OSHA UPDATE

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A NEW BOSS—NEW DIRECTION?

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• Priorities:
  * Shift the burden of enforcement back to the workplace
  * Give workers a voice
  * Strengthen enforcement
  * Compliance assistance focus on workers
  * VPP, Alliances, P-ships working for OSHA
  * New ways to address new and emerging hazards
  * Collaboration
  * Modernize recordkeeping
  * Be a stronger science based agency
  * Work in a way that is open and transparent with integrity and humility
ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR

• Issued highest fine in OSHA history
• Introduced NEPs for chemical plants, hexavalent chromium and recordkeeping
• Published a proposal on GHS and launched rulemaking on combustible dust
• Started a process to more closely examine state plan activities
• Eliminated quotas and launched an intensive review of cooperative programs
• Secretary’s National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety
WHAT’S NEXT?

• 2010 budget of $558.6 million is a 10% increase
• Plan to hire 200 additional employees including 100 CSHOs
• Will work to publish standards for cranes & derricks and electrical power generation
• Move forward on rulemaking for beryllium, silica dust, combustible dust, diacetyl, walking working surfaces, and recordkeeping MSD column amendment
• ANPR on Injury Illness Prevention Program
• Developing Severe Violator Enforcement program to target irresponsible employers
• Developing new penalty calculation procedures
NEW WAYS OF COMMUNICATING

- Facebook- [http://www.facebook.com/hildasolis](http://www.facebook.com/hildasolis)
- Twitter- [http://twitter.com/USDOL](http://twitter.com/USDOL)
- YouTube- [http://www.youtube.com/usdepartmentoflabor/](http://www.youtube.com/usdepartmentoflabor/)
- E-mail Subscription Service- [http://www.dol.gov/dol/email/htm](http://www.dol.gov/dol/email/htm)
OSHA LISTENS

• Assistant Secretary held meeting with stakeholders to hear issues
• March 4 in DC
• 120 attendees spoke
WHAT’S UP IN REGION IV?

- Fatalities
- Enforcement
- Staffing
- Cooperative Programs
- State Plan Monitoring
FATALITIES

• FY 09 38% reduction; 153 vs 242
• 41% reduction in fall related fatalities
• So far FY10; 67 fatalities
ENFORCEMENT

• Will conduct 5,939 inspections
• 65% of resources in construction
• National Emphasis programs: SST, Recordkeeping; Combustible Dust; Amputations; Trenching; Silica; Lead and Hexavalent Chromium
• Regional and Local: Falls, Powerlines, Landscaping, Scrap Metal Recycling; Noise, Forklift trucks
TOP 10 VIOLATIONS

• Scaffolding
• Fall Protection
• Hazard Communication
• Ladders
• Process Safety Management
• Respiratory Protection
• Lockout/Tagout
• Electrical, Wiring Methods
• Powered Industrial Trucks
• Electrical, General Requirements
SIGNIFICANT CASES

• FY09: 21 significant cases issued
• So far FY10: 10 issued; several in the pipeline
• Several result of follow-up inspections, fatalities, combustible dust
• Expand to multiple facilities where warranted
STAFFING

- Region IV received 59 additional FTE
- Most are CSHOs placed throughout the region
- Adding four Whistleblower investigators
- Hired 2 IHs for field support in the regional office
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

• Compliance assistance available
• VPP processing applications and conducting audits
• Partnerships and Alliances Ongoing
• Consultation Programs
STATE PLAN MONITORING

• Enhanced evaluations
• Reports due to be completed by end of June
• Will be made public
QUESTIONS?
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