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Dates to Remember-see inside

Western PA 10 HOUR OSHA
Training, Sharon, PA
February 8th & 9th 2017

Eastern PA 10 HOUR OSHA
Training, Telford, PA
February 23rd & 24th 2017

PALICA State Convention
February 10-12 2017
Clarion, PA (see inside)

Winter 2017 National
Convention—March 5-6, 2016
Con-Expo—Las Vegas, NV

2017 PALICA CONVENTION

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45 HOLIDAY INN LANE, CLARION PA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH—
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2017

(SEE INSIDE FOR REGISTRATION INFO AND FORMS)

PALICA IS OFFERING TWO DIFFERENT OSHA 10 HOUR TRAINING & CERTIFICATION CLASSES IN FEBRUARY 2017. One will take place in Western PA and one in Eastern, PA.
(SEE INSIDE for REGISTRION FORMS)

- **United Fire Group will put on this 2-day training at a cost of \$50.00 per person for members (includes cost of certificate)—\$80.00 for non members: (cost includes coffee/donuts and lunch both days).**
- **Each day will include 5 hours of instruction, beginning at 8:30am and ending at 2:30pm (including time for breaks and meals).**

Take advantage of this unique opportunity while it's available to you and your employees!

OSHA has increased its fines by 80% AS OF November, 2015 - YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO GET FINED, SO GET TRAINED AND KEEP YOUR MONEY IN YOUR POCKET AND NOT IN THE POCKET OF OSHA!

Fracking and clean water

The new administration must take another look at the new EPA conclusions

Gauging the effects of hydraulic fracturing on the nation's drinking water is much like considering whether the glass of the precious stuff is half-full or half-empty. When energy companies employ hydraulic fracturing in search of oil and natural gas they should take care, and most of them do, to avoid contamination of nearby reservoirs of drinking water. But the incoming Trump administration must determine again whether there's an unacceptable risk to supplies of fresh water.

A long-awaited report by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prompts concerned parties to draw their own conclusions from the findings. In it, the agency came to no conclusion about whether hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, poses a "systemic" danger to drinking water. The drilling technique is generally conducted without incident, but there have been a few cases of contamination. In extracting previously unreachable oil and gas resources, fracking pumps a mix of water, sand and chemicals down wells shafts to crack open rock formations and release the oil and gas.

The EPA study says water quality vulnerability occurs when fracking chemicals are spilled on the ground or escape from well shafts to surrounding groundwater, or when the chemicals are mistakenly injected into underground water reservoirs, or when fracking wastewater is stored in unlined pits and seeps into the water table. Those rare exceptions shouldn't form the basis of a rule. Just days before the EPA's study was released, U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz touted the "tremendous economic benefits" of fracking and said objections from opponents have not been science-based.

Environmentalists nonetheless took the study to mean oil and water don't mix. "The Sierra Club applauds the EPA for its science-based fracking report,

confirming what so many already knew; fracking presents a clear and present threat to our water, our public health, and our communities," says the club's Lena Moffitt.

The energy industry draws the opposite conclusion. "After five years of study, EPA found nothing to substantiate the claim that fracking causes widespread water contamination," says Steve Everley of North Texans for Natural Gas. "With the release of this report, we can finally put to rest the idea that fracking poses a serious risk to groundwater."

Nevertheless, some environmentalists, including many who will never be satisfied until all the wells are spiked, doubt the industry's ability to frack without systemic damage to water quality, and some of them even charge the agency with planting an anti-fracking landmine in the public discourse before handing over the EPA to the fossil fuel-friendly Donald Trump. "It is beyond absurd for the administration to reverse course on its way out the door," says a spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute.

There's no debate that fracking has been the boon to the U.S. economy. More than a million wells have been drilled since the 1940s into shale formations scattered over the Northeast, the Great Plains and Texas, 250,000 alone since 2000, vaulting the United States to first place in world energy production. A paper published this month by the National Bureau of Economic Research concluded that fracking has added \$3.5 trillion in value to U.S. stock markets since 2012.

Every family has a right to drinking water uncontaminated from the effects of industry. They also have the right to share in the nation's abundant energy resources. It will fall to Donald Trump to decide how to balance those interests in a way that America's glass will be half-full, or better yet, overflowing.

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OSHA 10-Hour Construction Industry Outreach Training Program

10-Hour Construction Industry – Designated Training Topics.

This training program is intended to provide construction workers information about their rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint as well as how to identify, abate, avoid and prevent job related hazards on a construction site. The training covers a variety of construction safety and health hazards which a worker may encounter at a construction site. This training will emphasize hazard identification, avoidance, control and prevention, not OSHA standards. The minimum topic requirements are as follows:

1. Mandatory - 7 hours

a. Introduction to OSHA – 2 hours.

- (1) OSHA has required training content for this module – see www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/construction_generalindustry/teachingaids.html.
- (2) Covers workers' rights, employer responsibilities and how to file a complaint. It includes helpful worker safety and health resources. It also provides a sample weekly fatality and catastrophe report, a material data safety sheet and the OSHA Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (OSHA Form 300).
- (3) Materials include an Instructor Guide, PowerPoint slides, student handouts, and participatory activities.

b. OSHA Focus Four Hazards – 4 hours. Because most construction fatalities are caused by fall hazards, falls must be covered for a minimum of one hour and 15 minutes. The other Focus Four Hazards must be covered for a minimum of one-half hour each.

- (1) Falls (minimum 1 hour and 15 minutes)
- (2) Electrocution
- (3) Struck-By (e.g., falling objects, trucks, cranes)
- (4) Caught-In or Between (e.g., trench hazards, equipment)

Focus Four Hazards Training Requirements

All lessons for the Focus Four Hazards are required to use the following terminal (TO) and enabling (EO) objectives:

TO: Given current OSHA and industry information regarding construction worksite illnesses, injuries, and/or fatalities, the student will be able to recognize [fall, caught-in or between, struck-by, electrocution] hazards in construction.

Specifically for each of the focus four, the student will be able to:

- EO 1: Identify major hazards
- EO 2: Describe types of hazards
- EO 3: Protect him/herself from these hazards
- EO 4: Recognize employer requirements to protect workers from these hazards

Because these objectives are the expected student outcomes, trainers:

- (1) May not vary from these objectives when planning the training session; and
- (2) Must follow the participatory training model by applying effective training techniques;
- (3) Must make sure the objectives are measured by testing the student's achievement.

- c. **Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment – 30 minutes.**
- d. **Health Hazards in Construction – 30 minutes.** May teach noise, hazard, and crystalline silica or any other construction health hazard.

2. **Elective - 2 hours.** Must present at least two hours of training on the following topics. At least two topics must be presented. The minimum length of any topic is one-half hour.
- a. **Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, & Conveyors**
 - b. **Excavations**
 - c. **Materials Handling, Storage, Use and Disposal**
 - d. **Scaffolds**
 - e. **Stairways and Ladders**
 - f. **Tools - Hand and Power**

TO REGISTER FOR THE 10 HOUR OSHA TRAINING/CERTIFICATION CLASS, CHECK ONE BOX BELOW AND FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION AND RETURN TO PALICA'S OFFICE (775 Mercer Road, Greenville, PA 16125- Any questions, please call

I am registering for the **WESTERN PA** OSHA training on February 8th & 9th, 2017 at Gilbert's Risk Solutions, 30 E. State Street, Sharon, PA 16146 (see ad on back page). *Times are 8:30am—2:30pm daily which includes meals, breaks and 5 hours of instruction.*
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 1, 2017

I am registering for the **EASTERN, PA** OSHA training on February 23rd & 24th, 2017 at Franconia Insurance & Financial Services, 199 Telford Pike, Telford, PA (see ad on page 2)... *Times are 8:30am—2:30pm daily which includes meals, breaks and 5 hours of instruction.*
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 15, 2017

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PALICA MEMBER?: _____yes _____no/ **I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING:** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ **# ATTENDING:** _____

****PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION....*COST IS \$50.00 PER PERSON IF PALICA MEMBER—\$80.00 PER PERSON IF NON-MEMBER.***

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE CLASS.

(IF YOU'D LIKE TO BECOME A PALICA MEMBER, THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.PENNSYLVANIALICA.COM). (IF YOU NEED TO ADD ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES AFTER DEADLINE, IT WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS AS CLASS WILL BE CAPPED AT 40)



PALICA Convention —February 10-12, 2017

Park Inn at Radisson—814-226-8850
 45 Holiday Lane, Clarion, PA 16214
ROOM RATE: \$80/per night
 Use Code: **PALICA** when registering

DEADLINE FOR ROOM RATE: 2/1/17

REGISTRATION: MEMBERS WHO JOINED AFTER 4/1/16 ATTEND FOR 1/2 PRICE!

Registration if postmarked BY 2/1/17:

If AFTER 2/1/17:

Members—Contractors & Associates	\$175.00 ea	\$200.00
Member's Spouse:	\$150.00 ea	\$175.00
Children (ages 3-16)	\$ 50.00 ea	\$ 75.00

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #(s): _____

Print Name(s) for Badges:

Convention Cost:

(see above listing)

1. _____ \$ _____

2. _____ \$ _____

3. _____ \$ _____

4. _____ \$ _____

5. _____ \$ _____

6. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED-Cost of all attendees: \$ _____

IF YOU'RE A NEW MEMBER A/O 4/1/16-DISCOUNT FEES ABOVE BY 50%

****Make checks payable to PALICA, 775 Mercer Road, Greenville, PA 16125**



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

3pm—5pm: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND—

Chris Schillinger from PP & L will add to his presentation from last year's convention, regarding hazards of hitting utilities as well as the dangers of electric lines. The information will be delivered from the excavator's, the first responders' and the homeowner's perspectives.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11—HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY FOR LADIES CRAFTS

7:30 am—8:15 am —Breakfast in main lounge

8:30 am— 9:45 am

Bruce Mosier will present insurance information regarding your business w/ Q&A:

- ◆ Contracts, Certificates of Insurance, Additional insured (who are they?), Policy factors including deductible options, classifications, payrolls, and audits—how they change your policy quickly;
- ◆ Claim scenarios/will your policy be there.
- ◆ Workman's Comp—experience modification factors—first reporting of an injury do these claims work.
- ◆ Safety on the jobsite—what to look for at the shop.

10:00am—12:30 pm

Clarion County EMS Services

- **First AID Training—what to do when accidents occur on the jobsite until first responders can administer help**

12:45 pm—LUNCH (in the atrium) w/speaker to follow

1:30pm GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Mark McMillion - **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION—**

- ◆ Communication works best when it's two-way!
- ◆ The message sent is always the one received.
- ◆ Catch people doing something RIGHT!
- ◆ Complaining is contagious.

4:00—5:00 pm

Bruce Mosier—OSHA Updates for 2017—PALICA Insurance Program Update

6:00 pm—Cocktails in hotel bar with dinner to follow at 6:30 pm in Atrium (dress is business casual)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

8:00 am Breakfast in main lounge

9:00-11:30 am—PALICA Board Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting

12:00pm—2017 CONVENTION CONCLUDES

AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION BELOW: Please fill out if you would like to nominate one or more people for the following awards- (SEE BELOW SUBMISSION DATE INFO):



PALICA CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR:

NAME: _____

Why I nominate this individual: (include separate sheet if needed)

LADY LICA OF THE YEAR:

NAME: _____

Why I nominate this individual: (include separate sheet if needed)

CORKY MILES AWARD:

(Candidate must exhibit exemplary effort and dedication to the growth of PALICA)

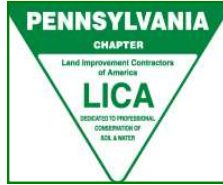
NAME: _____

Why I nominate this individual: (include separate sheet if needed)

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IS 1/20/17 IN ORDER TO PROCESS PRIOR TO THE STATE CONVENTION FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017. (YOU CAN ALSO CALL IN A SUBMISSION TO JOANIE AT 724-866-1082)

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• GET OSHA CERTIFIED IN THIS 10 HOUR TRAINING CLASS.....AND

• PLAN TO ATTEND THE PALICA STATE CONVENTION IN CLARION, PA—

REGISTRATION INFO INSIDE FOR BOTH EVENTS!

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