# SAFETY REPORTS

## November 2019 Newsletter

*Safety Simplified*

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## OSHA Enforcement Activity

OSHA enforcement activity is on the rise and so are penalties for non-compliance. Following are just a few examples:

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**U.S. Department of Labor Cites Colorado Utility Company For Exposing Employees to Trenching Hazards** OSHA has cited RMS Utilities Inc. – based in Alamosa, Colorado – for exposing employees to trenching hazards. The company faces $92,819 in penalties. **Read More**

**U.S. Department of Labor Cites Idaho Dollar Tree Stores After Finding Widespread Storage Violations** OSHA has cited Dollar Tree Stores at four Idaho locations for exposing employees to unsafe storage of merchandise, and blocked walkways and exit routes. The company faces $898,682 in proposed penalties. **Read More**

**U.S. Department of Labor Cites Wisconsin Company For Exposing Employees to Machine Hazards** OSHA has cited Koller Industries – operating as Aurora Castings Services – for continually exposing employees to machine hazards at the facility in Niagara, Wisconsin. The company faces $ 206,291 in penalties. **Read More**

**U.S. Department of Labor Cites Petroleum Refiner and Contractor After Fatality at Alabama Facility** OSHA has cited Turner Specialty Services LLC and Hunt Refining Co. for safety violations after an employee suffered a fatal injury at a refining facility in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The two companies collectively face $106,080 in penalties. **Read More**

**U.S. Department of Labor Cites Ohio Concrete Facility for Exposing Employees to Multiple Health and Safety Hazards** OSHA has cited Prestress Services Industries of Ohio LLC for 20 safety and health violations at the concrete production plant in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The company faces penalties of $158,555. **Read More**

**U.S. Department of Labor Cites Two Florida Roofing Companies For Exposing Employees to Fall and Other Hazards** OSHA has cited two Florida commercial and residential roofing companies for exposing employees to struck-by and fall hazards at a Greenacres, Florida, worksite. The companies face a combined $83,348 in penalties. **Read More**

### OSHA QuickTakes

**Stay on top of the latest OSHA news, initiatives and products to help identify and prevent workplace hazards.**

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## New Apps & Features

Here's a quick update on the new products and features that have been added to Safety Reports over the past few months:

### New Apps

**Training App**
This app lets you complete Toolbox Talks from your mobile device, have employees sign off that they attended, and then submit the training digitally.

It also tracks training, and not just toolbox talks, but all types of training, such as: Classroom, Practical, Online, etc. You can also set reminders to ensure refresher training is completed as needed.

We just recently added a new feature called "Training Exams" that lets you email training topics to your employees that includes a short exam. When they answer the questions correctly, training is considered complete and it's documented in the system. Great tool for reaching your "remote" workers!

**JSA App**
Need a simple tool to develop hazard analysis' from your mobile device? Check out our JSA app. Works on smartphones and tablets and also includes a web based version. Job hazards are preloaded and customizable and so are the Controls.

Send your JSA's digitally from the field, have employees digitally sign off that they reviewed the JSA and more!

**Observation App**
This app is so simple...just single page app that just about any of your employees can learn to use in minutes. It's designed for those simple, one-off observations and it's ideal for employees with non-safety functions. It's like putting an electronic safety suggestion box in their pocket.

The data can be tracked and analyzed and there's a feature that let's you respond to their safety observations.

**Incident App**
Our incident app documents all injuries, illnesses and near misses. Future updates will include option to document Vehicle incidents, Property incidents and more!

This app will complete your OSHA forms such as the First Report (301), the OSHA log (300) and the Annual Summary (300A). Data trending is included!

### New Features

**Safety Docs**
Add your important safety documents to your Admin site and they are available to your employees who use our app. They can even attach safety docs when submitting their reports.

**Inspection History**
When you have multiple persons inspecting a single site, you can now pull up the inspection history from the app to see the reports that were previously submitted, regardless of who last visited the site.

**Procore** / **PlanGrid**

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## PrecipAlert

Is your company engaged in construction activities? If so, you may need to be covered under an NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP) for stormwater discharges.

In general, the NPDES stormwater program requires permits for discharges from construction activities that disturb one or more acres, and discharges from smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale.

**See CGP Flowchart**

A big part of the permit requirement is pulling rainwater samples when rainfall totals meet or exceed designated amounts.

With our **PrecipAlert** app, you will be able to pinpoint your work sites and receive warnings whenever the National Weather Service forecasts rainfall that meets or exceeds your permit amounts.

There's so much more to this app than meets the eye...we'll not only notify you when rainfall meets or exceeds your "action" levels, we'll also auto generate an inspection and assign it to designated personnel using our Rain Event Checklist.

Monitoring rainwater runoff is important and it's now easier than ever with PrecipAlert. For more details, visit our **website** or **contact us** for a demo.

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## Seriously, What Were You Thinking?



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## Meet the Team!



You know what makes us stand out among the competition? It's our staff. They are so friendly and knowledgeable and they take great pride in being there when you need them!

With Safety Reports you get to talk with a live person and you don't have to wait days for a call-back. Seriously, these guys are the best!

**OSHA awarded $10.5 million** to create and improve workplace health and safety education and training programs. **More info**

OSHA approved **new respirator fit testing protocols** to protect workers from airborne contaminants. **More info**

An Alliance with the waste management and recycling industries focuses on **preventing transportation and other industry hazards**. **More info**

OSHA has **recognized a steel manufacturer for safety excellence** after working with the On-Site Consultation Program to reduce injury rate. **More info**

OSHA is proposing **revisions to its beryllium standards** to better protect workers in the shipyard and construction industries. **More info**

**A new video explains the OSHA**

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If you're a construction company and utilize Procore or PlanGrid to manage your sites, you can now integrate your inspection reports and CAT reports directly to your Procore or PlanGrid job folders.

Be sure to visit our website to learn about these products and features or contact us for more information.

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## Barcode Scanning

Coming Soon! This new app will allow you to complete inspections by scanning your assets (i.e. fire extinguishers, lanyards, slings, etc.) directly from your mobile device.

Just upload your inventory to your account, print the barcodes and

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If you like our app, please take a minute to refer a friend. For each referral that becomes a customer, we will send you a Safety Reports 20 oz. Yeti Tumbler! It really is that simple! Refer a Friend

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