



# Safety Update

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## NEW CONSTRUCTORCAST EPISODE EXPLORES OSHA SILICA RULE

Go in depth on the new OSHA silica rule's history, its contents, AGC's efforts, and what it all means for your business on the latest episode of the ConstructorCast. For this episode, ConstructorCast sits down with Kevin Cannon, AGC's senior director of safety and health services, for the full story on how the rule came about and where things are headed down the road. Stream or download the full episode [here!](#)

## BWC NEWS:

### True-Up Deadline is August 15

If you have not already done so, now is the time to take the final step in BWC's transition to prospective billing. The "true-up" closes at the end of business August 15. A critical step in BWC's new prospective billing of premiums, employers are required to report their actual payroll for the policy year ended June 30, 2016 and reconcile any differences in premium paid.

BWC will remove employers from their current rating plan or discount program if it does not receive a payroll true-up by the due date. Any outstanding payroll true-ups will render the employer ineligible for participation in future rating plans or discount programs until all outstanding payroll true-ups are complete. Employers must complete the true-up report even if their payroll for the year matches the estimate received from BWC.

BWC has issued several notices this year reminding employers of this important action, which can be completed online. The quickest and easiest way to true-up is online with a BWC e-account. Online true-up and payment also qualifies eligible employers for a 1-percent premium rebate, up to a \$2,000 maximum.

[Learn how to create an e-account here.](#) For true-up instructions, visit [this link](#). The payroll true-up may also be completed through the BWC bcall center at 1-800-644-6292.

### Ohio BWC Issues Guidance on Medical Marijuana Law

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation created [Medical Marijuana and Its Impact on BWC](#). The [document](#) briefly describes portions of the law impacting workers' compensation and provides some guidance for employers. It specifically states that "the best way employers can protect their workers and themselves is to establish a drug-free workplace, or, if they already have one, to review and update it if necessary."

### Safety Innovation Awards Entries Due September 30

BWC is seeking employers to enter the annual Safety Innovation Awards competition, which recognizes innovations that have reduced safety, and/or ergonomic and occupational health risks for employees. The final round of the competition will be held at the 2017 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo next March. Cash prizes range from \$1,000 to \$6,000. The deadline to apply for the Safety Innovation Awards is Sept. 30. For more information and to apply, visit [bwc.ohio.gov](#). Learn about the 2016 Innovations Award winners [here](#).