



## OSHEP NEWSLETTER

### SAFETY AND HEALTH - WORDS TO LIVE BY

#### **NEW JERSEY ALONG WITH 14 OTHER STATES BLOCK EPA**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- A federal appeals court Friday blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from easing clean air rules on aging power plants, refineries and factories, one of the regulatory changes that had been among the top environmental priorities of the White House.

The new rules, strongly supported by industry representatives, would have allowed older plants to modernize without having to install the most advanced pollution controls. **[CLICK HERE FOR ENTIRE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE](#)**

#### **OSHA PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES**

We commend and congratulate Laborers Local 472, Carpenters Local 6, Teamsters Local 408 and the Morris County Building and Construction Trades Council on their new strategic partnerships with their employers and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Two partnerships were recently formed with OSHA's Parsippany, N.J., Area Office: the first is with D'Annunzio and Sons Inc., and the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Heavy & Highway Laborers Local 472, Carpenters Local 6 and Teamsters Local 408 to eliminate serious hazards and achieve a high level of worker safety and health on the Route 139 rehabilitation project in Jersey City, N.J. The second is with Torcon Inc., and the Morris County Building and Construction Trades Council aimed at providing a safe and healthful work environment for workers constructing the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Greystone Park, N.J.

We also commend OSHA's Parsippany, N.J. Area Office, who teamed up with the Saint John's Episcopal Church in an effort to reduce the number of Hispanic workers-including day laborers-exposed to falls, amputations, electrical and struck-by/crushed-in hazards.

#### **OSHA OFFERS GUIDANCE ON SHIPYARD FIRE PROTECTION STANDARD, ERGONOMICS FOR THE ALLIED PRINTING TRADES, AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY HAZARDS**

Affiliates representing workers in the Maritime Trades can benefit from a newly created page on OSHA's website "Shipyard Fire Protection Frequently Asked Questions." The information is divided into three sections: general questions, fire

watch questions, and questions about fuel gas and oxygen supply lines. The page can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/maritime/standards/faqs.html>.

Helping workers involved in printing processes stay safe on the job is the purpose of OSHA's new Web-based training tool Ergonomics in the Printing Industry. This eTool, a product of the Graphic Arts Coalition alliance, focuses on workers who may be at risk of developing musculoskeletal disorders from such workplace activities as lifting heavy items, lifting too often, or working in awkward positions. The e-tool can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/products/etools/printing/>.

OSHA recently developed a fact sheet on Electrical Safety Hazards of Overloading Cable Trays. The fact sheet focuses on hazards associated with overloaded cable trays, and also provides information on relevant standards and regulations on the issue. The fact sheet can be found at [http://www.osha.gov/Publications/cable\\_trays\\_fs.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/Publications/cable_trays_fs.pdf).

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