



SAFETY

Nebraska Building Chapter

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*Season's Greetings and best wishes for a happy holiday season!
Thank you for your commitment to safety!*

National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) Program

Recognizing AGC Contractor Members for Safety Excellence Since 1926, the National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) program has been an ongoing effort to offer AGC members an opportunity to evaluate their safety record. NASA compares a member's safety record with other AGC members according to the member size and construction type. Additionally, NASA provides a great opportunity for contractor members to compete for nationally recognized awards that have excellent safety records.

AGC contractor members must have participated in the National AGC Safety Awards Program for three consecutive years in order to be eligible for an award. **This means a member must have participated in the program for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in order to be eligible to receive an award in 2020.**

You'll receive a letter from Vicki in early January detailing the NASA program with the form to complete and return by the first week of February.

AGC Nebraska Building Chapter's Workforce Development [Resources](#)

- Think about the last time your company expanded or the last time you had a big round of hiring.
- Think about the time you've spent in hiring committees, interviews, trainings and one-on-ones.
- Think about the external candidates you've brought in; the investments of time, training and management.
- Think about your current employees; who is ready to move into a management position?
 - Who is in a management role that would benefit from additional training?
 - How does a newly appointed construction manager become successful?

Meet and exceed your workforce goals with assistance from these AGC Nebraska Building Chapter's [resources](#)

- **Construction Supervision Fundamentals (CSF,)** for the new Supervisor, newly promoted foreman or those seeking career advancement. **March 2020**
- **Supervisory Training Program (STP,)** for the seasoned supervisor.
 - January 5 to January 31 [Leadership and Motivation](#) *Register by December 13*
 - February 2 to February 29 [Communications](#) *Register by January 17*
 - March 8 to April 4 [Contract Documents](#) *Register by February 14*

[Click here](#) for the registration form.
- **Print Reading 101**, a ready to go training package – all you add is a facilitator.
- **A3 Collaborative's** prime target is young- to mid-career A-C-E professionals who work together on projects.
- [Learn more](#)

OSHA Boosts Number of Inspections in 2019

Agency's efforts show an increase in enforcement and consultation activities.

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OSHA's Top 10 Most Cited Violations for 2019

Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501) is OSHA's most frequently cited standard for fiscal year 2019. This marks the ninth consecutive year it has stood atop the agency's "Top 10" list.

Speaking in September at the National Safety Council 2019 Congress & Expo in San Diego, Patrick Kapust, deputy director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs, talked about another thing that hasn't changed: The agency's willingness to assist employers with curbing violations involving fall protection and other standards. "These are common violations that we're finding – they've been in place for a lot of years," Kapust said. "The answers are out there, and employers shouldn't feel like these are very complex issues. If you don't know the answers, we encourage you to contact OSHA." Read [more](#)

What to Expect from OSHA in 2020

Proposed rulemakings and initiatives stand out on the agency's agenda.

Don't expect the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to slow down as it enters the fifth decade of its existence, following a year of heightened activity in support of its workplace safety mission. An agency of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), OSHA spent 2019 [increasing its number of employer inspections](#) and pursuing new rulemakings and programs. In fiscal year 2019, It conducted 33,401 inspections—more inspections than the previous three years—addressing violations related to trenching, falls, chemical exposure, silica exposure and other hazards. According to the agency's recently published agenda for next year, in June it plans to release its proposed rule on occupational exposure to crystalline silica that would allow employers in general industry to meet the same standards as the construction industry. OSHA's [request for information](#) comment period on this topic ended in October. During that period, OSHA received information from the industry on the effectiveness of control measures not included for the tasks and tools listed in the agency's Table 1, tasks and tools involving exposure to crystalline silica that are not listed in Table 1, and information on dust control methods in limiting exposure to crystalline silica when workers are performing these operations. OSHA also will review this information in consideration of potential revisions to Table 1. Table 1 serves as a compliance option for construction contractors to achieve compliance with key provisions in the standard, explain attorneys Bradford Hammock, Melissa Harclerode and Lauren Bridenbaugh of the Littler Mendelson law firm. OSHA plans to issue a proposed rule in May that would amend parts of the cranes and derricks in construction standard, as well as those that deal with industrial trucks. According to the agency, the proposed amendments will include correcting references to power line voltage for direct current (DC) voltages as well as alternating current (AC) voltages, broadening the exclusion for forklifts carrying loads under the forks from "winch or hook" to a "winch and boom," and clarifying an exclusion for work activities by articulating cranes.

Other new rulemakings will deal with communication tower safety, welding in construction confined spaces, and occupational exposure to beryllium and beryllium compounds in construction and shipyard sectors., and updates to the Hazard Communication Standard. Read the [full story](#)

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ELD Rule and Records of Duty Service into effect December 16.

The [ELD rule](#) applies to motor carriers and drivers who are required to keep records of duty service (RODS) It goes into effect Dec 16. An ELD is technology that automatically records a driver's driving time and other aspects of the hours-of-service (HOS) records. Dec. 16 marks the end of AOBR grandfathering at which time all carriers and drivers must abandon AOBRs and use ELDs.

Safety Initiative Goals:

As we near the end of 2019, review our safety initiative goals; as an AGC Nebraska Building Chapter member, are you:

- 100% of all AGC members and other contractors on AGC jobsites enforcing OSHA standards as they apply to falls, electrical safety and possible another topic.
- 100% of all AGC members will have set their own company goals to improve safety in their firm and have a way to measure progress towards the goal.
- 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.