

## Seeking Input On OSHA's Silica Exposure Rule

Dear CDRA Member:

Your association worked to modify OSHA's employee silica exposure regulation before it officially came out more than a year ago. The rule affected many sectors of the construction industry, including concrete recyclers. We were successful in removing almost all the onerous sections of the rule. The paramount part of the rule is Table 1, which describes the required actions for each construction activity. This was what was required for crushing equipment:

TABLE 1: SPECIFIED EXPOSURE CONTROL METHODS WHEN WORKING WITH MATERIALS CONTAINING CRYSTALLINE SILICA			
Equipment / Task	Engineering and Work Practice Control Methods	Required Respiratory Protection and Minimum Assigned Protection Factor (APF)	
		≤ 4 hours /shift	> 4 hours /shift
(xvi) Crushing machines	Use equipment designed to deliver water spray or mist for dust suppression at crusher and other points where dust is generated (e.g., hoppers, conveyers, sieves/sizing or vibrating components, and discharge points). Operate and maintain machine in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions. Use a ventilated booth that provides fresh, climate-controlled air to the operator, or a remote control station.	None	None
(xvii) Heavy equipment and utility vehicles used to abrade or fracture silica-containing materials (e.g., hoe-ramming, rock ripping) or used during demolition activities involving silica-containing materials	Operate equipment from within an enclosed cab. When employees outside of the cab are engaged in the task, apply water and/or dust suppressants as necessary to minimize dust emissions.	None None	None None

OSHA will soon release a Request For Information asking for suggested revisions to Table 1. We are asking CDRA members for their input on what changes your association should request from OSHA in order to make compliance more attainable, while still protecting human health and safety.

Please send all recommendations to [info@cdrecycling.org](mailto:info@cdrecycling.org). To discuss this process, call Executive Director William Turley at 630-585-7530. In addition, the CDRA would like to hear if your company has had a brush with OSHA over the silica rule. We are trying to monitor what enforcement agents are interpreting the rule out in the field.

## Get Your ConExpo-Con/Agg Badges Through CDRA

The CDRA will again co-locate C&D World 2020, its Annual Meeting, on March 11 during the huge ConExpo-Con/Agg show March 10-14 2020 in Las Vegas. As always, attendees to C&D World will get badges to enter the equipment exhibition at the Las Vegas Convention Center, which is truly a sight to be seen. Attendees to C&D World will be treated to an excellent half-day program, the exciting fundraiser, as always, as well as reduced room rates.

Make your plans now to have C&D World as part of your Las Vegas itinerary. But if you are not able to make C&D World but still want to go to ConExpo-Con/Agg, reduced rate exhibit hall badges can be purchased through the CDRA. More information will be coming out in the next two months.

Also, the CDRA will be sponsoring select education sessions at ConExpo/Con-Agg and can provide reduced rates to all sessions at the big show.

CDRA members receive discounted rates for ConExpo-Con/Agg Educational Sessions:

- \$95 until January 17, 2020
- \$149 until March 9, 2020
- \$179 during CONEXPO-CON/AGG show days

Additionally, CDRA members will be eligible to register for ConExpo-Con/Agg educational sessions at the following discounted rates:

- \$495 for an all-session pass with USB recording
- \$345 for an all-session pass
- \$175 for a single-day pass
- \$59 per single session

C&D World 2020 registration pricing will be announced in the upcoming months.

Remember to make CDRA part of your ConExpo-Con/Agg plans.

## Free Safety Webinar

### Recycling Operations Fire Prevention

**Date:** June, to be determined

**Speaker:** Jeff Howell- Safety Consultant & Retired Fire Chief, Assurance

**Description:** The CDRA Risk Management Committee will be sponsoring a free fire prevention webinar. Fires are a well-known risk in the recycling industry. Fires on tipping floors, sorting operations, and heavy equipment are expensive and potentially devastating. This webinar will discuss practical strategies and activities to minimize the risk of fires in a recycling facility. We will be sharing known best practices that are employed by recycling companies that are proven to reduce fire risk.

**Who should attend:** This webinar is geared toward operations personnel and owners.

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