



# Safety Update

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## UPCOMING AGC OF OHIO SAFETY MEETINGS: FEBRUARY 16 AND MAY 11

AGC of Ohio hosts quarterly safety meetings to provide an opportunity for safety professionals to network and share ideas and information. Meetings are held from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the AGC of Ohio office in Columbus. Regular agenda items include OSHA regulatory and enforcement activities, workers compensation, AGC and divisions safety efforts, and pertinent safety health matters of interest. The first two safety meetings for 2018 are scheduled for February 16 and May 11. Meetings are open to AGC of Ohio members and free of charge. RSVP attendance to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: [andrea@agcoho.com](mailto:andrea@agcoho.com) or (614) 486-6446.

## TAKE 5 MINUTES TO INPUT INFO FOR NATIONAL AGC SAFETY AWARDS; DUE BY FEBRUARY 9

Recognizes Companies with Low Incidence Rates; Must Enter Annually to Ensure Eligibility; [Submit Here](#)

The National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) program offers AGC members an opportunity to evaluate their safety record at no cost. Participating contractors receive a confidential printout to compare their company's safety statistics with similar size and type AGC members locally and nationally. And, NASA provides an opportunity for contractors with excellent safety records to compete for nationally recognized awards.

AGC contractor members must have participated in the NASA program for three consecutive years in order to be eligible for an award (2015, 2016, 2017 to be eligible for receive an award in 2018). ***If you have not entered those years, now is a great time to start so your company can be eligible in the future.*** Companies with zero incidence rates or rates 25 percent below their division average will receive Certificates of Commendation during the AGC of Ohio Safety Luncheon.

Entering is easy. It takes about five minutes with your completed OSHA Form 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. And, participation is free! [Simply fill out the NASA tabulation form](#) and submit it to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: [andrea@agcoho.com](mailto:andrea@agcoho.com); fax 614.486.6498; 1755 Northwest Blvd, Columbus OH 43212. Direct questions to Andrea via email or call (614) 486-6446.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER THE OHIO CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM!

Honors Companies Overall Safety Programs; Deadline Extended to January 26, 2018; [Entry Form](#)

AGC of Ohio will continue to accept Ohio Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) entries through January 26. However, instead of the online application available through AGC of America's website, companies should use [this form](#). The application deadline for AGC of America's program was December 15 and companies can no longer enter the national CSEA program.

CSEA recognizes AGC members for their overall safety programs, closely examining companies' commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. The comprehensive selection process considers evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation. The AGC of Ohio award entry categories include: Building (GC Only), Heavy, Specialty Contractor, and Construction Management.

Winners will be recognized at the AGC of Ohio Safety Luncheon and receive a green marble brick with a yellow hard hat. Contact Andrea Ashley at (614) 486-6446 or [andrea@agcoho.com](mailto:andrea@agcoho.com) with questions or for more information. [Click here to enter.](#)

## SILICA NEWS

**AGC Creates Silica Inspection Reporting Form:** OSHA has not yet released the compliance directive and their interim enforcement guidance is incomplete. This could result in inconsistent enforcement across regions. If your jobsite has been subjected to an OSHA silica compliance inspection or silica compliance was assessed as part of another OSHA inspection, please consider sharing the details of the inspection with AGC of America by completing its [reporting form](#). No identifying information will be collected. AGC of America will report the findings to OSHA's national office and use it to continue our advocacy efforts on behalf of the regulated community. Input will also be used to assist contractors with their compliance efforts. AGC of Ohio was among several AGC chapters who requested AGC of America create such a resource to share information as contractors try to deal with the rule.

**U.S. Appeals Court Upholds Silica Rule:** The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on December 22 [ruled](#) that OSHA had met legal requirements for determining what standards are economically and technically feasible. AGC of America was among the business groups challenging the rule, arguing that it was not economically or technically feasible for the construction, foundry and hydraulic-fracturing industries. At this time, AGC of America and the other business groups are reviewing the decision and evaluating their options. The final judicial recourse would be to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Silica Resources

- **AGC of America Silica Webpage:** AGC developed the [“Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction”](#) webpage with a host of resources—sample forms, webinars, flowcharts, FAQs, and more—to help AGC members understand their compliance responsibilities. Also includes the [Silica Inspection Reporting Form](#).
- **CEA Silica Program:** Several AGC divisions in Ohio are participating as “Contributing Associations” in a [silica program](#) developed by the Construction Employers Association (CEA) to assist contractors with compliance, especially for tasks not covered under the Silica Rule’s “Table One,” which requires sampling or the use of “objective data.” The program saves contractors thousands on silica sampling while simultaneously building a searchable sampling database for the construction industry to create “objective data.” Participating contractors can rely on the database in the future when managing employee safety and multiple-contractor activities where job tasks produce respirable silica emissions. Contact your local AGC division to see if the association is participating. Learn more at: [www.ceacisp.org/safety/silica-sampling-objective-data-program](http://www.ceacisp.org/safety/silica-sampling-objective-data-program).

## DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR OSHA 300 LOG BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

Construction employers are required to post their completed [OSHA Form 300A](#) for 2017 from February 1 to April 30, 2018. The summary must be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees are exempt from OSHA recordkeeping and posting requirements.

Additionally, establishments with 20-249 employees in [certain high-risk industries](#), including construction, must electronically submit information from their 2017 Form 300A by July 1, 2018. Beginning in 2019 and every year thereafter, the information must be submitted by March 2.

[Learn more about OSHA's recordkeeping standard.](#)