



INTERNATIONAL SAFETY
EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

The Catalyst for Safety Worldwide

Welcome

The call will begin at 12:02 pm

Topics for the call

- Federal funding for OSHA, NIOSH & more
- PREVENT Pandemics Act
- OSHA-focused Congressional Committee Leaders
- ISEA Priorities
 - Advocacy Committee, Operating Plan and Product Groups
- Allstates v. DOL
- ISEA Executive Summit & other up-coming events

Congress – Federal Funding

OSHA \$632 MM (+20 MM)

- Federal enforcement \$243 MM
- Standards writing \$21 MM

NIOSH \$362 MM (+11 MM)

- NPPTL \$23 MM

Firefighter grants \$370 MM

Report Language

not legally required, but agencies ignore it at their peril

House Report tells OSHA to focus on

- Occupational Noise (“85 dBA TWA, using a 3 dB exchange rate”)*
- Heat Stress Standard (encourages OSHA to keep moving forward)
- Technology (“make technology innovation more accessible”)
- ARC flash (“requir[e] appropriate arc flash protective clothing and PPE”)

- ISEA Supported the bill ([link](#) – page 1248) – Included in FY23 approps
 - New White House-level pandemic preparedness and response office
 - Calls for epidemic forecasting and outbreak analytics
(Sec. 2214, page 1281: "...enhance the prediction, modeling...")(\$50 million)
 - Creates: "Warm Base Manufacturing Capacity for Medical Countermeasures" (Sec. 2401, page 1324)
 - Allows for Vendor Managed Inventory of the Strategic National Stockpile (Sec. 2405, page 1328)
 - Makes other changes to SNS management

Congressional Leadership

- Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Comm

- Chairman – Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
- Ranking Member – Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA)



- OSHA subcommittee
 - John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
 - Mike Braun (R-IN)



House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Chair – Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
- Ranking - Bobby Scott (D-VA)



OSHA Subcommittee

- Chair - Fred Keller (R-PA)
- Ranking - Alma Adams (D-NC)



- ["PPE fit" for construction work](#)
 - Still at Office of Management and Budget/White House
- [COVID-19 Standard](#)
 - Sent to OMB
- [Heat Stress](#)
 - OSHA's National Advisory Committee to report on recommendation in April
 - OSHA to begin a small business review process in the summer
- [Workplace violence in healthcare and social service settings](#)
 - Pertinent to the healthcare workforce

Respirator private labeling

- Awaiting additional information
- NIOSH seeks revamp of private label program; label and users instruction issues

PPE Supply Chains webinar

- NIOSH & National Academies of Science: Standards and PPE Supply Chains
- March 1-2
- *Registration link coming soon*

NIOSH Counterfeit *N95 Challenge*

- *Project underway, winners to be announced in Nov. 2023*

Advocacy Priorities & Operating Plan



- Advocacy Committee
 - Reviewed various priorities pending before the association
 - Top level priorities include:
 - Addressing FDA's interest in creating a secondary approval for respirators for healthcare
 - Extend the PREP Act beyond its current deadline
 - Increase funding for NIOSH
 - Establish and fund the NIOSH Centers of Excellence (broad range of PPE research)
- Secondary level priorities include
 - *Track and report on PFAS development*
 - Domestic Sourcing
 - PPE Supply Chain Resiliency
 - Right to Repair
 - Life Cycle Requirements of PPE

- Work with OSHA on referencing standards (written action plans)
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- Support Product Groups
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- Work with Advocacy Committee to ID priorities and develop written action plans

- VoC and SWOT on current advocacy model
- Modernize the Advocacy model (benchmarking)

- Conduct 6-10 Webinars

EU Strategy on Standardization

The EU's ambitions towards a climate neutral, resilient and circular economy cannot be delivered without European standards on testing methods, management systems or interoperability solutions. [Link](#)

- New net-zero industry by 2050
- Fast track permits for clean technology
- Some state aid (bigger states can do more)
- Critical Raw Materials Act (Could come in March)

Improve refining; more trade opportunities with those who have the raw materials (“derisking” from China).

Europeans are reacting to the CHIPS Act (federal support for domestic technology industry)

Allstates Refractory Contractors

- Challenging *constitutionality* of OSHA's safety standards
- Claims Congress did not meet the “intelligible principle” in telling OSHA to create safety standards
- Represented by [Jones Day](#). Amicus briefs by [Buckeye Institute](#), [New Civil Liberties Alliance](#), [Pacific Legal Foundation](#), [Liberty Justice Center](#), and more
- Could go to the Supreme Court
- Friends of OSHA Brief - National Employment and Labor Project ([NELP](#)) writing an amicus brief
 - NSC, AIHA and others joining in
 - Organized labor submitting briefs

- January 31 - Maximizing Your Product Management Investment ([registration link](#))
- March 7 – Updated on **PFAS, EPA's new chemical review** and approval program, by Lynn Bergeson, managing partner, Bergeson and Campbell, P.C.
- April 30 – May 2 – ISEA Executive Summit ([info and registration](#))
- Please see ISEA's new site & the "training and events" section.

Q&A

Think of a question later? Submit it to:

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