

OSHA posts new FAQs, videos on silica standard

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has added frequently asked questions (FAQs) and training videos on the agency's standard for respirable crystalline silica in construction to its website.

Developed by OSHA in cooperation with industry and labor organizations, the FAQs provide employers and workers with guidance on the standard's requirements. Following are some of the questions addressed in the FAQs:

- Has OSHA identified specific tasks that are likely to be outside the scope of the standard because they typically generate exposures below the AL of $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as an eight-hour TWA under all foreseeable conditions?
- Does an employer using alternative exposure control methods for compliance have to conduct sampling of all employees performing all job tasks?

In addition, a series of six new videos instructs users on methods for controlling exposure to silica dust when performing common construction tasks or using construction equipment. For more information, go to <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/construction.html>.

If you have questions or for more information, contact Jon Grafton, PCI's operations services director, at jgrafton@pci.org.
—Source: U.S. Department of Labor

Pankow Foundation names Ellis new executive director

The Board of Directors of the Charles Pankow Foundation has appointed Anne M. Ellis the organization's new executive director, effective October 1, 2018. Ellis is the founder and chief executive officer of Ellis Global. She is taking over for the previous executive director, Mark Perniconi.

As the foundation's new executive director, Ellis's focus will be to expand the foundation's transformational impact by engaging a broader swath of the architecture, engineering, and construction industry.

—Source: Charles Pankow Foundation

CIM program seeks donations for 2019 WOC auction

The Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program is seeking donations for its 2019 CIM Auction to be held at World of Concrete. The auction is scheduled for January 23 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

The proceeds from the 2019 CIM Auction will benefit the CIM National Steering Committee (NSC) and support the current CIM programs at Middle Tennessee State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Texas State University, and California State University–Chico and the executive MBA program and help fund scholarships.

The CIM Auction organizers are hoping for another record event in 2019. CIM Marketing Committee chair Brian Gallagher says that the 2018 auction was the best ever, raising a record-breaking \$1.1 million in gross revenue. "The annual CIM Auction is a critical funding mechanism for the CIM NSC," Gallagher says. "We've been blessed with tremendous support from the concrete industry and the World of Concrete Show Management has been an amazing partner."

Previous auction items have included concrete mixer trucks, cement, skid steers, concrete saws, drills, mixers, vibrators, scaffolding, safety equipment, screeds, fiber transport systems, dust collectors, nondestructive testing equipment, decorative concrete tools, water meters, pumps, generators, training sessions, reference books, advertisements, laptop computers, mobile computers, sports memorabilia, sports travel packages, golf packages, and vacation travel packages.

Those interested in making a donation should contact CIM Auction Committee chair Mike Philipps at mike.philipps@sandler.com or (832) 472-2314.

—Source: Concrete Industry Management program

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INDUSTRY CALENDAR

Events

For the most current information on events, visit <http://www.pci.org/events>.

30th Annual ASBI Convention Loews Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.	November 6-7, 2018
GIC—Italian Concrete Days Piacenza, Italy	November 8-10, 2018
Greenbuild McCormick Place, Chicago, Ill.	November 14-16, 2018
TRB 98th Annual Meeting Washington, D.C.	January 13-17, 2019
World of Concrete 2019 Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	January 21-25, 2019
ASCE Week Panama RIU Plaza Panama, Panama City, Panama	February 11-15, 2019
ACI Spring 2019 Convention Nordique Concrete Quebec City Convention Centre and Hilton Quebec, Quebec City, QC, Canada	March 24-28, 2019
SEI Structures Congress 2019 Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orlando, Fla.	April 25-27, 2019
2019 PTI Convention Hyatt Regency Seattle, Seattle, Wash.	May 5-8, 2019
fib Symposium 2019: Innovations in Materials, Design and Structures Krakow University of Technology, Krakow, Poland	May 27-29, 2019
2nd International Interactive Symposium on Ultra-High-Performance Concrete Hilton Albany, Albany, N.Y.	June 2-5, 2019
4th International Conference on Structures and Architecture (ICSA2019) Lisbon, Portugal	July 24-26, 2019
2019 AASHTO Annual Meeting St. Louis, Mo.	October 5-9, 2019
ASCE 2019 Convention Miami, Fla.	October 9-13, 2019
ACI Fall 2019 Duke Energy Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio	October 20-24, 2019
31st Annual ASBI Convention Disney's Contemporary Resort and Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Orlando, Fla.	November 4-6, 2018
Greenbuild Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Ga.	November 20-22, 2019
TRB 99th Annual Meeting Washington, D.C.	January 12-16, 2020
World of Concrete 2020 Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	February 3-7, 2020
ACI Spring 2020 Convention Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, Ill.	March 29-April 2, 2020