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## FINAL RULE ON SILICA RELEASED

*Article provided by Curtis Speck, President,  
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OSHA has released its final rule on protecting workers from exposure to silica. This is the first update for the material since 1971. Approximately 2.3 million workers are potentially exposed to respirable crystalline silica, including workers in construction, foundries, brick manufacturing and hydraulic fracturing.

OSHA estimates that the new rule will save more than 900 lives each year and prevent more than 900 cases of silicosis. The new rule is also intended to help protect workers from lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease.

The new rule sets the permissible exposure limit to respirable crystalline silica at 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air averaged during an 8-hour shift. This matches what NIOSH recommended in 1974. This new limit is half the previous limit for general industry and five times lower than the previous construction limit.

The new rule covers engineering controls, protective clothing, medical surveillance and other issues. The rule is set up as two

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## April 14, 2016

### “Near Miss Reporting: Why is it important?”

*Speakers: Randy Martin, Safety Director &  
Emmy Elkins, Assistant to the Safety  
Directory, Beaver Excavating*

**April's meeting includes the SCSC  
Harvest For Hunger Food Drive**

### Spotlight Company



**TL Worldwide Transportation** (formerly Thomas Limousine) is the largest ground transportation company in Northeast Ohio. In ten years we have grown from an 8 vehicle fleet to now we have over 80 vehicles in our fleet that include Chauffeur driven Sedans, SUV's, Van's, and small to large Buses. With almost 100 employees, our owner Nancy Brodie is proud of the fact she can still call this a family run business whereas 9 different family members are scattered throughout the Company.

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standards – one for general industry and maritime and the other for construction.

OSHA has created a table that may be used in lieu of silica measurement in some cases. This allows construction employers to avoid measuring by following the principles of the table.

The new rule is set to go into effect June 23, 2016. The construction industry must comply by June 23, 2017. General industry, maritime and hydraulic fracturing must adhere to the requirements by June 23, 2018. Hydraulic fracturing additionally has until June 23, 2021 to comply with the new engineering controls.

## ROBIN'S CORNER

*By Robin Watson, Ohio BWC Representative*

### **Q: What are Anti-Fatigue Mats???**

A: Anti-fatigue mats are designed to help reduce fatigue related to standing on a hard surface such as concrete or for standing for an extended time > 2 hours/shift. Anti-fatigue mats may be made of various materials including rubber, carpeted materials, vinyl, and wood.

### **Q: Why Use Anti-Fatigue Mats???**

A: Anti-fatigue mats are often used to decrease musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) for workers who stand in one position for an extended time frame. Discomfort, tiredness, and sore feet, legs, knees or hips after long hours of standing are the combined effect of several factors, namely the design of the work, workstation, workers footwear, and the flooring material. According to scientific data, standing for long periods of time is particularly stressful and fatiguing. Anti-fatigue mats absorb the shock due to walking and this cushioning effect reduces

Coming Next Month

## May 12, 2016

**“Likely Projections for Marijuana Legalization in Ohio”**

**Guest Speaker: Art Ritchie  
Director of Operations  
Burkins, Ritchie & Associates, LLC**

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## Upcoming Events

**April 19**—SCSC Awards Banquet at Skyland Pines—6:00 p.m. Fee. More info to follow.

foot fatigue.

### **Q: When and what type of Anti-fatigue mats should you use??**

A: Where resilient floors are not practical you may want to consider using an anti-fatigue mat where personnel stand for extended timeframes. Consider the flooring, the work environment, and shock absorbency of the matting. If floors are oily you may want to consider a mat which will not degrade from the oil, and not allow oil to create a slip hazard.

Consider long beveled edges on the matting to prevent slips, trips and falls.

However, providing a mat may not solve the entire problem. When combined with proper work design, shock absorbing footwear, and the opportunity to sit occasionally you may reduce leg and foot fatigue.

## *The Stark County Safety Council Was Pleased to Have Attorney General Mike DeWine Speak at the CEO/Senior Management Breakfast*



Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine spoke to a gathering of nearly 200 people at the Stark County Safety Council's annual CEO Breakfast in March. He reviewed the major accomplishments of his office, particularly the elimination of an enormous backlog in the evaluation of DNA rape evidence samples. Quicker action on behalf of rape victims has brought many perpetrators to justice. He also emphasized the need for communities to work against abuse of opioid painkilling drugs. Opioid abuse is affecting families and businesses and causing thousands of deaths in Ohio every year.



As he closed his presentation March 23 at Skyland Pines in Canton, the attorney general told the audience of business leaders about a new reference book produced by his office, "2015 Ohio Economic Development Manual." It is a one-stop guide for elected officials, economic development professionals and business owners and managers who have an interest in growing commerce and creating jobs.



Here is a link to an electronic version of the manual:

[www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/  
EconomicDevelopment](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/EconomicDevelopment)



# Help “Stuff” the Truck for Harvest for Hunger!

Your Stark County Safety Council will again host a food drive to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank at its April 14th luncheon. A truck will be parked in front of Myers Lake Ballroom from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for your convenience. Our goal is to have it “stuffed when it pulls out.” All food collected will stay in Stark and surrounding counties. The six most needed items are: boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned tuna fish, canned soup and canned beef stew. Monetary donations will also be accepted in the form of cash or check. Please make checks payable to Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. For every \$1 donation to Harvest for Hunger, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank can provide 4 meals to a hungry family.

Last year, you Stark County Safety Council collected 609 pounds of food and \$1, 296 in cash donations! This will provide 5,692 meals for those in our community who struggle with hunger. GREAT JOB!!!





# Spring Cleaning:

Time to scrub the walls, floors and cabinets, and apply weed killer and fertilizer to the grass as needed!

*Provided by Don McDonald  
Stark County Local Emergency Planning Committee  
& Stark County Safety Council Steering Committee Member*

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e all can get rather complacent regarding the use of chemicals in our homes and we don't get Safety Data Sheets when we buy them at the big box store or the home and garden store.

So Remember:

- Toilet bowl cleaners work because they can dissolve human waste byproducts as well as residual stains.
- Oven cleaners work the same way. If it burns your nose, think about it!
- Disinfectants can kill germs but are potentially harmful if swallowed, especially by children.
- Many pesticides and insecticides are used to beautify the landscapes of our homes and offices. Most are safe but certain people have increased sensitivities to these chemicals, even if they are advertised as non-harmful. How many of us "weekend lawn warriors" treat our yards with chemicals without really reading the warning labels? What about exposure of our pets?
- What does "industrial strength" really mean? Is it just to entice us to buy it or is it really stronger and maybe somewhat more hazardous?
- If it says, "Keep out of the reach of children", believe it. Either store strong cleaning agents above their reach or put "catch locks" on the cabinet doors where they are kept.
- As we start yard maintenance, remember to keep gas stored in an appropriate container and when you refill that container at the gas station, **PUT IT ON THE GROUND**, not in the bed of the truck or the back of the car.



Division of Safety and Hygiene

**Class Schedule (North Canton)**  
339 E. Maple St. Suite 200  
North Canton, OH 44720  
*Register at [bwclearningcenter.com](http://bwclearningcenter.com)*

**Safety Series for Industry Workshop Module 5**—April 18—1-4:30 p.m.

**Job Safety Analysis**—April 21—8:30 a.m.-noon

**Powered Industrial Trucks: Developing a Training Program** Half-day workshop 1-4:30 p.m.

**Ergonomics: Basic Principles** April 26—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Industry Safety for the Non-safety Professional**—April 27-28—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. both days

**Safety for the Non-safety Professional**—May 5 - 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Trenching and Excavation**—May 10-11—8:30 a.m.-4:30 pm. both days

**First Aid in the Workplace** - May 17—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Thermal Stress**—May 18—8:30 a.m.-noon

**Hazard Communication**—May 24—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Personal Protective Equipment Selection Criteria**—June 1—8:30 a.m.-noon

**Respirators: Do We Need Them?** - June 2—1-4:30 p.m.

**Violence in the Workplace Workshop**—June 6—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Safety Series for Industry Workshop Module 6**—1-4:30 p.m.

**Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Refresher**—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Effective Safety Teams**—June 15—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Emergency Preparedness Planning**—June 23—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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# Stark County Safety Council March 2016 Meeting



March Spotlight Company

