Running off of Fall 2014 agenda

* BBP standard up for review
* Infectious diseases – do we need a standard?
* Chemical mgmt. permissible exposure limits – looking for info from the public what types of PELs should we have, what methods to prvent exposure? previous version from osha didn’t take into account public feedback and was vacated by court
* PSM – presidential directive for safer and more secure chemical production, what types of things to be done with the standard to prvent disasters and releases
* shipyard fall protection
* communications towers – lots of accidents in 2013, use various for now
* emergency response and preparedness – outdated standards, presidential directive cuz of w. texas disaster (like above), types of hazards and exposure very different now, things advanced
* crystalline silica – comprehensive standard
* standards improvement project – look @ standards, do we have outdated ones? review…, do 2 standards tell you to do different things for same issue – looking at construction standards first
* cranes and derricks in construction – amendments, correcting things in standard related to power lines. broadening an exclusion for forklifts so not in same standard as cranes
* continuing duty to maintain accuracy in injury and illness records, close loophole saying that can amend after any time, will put in time limit for making changes
* cranes -- operator certifications – certified operator, size and type of crane, correcting problem w/standard
* updating stanards in accordance with national consensus standards – eye and face protection especially but will look at others that need it too
* AZ state plan for occupational safety and health – fall protection in residential construction set by state of AZ, federal disagreed and wouldn’t accept, so AZ decided to do their own plan
* Updating fit-testing protocol – 3 new methods/protocols will be accepted by the standard
* Certification alone is not a guarantee of safety – certification is not end all, employers have responsibility to ensure safety taught and known as well.
* Confined spaces in construction
* Current technologies and methods walking and working surfaces and personal fall protection systems , slips trips and falls
* Employee retaliation procedures – procedures for handling
* Access to employee medical records
* expand legal authority to collect electronic injury and illness information,
* approve state plan states – approve expansions of authority set by states, have to approve minor and major changes
* combustible dust – not real quick, will be a standard eventually, taking data from national emphasis programs and best practices
* occupational injury/illness reporting – adding an MSD column like used to have
* standard to say everyone has injury and illness prevention program, specification standard – out on the horizon
* preventing backover injuries and fatalities, pretension and prestressed concrete
* update to hazcom plan – GHS is a living document, updating standards to update to version 3 of GHS

Completed Items:

* Recordkeeping and reporting
* Operator certification extended to Nov 2017

**Emphasis Region VII**

* Implementation of national emphasis programs
* Grain handling facilities
  + Side notes– 2015 could be the worst year for engulfments yet because of conditions of crops, no jurisdiction on the family farm but may work spreading the word through orgs such as FFA
* Residential construction following extreme and severe weather event – now don’t do enforcement immediately after extreme weather event, assistance first but emphasis for safe compliant practices after a certain amount of time
* safety in landscaping industry – fatalities for people using weed eaters along highways
* Release of EPA-monitored chemicals. report to EPA, EPA report to OSHA

**National emphasis programs**

* hazardous machinery
* PSM
* Isocyanates
* Federal agency targeting
* Trenching and excavations

**Initiatives**

* Strengthening whistleblower program – more tools for investigators
* infection control and ergonomics in health care
* Ergonomics
* Crystalline silica
* hazardous chemicals
* protecting temporary and contract workers
* falls in construction
* heat stress
* GHS
* energy control procedures – are they written, are they periodically inspected
* adequate hardware for securing and locking

**Things local inspectors looking at:**

* Powered industrial trucks – inspections, maintenance, controls on lift worn off/peeled off so don’t know what control is which (inspectors writing that up), will new truck operator know what that control is? Is is visible?
* hazcom – labeling, do you have a written plan, msds/sds do you at least have one or the other
* electrical wiring – flexible cords, missing things on boxes, identification, properly labeling, temporary wiring, bad: daisy chaining cords together
* machine guarding, point of operating guarding
* Respirator – fit testing, training, proper respirator?, program needed and do you have it?
* housekeeping issues
* Churches – steep slope roofing work
* scaffolds – fall protection, decking and planking
* ladders – misuse, not being used for what they’re designed
* articulating booms, JLGs – wearing fall protection

Other Info/Reminders

* Exceptions additions and deletions from recordkeeping
* changes in recordkeeping rules, is causing more inspections
* Hazcom effective dates – pictograms by June 1