of ignition around flammable vapors.
- 1910.1200(f)(6)(ii) – Products not labeled.
- 1910.1200(h)(1) – Employees were not trained on the hazardous chemical.
- 1910.147(c)(4)(ii) – LOTO procedures.
- 1910.307(c) – Equipment not intrinsically safe.

# Nationwide Most Common Oil and Gas Citations

# FY2019 Most Cited Standards for Oil and Gas

- OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)
- 1904.39(a)(2) – Not reporting in-patient hospitalization within 24 hours.
- 1910.1200(g)(8) – SDS's were not readily available
- 1910.1200(h)(1) – Employees were not trained on the hazardous chemical.
- 1910.132(a) – PPE not provided or worn
- 1910.28(b)(1)(i) – Fall protection unprotected side or edge.
- 1910.1200(f)(6) – Workplace containers not labelled.
- 1910.132(d)(2) – Hazard assessment
- 1910.134(d)(1)(iii) – Identify and evaluated respiratory hazards.



# OUTREACH EVENTS



# FY 2020 Outreach Events

- **National Work Zone Awareness Week** (Apr. 20-24)
- **Fall Prevention Stand-Down** (May 4-8)
- **Don't Fry Day** (May 22) Initial launch of OSHA's heat illness prevention outreach.
- **Heat Illness Prevention** (May 24, 2019)
- **Trench Safety Stand-Down** (June)
- **Safe + Sound Week** (Aug.)

# FY 19 Fall Prevention Stand-Down

Join the  
National Safety  
**Stand-Down**  
To Prevent Falls in Construction

MAY 6-10, 2019

- OSHA's Sixth Annual Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction
- Open to any organization in any industry



[www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown](http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown)

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# CHAO 2019 FALL STAND DOWN EVENTS

- WVU SHE
- VPP Site
- Hotel Construction Site
- Regional Safety Meeting for power distribution company

# FY 19 Trench Safety Stand-Down



[www.nuca.com/tssd](http://www.nuca.com/tssd)



# CHAO 2019 Trench Stand Down

- Presented to two pipeline company's reaching over 200 employees directly.
- Spoke at two union safety conferences

# FY 19 Safe + Sound Week

- Nationwide event to raise awareness of value of safety and health programs
- Organizations of any size or in any industry can participate
- OSHA provides suggested activities



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# CHAO 2019 Safe + Sound

- Spoke at several VPP sites

# Alliance Renewal





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