



Safety & Health SPOTLIGHT

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Reduced rates for member S&H personnel

If you can't stay for the entire Annual Meeting, this option's for you!

Beautiful Hilton Head, South Carolina, is the site for this year's [STI/SPFA Annual Meeting](#). It would be great if everyone could stay for the entire meeting, but we know that's not always feasible.

If your interest is primarily safety and health, we have a special, two-day registration rate for Saturday and Sunday only:

- In addition to expert speakers in the General Session, the **Safety & Health Committee** will meet Saturday afternoon, 2-4:30 PM.
- On Saturday evening, the Awards Banquet recognizes member companies for the **2014 Safety Awards** of Achievement and Excellence, along with the Annual Product Awards and other honors.
- The **Safety & Health Committee** continues its meeting on Sunday, 8 am-noon.

The Safety & Health Committee not only welcomes your participation in its meetings, it relies on you to contribute to the discussions.

We hope to see you in Hilton Head!

[Click here to register for 2015 Annual Meeting](#)

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Rigging training workshop

May 13 in Kansas City*

STI/SPFA is pleased to offer this [Rigging Training Workshop](#) with The Crosby Group, one of the premier rigging product, training, and consulting firms in the United States.



Here's what you'll learn at this workshop:

- Before you connect to the load: What every rigger should know about OSHA and ASME standards.
- Before the load is lifted: Identifying risk concerns.
- The importance of Center of Gravity and weight.
- How to calculate tension in each sling leg.
- Proper hardware inspection per ASME B30.9, B30.10, and B30.26.
- Bottom line: Best rigging practices.
- Crosby manufacturer recommendations for safe and proper use.

Spend the day with John Newby of Crosby for a thorough training in rigging topics to enhance performance and improve safety. John is a physicist by education, has many years' experience as a test engineer, and for the past 20 years, has served as Senior Product Trainer for The Crosby Group LLC. He has conducted more than 750 rigging-related seminars in North America, including rigging fundamentals, block clinics, train-the-trainer, and heavy lift.

The fee for this seminar is \$95.00 and includes a continental breakfast, refreshments, and a hot lunch.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS WORKSHOP

[Click here to register for the Rigging Training Workshop...](#)

*This workshop is the day before the [STI Quality Control Meeting](#) at the same location. Separate registrations required.

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OSHA website still not ready

Report by phone or nearest OSHA office

Numerous sources reported at the New Year that OSHA's promised electronic reporting via their website was not yet ready. New rules effective January 1 include this option.

As of January 23, OSHA's website cautions that "Due to ongoing technical difficulties, some sections of the OSHA website may be intermittently unavailable."

In the meantime, employers can report to OSHA by calling OSHA's free and confidential number at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742), or visiting, the nearest area office during normal business hours.



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Crane certification delayed to 2017

OSHA has officially extended the effective date for crane operator certification by three years, to November 10, 2017, as was initially proposed.

The larger issues--certification by type and capacity, and the employer's duty to ensure competent/qualified workers are operating the equipment--will be dealt with in subsequent rulemaking.



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Worker reports respiratory inflammation after working in railcar

OSHA proposes \$133,900 fine

A worker at Watco Investments* reported suffering from respiratory inflammation after performing welding work inside a rail car in Omaha. OSHA has cited the company, operating as Watco Companies Inc., for three repeat and three serious safety violations, many involving OSHA's confined space safety regulations. OSHA has proposed fines of \$133,900 for the company, which specializes in rail car repairs.

*Watco Investments is a company specializing in railcar repairs, and is not related in any way to STI/SPFA member Watco Tanks.



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More companies using PPE vending machines "Fosters convenience and compliance"

A recent article in Industrial Safety & Hygiene News says that use of PPE vending machines is "exploding." Authored by an inventory management professional at Grainger, the piece says that more and more companies use vending machines to dispense small items and PPE.

[Read the PPE vending article here...](#)



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7 keys to safety change efforts

Applying business change management

In August 2014, McKinsey & Company published results of a [survey](#) of over 2,200 global executives to discover the answer to the question, "How important is the way you implement a major change effort?"

In a recent article in ISHN's online newsletter, James E. Leemann, Ph.D., applies the survey results to implementing safety change programs. Leeman is assistant professor in Tulane University's Center for Applied Environmental Public Health.

[Read Dr. Leeman's article...](#)

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Our website is a valuable resource for you as a safety and health professional. Check out these useful links:



- Training Resources: Materials for use by Member companies for safety training sessions--more than 100 presentations and posters
- Personnel Incidents
- Safety & Health FORUM: Recall notices, training resources, personnel incidents and news. Join in the discussions.
- WebNet Safety Training: Train employees inexpensively, at your plant, for a full year via the Internet
- OSHA Issues: Updates to OSHA programs of current interest
- Tank Use Mishaps: Monthly online newsletter with stories of mishaps involving tanks and petroleum
- Safety Awards: Information about STI/SPFA's Safety Award of Excellence and the Safety Award of Achievement

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Safety booklets revised

2014 editions available now

The Safety & Health Committee has spent the past year updating STI/SPFA's handy, pocket-sized safety booklets. They are a great safety orientation and training tool for your personnel.

[Click here to order the new editions:](#)

- **Basic Safety Rules** booklet for warehousing, fabrication and construction. This booklet serves many members as their company rules book.

- **Tank Builders Scaffold Guidelines** booklet can stand alone or compliment the Scaffold Guidelines Presentation.

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