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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

-PCA Spring Meeting, 5/14-16/2024, Palm Beach Gardens FL

-NSC Spring Safety Conference and Expo, 5/14-16/2024, Rosemont IL

-ASSP Safety Conference and Expo, 8/7-9/2024, Denver CO

-NSC Fall Safety Conference and Expo, 9/13-19/2024, Orlando FL

-PCA 2024 International Conference, Fall 2024, dates TBD, Helsinki, Finland

SAFETY

Tips and Strategies for Preventing and Responding to Workplace Violence

Incidents - See the links to OSHA Defense Report's slides and a recording of a webinar on preventing and responding to workplace violence. "Workplace violence has been a focus for both OSHA and the EEOC for several years, as it continues to be one of the leading causes of occupational injuries in the country every year. While OSHA has no specific standard for workplace violence, the OSH Act's General Duty Clause requires employers to provide a workplace free from recognized serious hazards, and OSHA has instituted enforcement actions under its General Duty Clause after incidents of workplace violence. OSHA has also initiated a rulemaking to address workplace violence in specific industries." Read the full article [here](#). (OSHA Defense Report, 4/29/2024.)

Well Above Average Hurricane Season is Expected for the Atlantic Basin – The Colorado State University Department of Tropical Weather and Atmospheric Research reported the following on April 4.

We anticipate that the 2024 Atlantic basin hurricane season will be extremely active. Current El Niño conditions are likely to transition to La Niña conditions this summer/fall, leading to hurricane-favorable wind shear conditions. Sea surface temperatures in the eastern and central Atlantic are currently at record warm levels and are anticipated to remain well above average for the upcoming hurricane season. A warmer-than-normal tropical Atlantic provides a more conducive dynamic and thermodynamic environment for hurricane formation and intensification. This forecast is of above-normal confidence for an early April outlook. We anticipate a well above-average probability for major hurricanes making landfall along the continental United States coastline and in the Caribbean. As with all hurricane seasons, coastal residents are reminded that it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active season."

Read the full report [here](#). (tropical.colostate.edu, 4/4/2024.)

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Chemical Data Reporting Help Sheet – While our Product Regulatory colleagues usually take the lead on the Chemical Data Reporting, it's essential to involve knowledgeable professionals at the facility level to accurately report. Here's a [help sheet](#) for reference. (Lion Technology, Inc., 4/19/2024.)

TRANSPORTATION

The 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook and Mobile Application - The 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook and mobile application is now available on the US DOT PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazard Materials Safety Administration) website. The guidebook provides first responders with a manual intended for use during the initial phase of a transportation incident involving hazardous materials/dangerous goods. Click [here](#) to access. (phmsa.dot.gov)

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