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MOL Starts Machine Guarding and Lock-Out Enforcement Blitz

On April 10th, Labour Minister Chris Stockwell announced that MOL inspectors will immediately step up enforcement of safety violations involving machine guards and lockouts during all workplace inspections.

The drive will build on the success of other "zero tolerance" initiatives over the past two years that targeted fall protection and forklift trucks.

Violations will result in stop work orders, fines and prosecutions.

REA Consultant Wins Award of Excellence

We are pleased to announce that REA Principal Consultant Gyan Rajhans received IAPA / OHS Canada Magazine "Award of Excellence for Professional Achievement" at the Health Safety in the Workplace '2000 conference and exhibition, at Toronto on April 12, 2000. Prior to joining REA Gyan held a succession of senior positions with the Ontario Ministry of Labour. He was also Chair of ACGIH in 1997-98.

Upcoming Courses

April 27: Toronto - OHS Predevelopment Review for Professionals
April 28: Toronto - Fundamentals of Machine Safeguarding
May 2/3: Hamilton - JHSC Basic Certification
May 4/5: London - OHS "Competent Person"
May 12: Toronto - Fundamentals of Machine Safeguarding
May 16/17: Toronto - JHSC Basic Certification
May 18/19: Toronto - JHSC Basic Certification
May 25/26: London - JHSC Basic Certification
May 31-Jun 2: Toronto - Intensive Occ Hyg Short Course

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The REA Intensive Occupational Hygiene Short Course is scheduled to be held in Toronto on May 31 to June 2, 2000.

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New Course

"Fundamentals of Machine Safeguarding"

Inadequate machine guarding is one of the most common causes of serious workplace injuries in Ontario. It is also one of the most common reasons for prosecution under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. In our practice, we have found that changes to Section 7 of the Industrial Establishments Regulation have had the effect of focusing employer attention on machine guarding. This has revealed gaps in the state of knowledge and practice relating to machine safeguarding.

In response to this, we have created a new course, "Fundamentals of Machine Safeguarding". The goal of this course is to increase understanding of proper safeguarding strategies, technologies, design practices, standards and applications. As such, this is an excellent follow-up course for persons who have already taken our "OHS Predevelopment Review for Professionals" course.

For the interest of CRSP holders, the course has been awarded 1/2 certification maintenance point by the Association of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals.

SafetyCommittee.net

In May we launch our new newsletter that is "for and about" workplace health and safety committees -- SafetyCommittee.net. At the same time, the www.SafetyCommittee.net web site goes live, providing employers and committees with tonnes of practical information designed to help promote safer workplaces.