

# Iowa Division of Labor

## Iowa Workforce Development

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### Message from Labor Commissioner David Neil...

Iowa OSHA and the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) formed a new two-year safety alliance. The alliance sets in place regular meetings between Iowa OSHA and IRFA's Environmental, Health and Safety Coalition. The focus is to explore best management practices and improve the recognition and control of workplace hazards.

As Labor Commissioner, along with Iowa OSHA, we congratulate the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association for stepping forward and giving leadership to employee safety in the Iowa BIO-Fuels industry. The industry has had a good record in employee safety but there is always room for improvement and we are proud to be a part of the ongoing effort by companies involved to improve and maintain safe working conditions for all involved. One accident is too many and therefore continued vigilance in this area is in the best interest of all.



### Boiler and Pressure Vessel Board Recognizes Five Year Anniversary

During the 2004 legislative session, Iowa lawmakers established the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Board, and it met for the first time on October 19, 2004.

The Governor appointed eight board members who represent various groups with an interest in boilers and pressure vessels and who serve without pay. The Labor Commissioner appoints a ninth member who is a state employee. All nine board members who attended the board's first meeting in 2004 are still serving on the board.

In the past five years, the board has received 40 requests from the public for action. The board has also amended the Iowa Administrative Code almost a dozen times. This hard work has improved safety and health, while eliminating unnecessary obstacles to business. Businesses operating across state lines benefit from the fact that Iowa's requirements are now better aligned with the requirements in other states.

**Boiler and Pressure Vessel Board Members**

Lynne Rush, Chairperson—Victor  
Robert Brecke—Cedar Rapids  
Timothy Fehr—Iowa City  
Amy Iles—Hastings  
James Kruzic—Pleasantville  
Susan Oltrogge—Des Moines  
Joseph Rodenkirk—Cedar Rapids  
Keith Taeger—West Burlington  
Kathleen Uehling—Division of Labor

According to Labor Commissioner, Dave Neil, "The technical expertise and various perspectives represented on the board have been great assets to the Division of Labor, and the work performed by the board has been a great benefit to the general public. The members are to be commended for their dedication."

As the board reaches its five year anniversary, Lynne Rush, the board's chairperson, talks about what is to come. "The future will be interesting as technology brings new challenges to the boiler industry. But the tools and methods are now in place to deal with these challenges in a timely and consistent manner."

### IOSH Consultations & Inspections

Over the past quarter, 83 companies in 22 Iowa counties received voluntary consultation visits. Additionally, 251 Iowa companies received IOSH inspections this quarter. Inspections took place in the following towns:

Adair -1	Fayette -1	Oelwein -2
Adel -3	Fort Dodge -6	Ollie -1
Albia -2	Garner -1	Osage -3
Alden -1	Glenwood -1	Osceola -1
Allerton -1	Grimes -1	Perry -2
Altoona -1	Grinnell -1	Radcliffe -1
Amana -1	Guthrie Center -1	Red Oak -1
Ames -11	Harlan -6	Rembrandt -1
Ankeny -6	Hawarden -1	Riverside -1
Atlantic -3	Humboldt -1	Scranton -2
Aurora -1	Ida Grove -1	Shelby -1
Belle Plaine -1	Iowa City -1	Shenandoah -1
Belmond -1	Jefferson -1	Sioux City -5
Bettendorf -4	Johnston -1	Spencer -1
Bloomfield -2	Kanawha -1	St. Ansgar -1
Carroll -4	Lake View -1	Storm Lake -2
Cedar Falls -1	Leland -1	Strawberry Point -1
Cedar Rapids -15	Malvern -1	Thurman -1
Chariton -1	Marion -1	Tipton -1
Columbus Junction -1	Marshalltown -8	Urbandale -4
Conrad -1	Mason City -3	Villisca -1
Coralville -2	McGregor -1	Walcott -2
Corning -1	Mineola -1	Wapello -1
Council Bluffs -7	Monticello -1	Washington -3
Davenport -14	Mount Ayr -1	Waterloo -3
Denison -1	Mt. Pleasant -5	Waukee -2
Derby -1	Muscatine -2	Webster City -6
Des Moines -28	Newton -1	West Bend -2
Eldora -1	Norwalk -2	West Des Moines -16
Emmetsburg -8	Oakland -1	West Liberty -1
Fairfield -2		

### Voluntary Protection Program

- Brock-Lyondell was awarded STAR status on July 6th in Clinton.
- Cargill transitioned from MERIT to STAR status on August 21st in Eddyville.
- Clow Foundry transitioned from MERIT to STAR status on August 28th in Oskaloosa.



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### Dates to Remember

#### *Thirty-Eighth Annual Governor's Safety Conference*

November 4-5, 2009

Cedar Rapids Marriott, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Registration information is available at [www.regonline.com/gskonference](http://www.regonline.com/gskonference).

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#### *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Conference—Inservice Inspection Seminar*

March 3-4, 2010

Downtown Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Iowa

Conference and registration information is available at

[www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/boilerpressurevesselconference.pdf](http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/boilerpressurevesselconference.pdf).



### Our Condolences To.....

- Israel Garduno Gonzales, 25, drowned in a tanker of liquid eggs while taking the internal temperature in Rembrandt.
- Doel A. Sepulvedes-Torres, also known as Mauro Hinojosa-Rodriquez, 33, died after falling 14 feet onto a steel beam at a bridge construction site in Fremont County.
- Andrew Clarke, 32, was struck by a utility pole knocked down by a skid loader in Des Moines.
- Dan Gerdman, 22, was electrocuted while changing lights in a foundry in Waterloo.
- Jan Refle, 46, fell approximately 15 feet from a ladder while roofing in Winonan, MN.
- Dan Bordwell, 30, was electrocuted while using a power washer to wash hog crates in Kanawha.
- Brent Blietz, 24, died after being pinned under a trailer while trying to release it from a truck in McGregor.
- Fernando Bautista-Hernandez, 42, fell approximately 9 feet from a ladder that was placed in the back of a truck, leaning on shingle pallets in Waterloo.
- Paul Nurre, 54, was buried while unloading a grain bin in Aurora.
- Charles Newton, Sr., 50, was crushed under a pick-up truck while removing parts from the transmission in Davenport.

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