

**AT&T Conference Center Austin, TX**  
March 21-23, 2021

Registration Opening Soon

## C&D World 2021 is a GO for March 21-23!

Thanks to extreme safety measures that will be taken for the event, plus improving conditions in the world, C&D World 2021, the Annual Meeting of the CDRA, will take place March 21-23 in Austin, TX.

Safety and social distancing will be on the menu for the meeting at the AT&T Center next to the University of Texas in downtown Austin, as the venue has been hosting meetings and has incorporated what it learned, along with all CDC guidelines, in the planning for the CDRA event. But of course, the centerpiece of C&D World will be the industry-specific programming that will be of use for anyone in the C&D field, as well as the excellent opportunities to network with your C&D peers from across the country.

The program is available at [www.cdrecycling.org/events/c-d-world-2021](http://www.cdrecycling.org/events/c-d-world-2021). Several sponsors have already signed on for the event, including Komptech/Plexus, General Kinematics, Construction & Demolition Recycling magazine, Eagle Crusher, Torxx, Fire Rover, Sparta Manufacturing, and Zanker Recycling. Booth sales have also started, and for more information on that, please contact William Turley, [turley@cdrecycling.org](mailto:turley@cdrecycling.org).

## A Best Practices Safety Management Program

Construction Demolition recycling and related operations have some inherent risk factors and the most successful operators have created a specific plan of action to minimize those risks and create a safety culture. It has been proven that companies that focus on safety are more profitable than those that do not. The CDRA has created the Best Practices in Safety Awards program to recognize those companies that have achieved a high level of safety management. But more importantly, to begin to identify a level of safety performance that will help C&D operators manage their business as a Best Practices in Safety company.

Below are some comments of past participants in the awards program as to the benefits they found from the process:

*"The CDRA Safety Award checklist gave us the specific industry insight to know what we were already doing, but most importantly, how we could improve as a safe recycler. We spent the last year overhauling our best practices and training our people to know that safety comes first in our lives here at Premier."*

**Brock Hill- Premier Recycle, San Jose, CA**

*"The Safety Awards program gave our company an excellent audit tool to gage how our safety program measures up. A CDRA President, I see that the Safety Awards program has been an excellent addition to the suite of assets the CDRA provides for our members."*

**Troy Lautenbach- Lautenbach Industries, Mt. Vernon, WA**

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2021 CDRA Best Practices in Safety Awards

## OSHA Under the Biden Administration

The CDRA is a member of the Construction Industry Safety Coalition, which is made up of several construction industry organizations, such as AGC, NAHB, and Masonry Contractors of America. High powered group, mostly made up of lobbyists who represent their organizations in front of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, was formed to respond to OSHA's employee silica exposure rule, and has stayed together to work on other OSHA-related issues. The lawyer who represents the coalition led a webinar on how OSHA will change with the new administration. It was not an overly optimistic presentation. What the lobbyists who regularly work on OSHA say is that shortly after the Biden inauguration to expect enactment of an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for all workers to protect against Covid infections. OSHA will claim there is a grave danger to workers and this is needed, even though last June a federal judge threw out the AFL-CIO's attempt to force OSHA to do one then.

Couple of issues with this. First, it has to be proved America is still in dire straits in late January 2021 when this litigation is filed, because whatever shape the U.S. is in now doesn't count. Also, it will be a one size fits all standard, and will probably be modeled on what health care workers need, not to individual industries. That may mean as strict as possible, no matter the negative effect on productivity and cost. And while it will take immediate effect, this standard will have to be entered into the Federal Register to become a new regulation in six months, including a comment period and all related activities.

The new administration is expected to move forward on this because the employee unions want it, so it will score political points there, and it will be great publicity and a slap at the previous administration. Biden had been saying on the campaign trail that Trump wasn't doing enough to protect workers. In six months, when this potentially onerous regulation would become formal, it will be off the front pages and implemented quietly.

The CISC is moving ahead expecting this ETS to be enacted immediately after inauguration and proactively will try to have OSHA realize they need to do this standard on an industry by industry basis.

Another topic covered during the webinar was a discussion on potential assistant secretaries who will run OSHA. Jim Fredericks and Chris Cain are being pushed by the employee unions. Fredericks is on the Biden transition team. However, most of the political positions at OSHA will be filled by acting directors because the administration is concerned the Senate won't approve any of their choices for months, and they want to hit the ground running.

On enforcement, there is a lot of Covid citations being issued already, mostly in health care and similar fields. Reportedly a lot more inspections for Covid-related infractions going on, though critics say those are still not enough. Also, more virtual inspections are taking place. Critics are also saying that despite the increased citations, the fines aren't large enough, so expect OSHA to get creative on how to increase the cost of violations. For example, say they find a facility with 30 workers not wearing masks. Instead of just doing one violation for the entire facility, they will do the violations individual for each employee, so the fine goes from \$1500 to 30 x \$1500, in order to mollify the critics.

Interestingly, the lobbyists think that almost all the changes in safety regulations the next few years will come from the regulatory side, not legislatively, because it will still be difficult to get far-reaching legislation through Congress, assuming the Republicans get at least one of the two U.S. Senate seats in Georgia in order to maintain a majority in the Upper House.

## Demolition New Orleans Exhibitor Pavilion

The [National Demolition Association](http://NationalDemolitionAssociation.com) is hosting Demolition New Orleans, a reimagined outdoor event, March 3-4 in Louisiana. Following state and national safety protocols, Demolition New Orleans will feature 30+ vendors and suppliers in the outdoor Exhibitor Pavilion. The Exhibitor Pavilion will capture the spirit of our Expo, providing you with more time to connect with suppliers and manufacturers and the opportunity to find the best products for your team.

*The first 100 people who register for a Two-Day Demolition New Orleans Registration will receive \$75 off their registration fee. Use promo code EARLY during check out.*

## CDRA Members

### Renew Your Membership Today!

Thank you for your continued support of CDRA and our mission to improve and advance the C&D industry. If you haven't already, we encourage you to renew your membership today and take advantage of all the great benefits your membership provides.

**Membership benefits expire on December 31, so don't delay!**

Not a CDRA member? We hope you'll consider [joining the CDRA community](http://www.cdrecycling.org) and help us move our mission forward.

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## Industry News

Interesting article on biochar:  
[Phosphorus Removal Working Well on Lake: Commission](http://www.phosphorusremoval.com)

Good article explaining U.S. EPA's recently announced recycling goals:  
[EPA sets 2030 national recycling goal, stakeholders call for more federal action](http://www.epa.gov/3r/recycling)

Cheryl Coleman was one of the most impressive people in EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery. Lot of respect for her. Big hire for ISRI:  
[ISRI Welcomes Cheryl Coleman as Vice President of Sustainability](http://www.isri.org)

Faisal Mirza of member City of Vancouver shared this link to a pilot that used 40% recycled asphalt in the road with a press release below. A quality matrix was done for this with a goal to do some sort of certification:  
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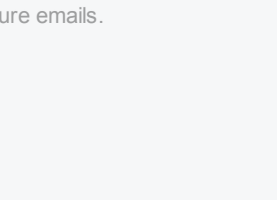
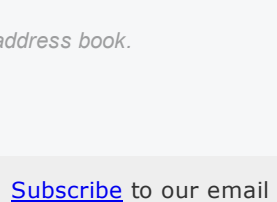
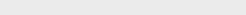
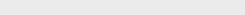
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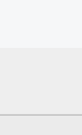
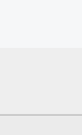
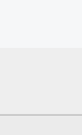
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