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- --NSC Spring Safety Conference & Expo, 5/17-19/2023, Indianapolis IN
- --ASSP Safety Conference and Expo, 6/5-7/2023, San Antonio TX and Online
- --NSC Safety Conference & Expo, 10/23-25/2023, New Orleans LA

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OSHA's Heat Illness Rulemaking Update – "With the winter holidays upon us, heat illness may not be front and center on your minds, but OSHA continues to be push full steam ahead on its rulemaking for a Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Standard in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings . . . In September, OSHA had drafted but not yet released a summary document of all of the 1,078 comments the agency had received in response to the ANPRM [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.] That summary document is now publicly available, posted on December 16, 2022 on the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health ('NACOSH') docket for its Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Work Group." Click here for the article. (OSHA Defense Report, Beeta B. Lashkari and Eric J. Conn, 12/21/2022.)

Chemical Safety Board Investigation Updates – Several final reports and incident animations were released from CSB in December that may be of interest to you:

- Animation for the ethylene release and fire at Kuraray America in 2018
- Animation for pressure vessel explosion at Loy Lange Box Company in 2017
- <u>Final Report</u> of explosion and fire at Husky Energy Superior Refinery in 2018
- Final Report of explosion at Kuraray America in 2018
- Final Report of explosions and fires at the TPC Group Chemical Plant n 2019

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EPA Publishes Final Rule on Conducting Phase I Environmental Site Assessments

- "On December 15, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a <u>Final Rule</u> for conducting Phase I Environmental Site Assessments. The Final Rule amends the All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI) Rule to reference ASTM International's E1527-21 standard . . . as satisfying the requirements for conducting AAI under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)." The final rule is effective on 2/13/2023. Read the full article here. (Lexology, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, David C. Scott, 12/19/2022.)

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