

## SAFETY

**Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!**

### You Can't Say I Didn't Warn You!

If you remember last month's Safety Topic, I talked about the government (also doing business as OSHA) targeting the broad category of concrete industry for additional enforcement in fiscal year 2003-2004. Well, we have had our first OSHA inspection! An IOSHA Industrial Safety and Health Inspector visited our East Lafayette plant on October 21, 2003. We won't know the violations that were cited for six to eight weeks. It takes that long for them to generate the paperwork. We were provided a list of 5 alleged violations and another list that were recommendations. The alleged violations:

1. The dust collector was not marked with a confined space warning. In Indiana the installation of dust collectors is an ongoing process. Most locations now have dust collectors and we are upgrading some earlier models. The dust collector at Lafayette is a fairly recent installation of our own design. We had overlooked this warning sign on this particular unit. I have since checked and we have or had signs on our dust collectors but they have been painted over or otherwise made unrecognizable. Something like, "Confined Space – Do Not Enter", is appropriate.
2. A mezzanine area had an unguarded open sided floor. Something had been moved that left an area with no guard-rail for fall protection. Guardrails should be 42" high with a mid-rail and a toeboard.
3. There were two proposed citations for not having guarding along the two aggregate conveyors. The alleged violation referenced an emergency stop along the walkway. Either an emer-

gency stop cord or a bump rail would satisfy this violation.

4. The last alleged violation was for guarding of the tail pulley in the bottom of the tunnel under the aggregate bins. All of the alleged guarding violations will be eliminated when the new aggregate handling system is installed yet this year. Construction was in progress during the inspection.

#### Recommendations:

1. Update the "Emergency Action Plan" to include bomb threat and who is responsible for counting heads.
2. Make sure employee training is up to date.
3. Use the OSHA 300 form not the 200 form.
4. There should not be any unlabelled containers around.
5. There should be monthly fire extinguisher inspections.
6. Tool rests on grinders must be adjusted to within 1/8 inch
7. Labels are required on all breakers and main power switches.
8. All guards should prevent even intentional contact with the pinch point.

### What is Going On?

During September and October **imi**, et al., has experienced 29 auto claims. That is a frequency of more than one every other day. Things like our truck backing into an employees personal vehicle, rear ending other vehicles, backing into a contractors truck, tearing down overhead utilities, backing into parked cars, hitting a door frame with the truck, backing into a mailbox . . . Do you notice a trend here? It is obvious from my travels that, as a whole, we are busier than at anytime in 2003. That is good

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#### For What it is Worth!

##### **A belated Halloween Joke!**

A cabbie picks up a nun. She gets into the cab, and the cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why is he staring and he replies, "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My dear son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun a long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2 you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I am single and I'm Catholic too!"

The nun says "OK, pull into the next alley."

He does and the nun fulfills his fantasy. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying. "My dear child, said the nun, why are you crying?"

"Forgive me sister, but I have sinned. I lied, I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK, my name is Kevin and I'm on my way to a Halloween party."



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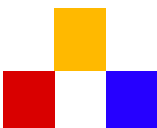
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thing, but not an excuse to get sloppy. It takes attention to detail and teamwork to work safely. Please be careful. Watch out for the other guy and for each other. Make an effort to check behind you before you back up.



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