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## ANSI Z117 Update

The Z117 Confined Space Committee has decided to meet to revise the 2009 confined space standard. The meeting date has not yet been set, although it will likely take place in the first quarter of 2012. The Z117 leadership requested the review and asked committee members to submit suggested changes and edits, including rationale, by 12/31/11.

The A10-43 committee is proposing a Confined Space Entry for Construction and Demolition Operations. The Z117 group will examine the proposal to avoid potential conflict and duplication with Z117.

To comment on ANSI Z117, contact STI/SPFA's committee delegate Wilson Frazier, Director of Safety, Caldwell Tank; or alternate delegate Cory Evans, Fisher Tank.

## STI/SPFA reaffirms Confined Space Policy

While ANSI's deliberations continue, STI/SPFA has reaffirmed its position on confined space...

[...More: STI/SPFA Confined Space Policy Letter](#)

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## 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

March 31-April 3  
Loew's Ventana Canyon  
Resort  
Tucson AZ

## OSHA Regulatory Report

by Jim Rhudy

Potential heat illness standard, increased "willful violation" penalties, hospital admittance notice requirements, hearing loss prevention and more...



[...More: OSHA Regulatory Report](#)



## Hearing loss prevention

S&H Committee chairman Tim Racicot, with input from committee members, has developed a *Hearing Conservation Program Fact Sheet*, which addresses the prevention measures in OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.95-Occupational Noise Exposure. Other useful information is available from Jerome Spear of Spear Consulting, LLC, who has posted two articles on the subject of noise control and hearing loss prevention.

[...More: Hearing Conservation Program Fact Sheet](#)

[...More: Jerome Spear Controlling Noise Exposure](#)

[...More: Jerome Spear Preventing Noise-Induced Hearing Loss](#)

## Got a comment? Here's a contact...

Many STI/SPFA Members contribute to the industry by serving on rules committees for various organizations. The entire industry benefits from their generous participation. Look through this list and contact the appropriate person if you have a comment to share.

### [Tim Racicot](#), Nooter Inc.

- STI/SPFA Safety & Health Committee Chairman: A "Hearing Conservation Fact Sheet" is near completion and will be distributed to the membership.
- NPRA's API 755 Work Group: Subcommittee developing a Fatigue Policy applicable to oil and gas industry and contractors. Info and issues at [www.npra.org](http://www.npra.org).
- National Safety Council Construction Committee: Info and issues at [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org).
- NACBE: Hex Chrome Sub-Committee. Info and issues at [www.NACBE.com](http://www.NACBE.com).

### [Robert Clouse, Jr.](#), Phoenix Tank

ANSI Safety Standards Committee

- ANSI Health Standard
- ANSI looking at falling debris and use of safety nets
- A new standard for wind turbines is in development

### [Wilson Frazier](#), Caldwell Tanks

ANSI Z117 Committee: [See article](#) in this Spotlight.



## Substance abuse testing program

### Third-party testing green-lights employers

At the STI/SPFA Safety & Health committee meeting in September, the Houston Area Safety Council (HASC), presented "Substance Abuse Testing and Program Management."

HASC representatives Luis Aguilar and Amanda Allred, and Brendan Brown of DISA, Inc. discussed the impact of substance abuse on safety, who should be tested, and how testing should be conducted. They described DISA, Inc.'s *North American Substance Abuse Program* (formerly HASAP) which is administered by the HASC. As a third-party testing program, NASAP screens employees regardless of employer, providing anonymity between employers.

More information about NASAP is available from [DISA, Inc.](#) or the [Houston Area Safety Council](#).

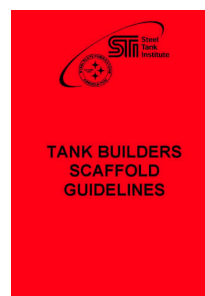
## Using scaffolds safely

### Courtesy of TechCorr's Safety Bulletin

A scaffold is any temporary elevated platform and its supporting structure, used to support people, or materials, or both. Scaffolds provide access to elevated work areas in a way that cannot be done

safely by other means. Scaffolding is used in a variety of applications in new construction, renovation, maintenance, painting, etc.

Scaffolds provide a safe and more comfortable work alternative than hanging from the top or working from ladders. Properly erected and maintained, scaffolding provides safe access to work locations, level working platforms, and temporary storage for tools and materials...



[...More: TechCorr's Safety Bulletin, 10/21/11](#)  
[...More: STI/SPFA's Tank Builders Scaffolding Guidelines](#)

STI/SPFA's *Tank Builder's Scaffolding Guidelines* is a training booklet available on the website's [Publication Index](#).

## STI/SPFA's Safety & Health resources

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- [Equipment Failures](#) : Descriptions of equipment recalls and failures, as well as solutions
- [OSHA Issues](#) : Updates to OSHA programs of current interest
- [Personnel Incidents](#) : Discussion of personnel incidents and lessons learned
- [Tank Use Mishaps](#) : STI/SPFA monthly online newsletter with stories of mishaps involving tanks and petroleum
- [Safe Tank Alliance](#) : OSHA Alliance Program with STI/SPFA, NFPA and API
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