



New Information and Timely Reminders

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See You in San Antonio at SSPC 2016: Jan. 18-21.

We hope you'll be able to join us at SSPC's 2016 Conference at the Marriot Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas, January 18-21.



Don't miss this chance to update your skills in one of our 27 featured training programs, network with your peers and talk with industry experts about problem-solving solutions on the convention floor, or get a look at the latest equipment in operation in our demonstration area.

Protective Coating Inspector (PCI), Bridge Coating Inspector (BCI), Concrete Coating Inspector (CCI), and Navy Basic Paint Inspector (NBPI) inspector training will be offered during the conference this year, along with the Quality Control Specialist (QCS) program, and C3 Supervisor/Competent Person Training For Deleading/Hazardous Coatings Removal of Industrial Structures and C5 (Deleading Refresher) courses. Evaluating Contracts and Project Management are two additional programs popular with certified contractors. Both the C7 (Abrasive Blast Cleaning) and C12 (Airless Spray) certification exams will be offered in San Antonio as well as the Coating Application Specialist (CAS) Refresher. This specialized training covers Level 1 surface preparation and coating application as defined in the body of knowledge of SSPC-ACS 1/NACE No. 13, an especially good fit for your entry-level workers. The CAS Level 2 exam for your experienced and seasoned craft workers and Applicator-Train-The-Trainer will also be offered.

Your PCCP Advisory Committee will also meet during the Conference. Contact Rich Capolupo, Advisory Committee Chair (primerc@comcast.net), or Joe Berish, SSPC Corporate Certification Manager (berish@sspc.org), for information concerning the Advisory Committee or to submit agenda items for consideration at the upcoming San Antonio meeting. All QP-certified contractors have a voice in PCCP matters and are welcome to attend both meetings.

Contractor personnel input is also needed on the various technical committees that will meet during the conference. Why wait for a standard to be published to learn

about it? Instead join a committee to actively influence the outcome of standards development and revisions. To learn more and register for SSPC 2016, visit: <http://www.sspc2016.com>

Updated SSPC C3/C5 Courses Released



SSPC C3 Supervisor/Competent Person Training For Deleading/Hazardous Coatings Removal of Industrial Structures has been extensively updated. In addition to lead paint, it now covers other hazardous materials that may be found on the job site and all of the updates to OSHA and EPA standards that have occurred in the past five years. The unit order

has been arranged to discuss hazardous materials and health effects first before moving into worker protection, waste management, legal issues, work site preparation, and Competent Person duties and responsibilities. Units include brand new review questions and extensive appendices of support materials. Workshops run the gamut of use of Safety Data Sheets to review of containment drawings to calibration of worker monitoring equipment.

SSPC C5 Supervisor/Competent Person Training Refresher For Deleading/Hazardous Coatings Removal of Industrial Structures has also received a complementary revision to match those updates to standards and regulations found in the new C3. It begins with a pre-test that is used to launch a discussion about job issues you may have encountered over the past year. The coursework is now divided into two volumes, including an extensive appendix of updated regulatory information. Most of the photos found in each unit have also been changed and a new unit has been added about regulatory changes that will be updated each year.



The two revised courses will be introduced at the SSPC conference in San Antonio in January.

QP Program Now ISO 17020 Certified



SSPC's QP program Quality Management System (QMS) recently achieved ISO 17020 certification. This accreditation signifies that SSPC's QP QMS meets the requirements for the competence of bodies performing inspection and for the impartiality and consistency of their inspection activities. This standard is used by inspection bodies and their accrediting organizations to ensure integrity.

Job Notification Threshold Now at \$100,000; Greatly Reducing Paperwork Burden

QP contractors are reminded that the threshold for filing job notifications for prime contracts for public work has been reduced to jobs valued at \$100,000 or greater. This significantly decreases your paperwork burden as you no longer have to file the online job notification form for prime contracts for public work valued at \$99,000 or less. Job notifications still must be filed for all public contracts (issued by federal, state, or local governments) for coating work in which you are the subcontractor, regardless of the contract amount as well as all coating and related work where QP 1 or QP 2 are contract-specified or when QP 1 or QP 2 is included in the contractor qualification/evaluation process.

OSHA Fines to Jump in 2016

As a result of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, signed into law by President Obama on Nov. 2, OSHA has been authorized to raise the price of its penalties for the first time since 1990. The increases tied to the Consumer Price Index between 1990 and 2015 will lead to an 80 percent jump in fine amounts, which will keep pace with the inflation rate moving forward. It is expected that the current maximum \$70,000 fine for the most severe violations would grow to about \$125,000, and the \$7,000 maximum fine for other serious violations would increase to around \$12,500. The rule is scheduled to take effect by August 1, 2016, at the latest.

CAL/OSH Seeking Revision to CAL/OSHA Lead Standards

CAL/OSH has put forth a recommendation to revise the existing lead standards for general industry and construction in California.

Their initial suggestions included:

- Lowering the BLL at which workers must be removed from lead exposure to two BLLs at or above 20 µg/dL, or one BLL at or above 30 µg/dL
- Increasing the frequency of BLL testing
- Basing the requirement for BLL testing on the creation of a lead hazard (release of lead dust, mist, fume, or other particles) rather than the results of air monitoring for lead
- Lowering the PEL to 0.5 – 2.1 µg/m³ averaged over an 8-hour workday

At a meeting in Oakland, CA, on Nov. 10, a compromise was reached on the permissible exposure limit. The original draft document suggested decreasing the permissible air exposure from 50 micrograms per cubic meter to 10 micrograms per cubic meter. The revised draft lowers the permissible air exposure to 25 micrograms per cubic meter for five years. After five years, it is then scheduled to decrease to 10 micrograms per cubic meter.

SSPC continues to monitor the developments with this proposed change to regulations affecting work in California.

To learn more, visit:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/olppp/Pages/leadStdRecs.aspx> .

To participate in SSPC's response to these proposed changes, contact Heather Stiner, SSPC Manager of Technical Services (stiner@sspc.org, tel: 1-877/281-7772, Ext. 2224)

OSHA Comments on Updated Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines Due Feb. 15

OSHA is seeking public comment on an updated version of its voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines, first published in 1989. The guidelines are intended to help employers establish safety and health plans at their workplaces. Key principles include finding and fixing hazards before they cause injury or illness, and making sure that workers have a voice in safety and health. The updated guidelines, which include illustrations, tools and resources, should be particularly helpful to small- and medium-sized businesses. The guidelines also address ways in which multiple employers at the same worksite can coordinate efforts to make sure all workers are protected equally. Public comments will be accepted until Feb. 15.



Everyone at SSPC wishes you a happy, healthy, successful, and safe 2016. We thank you for your ongoing business and look forward to continuing to serve you in the months ahead.