

## **Bureau Chief Meeting**

**6/7/22**

### **Kevin Beauregard - Director's Office**

- Thank-you for getting your equipment inventory completed by deadline
- Heat Stress- NC will not adopt the NEP but may incorporate some items from NEP into OPN141B. NC will likely work on heat stress standard.
- Language finalized for penalty increases and statute of limitations. Trying to get both inserted in the Budget bill.
- Received \$129,600 federal funding increase to FY22 23g Final Base Award and \$16,100 to FY22 21d Final Award. OSH will very likely need to cut CSB position to cover upcoming LI
- New Grades, new salary minimums, increased ranges went into effect 6/1. NCDOL is trying to get OSHR to make several changes.
- ISG lawsuit update
- Not much new news from OSHSPA meeting
  - OSHA working on COVID Healthcare Standards to be released by end of FY222
  - OSHA working on Infectious Disease Standard
  - OSHA working on "Interim" Heat Standard?
  - Next OSHSPA meeting 8/29-8/31 in Roanoke, VA – BC's let me know if you want to go
- Out of state 6/27-6/29, leave 6/30-7/1
- Retirement 10/1/22

### **Scott Mabry – Assistant Director's Report**

- Discussed employee physicals and issues with current vendors
- Please complete your annual blanket travel authorization forms and submit for signature
- Review the info from fed OSHA on the SVEP program and provide comments
- Same for cranes and derricks, our updates are due 7/3

### **Wanda Lagoe – Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau**

- Projected Date of Completion for the new One Stop Shop is August.
- Health Trainer position reposted.
- New online registration is active on our website. Will be made active on the One Stop.
- Mancomm books – Received the books and will distribute to the offices. Working with IT on getting the webform active.
- LaMont at the Region IV VPPPA in Birmingham this week.
- Safety Awards will finish up mid-July.

- Marcy working with two alliances – one TCI – Arboriculture organization and the other a sub-contractor organization (Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors).
- Have billboards posted for Heat Stress and Trenching and Excavation Stand Down.

#### **Kevin O’Barr - Consultative Services Bureau**

- CSB recorded a podcast for Inside Labor, and it has been published online.
- Region IV Consultation office initiated a report comparison between the states.
- Americo Pagan will be the contact point in Atlanta during the vacancy of the consultation program manager.
- CSB / ETTA are meeting with WRAL digital marketing on Monday 6/13.

#### **Beth Rodman- Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau**

- Preocc Stats 2022: 2060 registrations; 1945 inspections conducted; 1840 certificates issued, 678 provisionals (11 remaining)
- ASH Strategic Plan Performance Measurements – unable to provide accurate number of provisionals. Current objective and measurements:

NCDOL Strategic Plan Performance Measurements for SFY 2021-2022	
<b>Objective 1.3</b>	– Improve the safety and health of workers living in migrant housing.
<b>Performance Measure 1.3.1</b>	– Measured by number of pre-occupancy certificates and provisional certificates issued and citations issued as a result of compliance inspections.
Performance Measure 1.3.1a	– Measured by number of pre-occupancy certificates issued
Performance Measure 1.3.1b	– Measured by number of provisional certificates issued.
Performance Measure 1.3.1c	– Measured by number of citations issued as a result of compliance inspections.

- I am recommending editing performance measures to the following: number of preoccs conducted, number of hazards identified during preoccs, and number of certificates issued
- ASH IT program: ASH program meetings with ImageSoft will resume on June 13, 2022
- ASH Industry Guide 108 – currently being reviewed by Beth and Hollis before reprint.
- ASH positions: Eastern position: Benji Leggett started on 6/6/22. Thanks to Nicole for lending us a vehicle. Western position has been reposted as bilingual trainee and closes on 6/16/22. D Knowland has decided to stay.
- Upcoming training: June 30, 2022 in Wilson, NC. Heat and Green Tobacco Sickness. Disappointed in the allotted time frame and expressed concerns with GAPC. Beth cannot attend due to ASM classes (CPM prereqs)
- ASH staff meeting scheduled for June 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 1<sup>st</sup> outbreak at migrant housing in April and one worker tested positive at Vass over weekend. I will touch base with Lee Wicker.

- Current meetings/groups - COVID-19 workgroup (as needed), Migrant Health and Housing (as needed), Farmworker COVID Vaccine task force (once per month), farm machinery safety workgroup (periodic); Farmworker Vaccine Plan Project Management Team Advisory Group (once per month)

#### **Anne Weaver – Planning Statistics and Information Management Bureau**

- 3,293 Public Sector Injury and Illness Survey forms were mailed out on May 25<sup>th</sup>. To date, PSIM has received 751, or 23%, of the completed surveys.
- OSH and REDB (OSH related) disclosure requests continue to remain at about the same, high level. PSIM currently has 416 requests that are not releasable at this time. There are 343 outstanding, releasable requests pending.

#### **Nicole Brown- East Compliance Bureau**

- Staffing
  - HCO Trainee Indira Jagedo in D10 started on 5/23
  - Interviews conducted in D10 for two positions; had to repost due to unfavorable reference on one position; the other position the applicant scored extremely low on the interview
  - D7 had to repost positions
  - In the process of reviewing OPN 64 manuals; conducting 6-month meetings with CSHOs this week and next week for two CSHOs in training
  - CSHO in Training, Margaret Ness should be released within the next month. BC will meet with DS and CSHO to review OPN 64
  - BC is also scheduling a meeting with D7 Supervisor and CSHO in Training Matthew Fairfield to review OPN 64 and check status of training
- Casefiles
  - Will be opening a 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection at ADUSA distribution for another accident. Just completed the fatality inspection at the facility
  - D10 Supervisor has opened Pender County inspection with CSHO in training Indira (first inspection)
- Conducted back to basics CSHO training at the Wilmington field office on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Focused on the inspection process; FIS and other policies and procedures (i.e., FOM, CPL, SN, memos, etc.); brief tech writing training focused on OSHA 1 (Inspection Report and narrative). Plan to start doing these trainings in house periodically for new CSHOs and existing CSHOs to ensure consistency and understanding of our processes and procedures.
- Complaint Desk call volume has increased due to heat related complaints. There may be a slight delay due to the number of complaints in getting some of them processed. Still should be able to process within 1 day.

- Complaint Desk phones voicemail system has gone down several times; had Blackbox come to service last week, we hope the issue has been resolved. Will keep Director's Office updated if this continues to be an issue.
- Will be requesting a new phone system for LBT that can possibly tie into ORB/Labor buildings phone system if we continue to have issues. It may be time for an updated phone system due to support issues we continue to have with current phone system.

### **Paul Sullivan -West Compliance Bureau**

- Personnel update
  - Current Status out of **55 CSHO positions** (26 Health and 29 Safety).
    - **37 released CSHOs (67%)** – 20 Health (77%) and 17 Safety (60%)
      - SCO Arthur Richards (WS, District 6) was released in early May.
    - **6 CSHO Trainees (11%)**
      - SCO Jamie Lawson (WS, District 5) and Stephen Way (WS, District 6) should be released in the next month or two.
      - HCO Chris Sholar (CLT, District 2) was rehired in May and should have an abbreviated training period.
    - **12 vacancies (22%)**
      - We've received HR approval for two internal promotions (one SCO I to HCO I and one HCO I to HCO II).
- Where is the West BC?
  - Off July 1<sup>st</sup> for softball tourney in Roanoke
  - On vacation in Hilton Head, SC most of the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Will still make the BC meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Thurs/Fri July 21 and 22 in Wilmington for a softball tourney.
- Notable fatality cases where citations have recently been issued or are nearing completion:

### **PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FATALITIES**

- **Tu Caja Express Inc (318233004)** – Fatality where an employee was removing locks from a trailer and caught between that trailer and a backing tractor cab. Citations for one GDC violation and two grouped serious items related to reflective vests/clothing were issued on 5/11/2022, with a proposed penalty of \$4900. The penalty has been paid in full, so the citations are final order. An IC was not requested.
- **Transylvania Country Sheriff's Office (318237344)** – COVID fatality. One serious citation for improper respirator selection (KN95 instead of N95) and one NS

citation for the failure to report a COVID fatality were issued on 5/4/2022 with a penalty of \$9550. An ISA was recently approved reducing the penalty by 25% with no change to the citations.

- **Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (318237476)** – COVID fatality. One NS violation for the failure to report a COVID fatality was issued on 4/28/2022 with a proposed penalty is \$4000. An IC was request on 5/5/2022. An ISA was executed deleting the penalty but keeping the violation. This inspection was closed on 5/23/2022.
- **R.D. Graham Electric, Inc. (318236056)** – fatality where an electrician was electrocuted while changing a light ballast. Two citations under Subpart S for the failure to de-energize circuits and the lack of PPE were issued 4/20/2022, with a penalty of \$8400. An ISA was executed reducing the penalty to \$6300. The citations are final order.
- **City of Asheboro Fire Department (318236015)** – Citations were issued 4/7/2022 for one serious violation for not fit testing N95 respirators and two NS violations for not reporting the fatality and hospitalization. Current penalty is \$11,500. A settlement agreement was executed on 5/11/2022 reducing the penalty to \$8625, which has been paid in full. The citations are final order.

#### **Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator**

- NOK - 318235041 QVC – wanted an update. Under CFR review. Explained the process.
- NOK – 318173036 Sanderson Farms – wanted an update – Still with the review commission.
- NOK – 318239665 Sanford Construction -Just received letter. Case still open. Explained the process.
  - Notes put in OE and supervisor and CSHO's notified.
- Quarterly Meeting was conducted June 3<sup>rd</sup>.