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Workplace Heat Hazards: OSHA Announces Launch of National Emphasis Enforcement Program

On 12 April, OSHA made available the text of the agency's compliance instruction issued to field staff on 08 April in relation to the manner and methodology of planned enforcement activities associated with a new national emphasis program (NEP) directed at reducing workplace heat hazards.

The NEP states as its purpose:

"This Instruction describes policies and procedures for implementing a National Emphasis Program (NEP) to protect employees from heat-related hazards and resulting injuries and illnesses in outdoor and indoor workplaces. This NEP expands on the agency's ongoing heat-related illness prevention initiative and campaign by setting forth a targeted enforcement component and reiterating its compliance assistance and outreach efforts. This approach is intended to encourage early interventions by employers to prevent illnesses and deaths among workers during high heat conditions, such as working outdoors in a local area experiencing a heat wave, as announced by the National Weather Service. Early interventions include, but are not limited to, implementing water, rest, shade, training, and acclimatization procedures for new or returning employees." [Emphasis provided]

In assessing the scope of the new NEP, we note that Appendix A of the compliance instruction [CPL 03-00-024] includes a focus upon North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Code 4883.... a classification code wherein all U.S. marine terminal operators and stevedores are placed.

The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee publishes this OSH Alert in order to keep our labor and management constituents completely informed, and we include a link to the full text of the newly issued compliance instruction here:

https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/directives/CPL_03-00-024.pdf

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