

Bureau Chief Meeting

8/1/23

Jennifer Haigwood - Director's Office

- Jennifer Stackpole / Financial Services updates and reminders
 - Please see the email I forwarded on Aug. 1 with reminders about the Travel Reimbursement form and options for safety shoe reimbursement.
 - Jennifer Stackpole will attend future compliance supervisor meetings to provide helpful updates, particularly on the new accounting system rolling out this fall.
- My work cell phone (919.280.9004) has been disconnected. Please use my personal cell phone (919.656.8758) to contact me anytime. The work number will be removed from future NCDOL phone cards.
- Superlative Awards – nominations are open now
 - Please see the email I forwarded on Aug. 1 with the nomination form and instructions.
 - Nominations are due to me by Wednesday, August 23.
 - Please consider submitting anyone you believe is deserving of this public recognition, but do not feel obligated to submit someone from your bureau if there's not someone who meets that bar.
- I, along with Scott and Jill, met last week with representatives from the US Attorney's Office and the USDOL's OIG. The US Attorney's Office requested this meeting in an effort to learn more about our agency's procedures regarding labor trafficking. I explained our authority (or lack thereof) and also provided Rick Blalock's information as a possible federal resource to help with trafficking concerns in agriculture. I also indicated that Human Trafficking 101 will be part of our annual training in October.
- Commissioner Dobson, Scott, Jill and I are meeting with the N.C. Justice Center (Carol Brooke) on August 7 to discuss the department's procedures for handling requests for statements of interest. Carol Brooke previously requested statements of interest for workers at the Charlotte scaffold accident site. I've been in communication with Kim Morton, as the OSHA National Office appears to have an interest in this meeting.
- Our next BC meeting (August 15) is cancelled, as we also have the supervisor meeting later that week, and I will be out of town on the 15th. Our next BC meeting will be on August 29.

Paul Sullivan – Assistant Director's Report

- The OSHA 100 course went well last week. Thanks to the many instructors who helped out with the course – Lee, Beth, Nicole, Ted, Starsky, Cory, Hollis, Alta, Ric Schumann, and Joe Long. I will likely be making some adjustments to the instructors for the next course – including Kevin McGuire taking over for me teaching FOM Chapter III.
- Thanks to Kevin O'Barr for initiating the process with his health consultants to assist our new HCO trainees with sampling. I've reached out to Tony Watson for an update on him providing a 1-2 week air and noise sampling training course for our new IHs. We now have 10 IH trainees with five more positions posted.

- West Personnel: Ed Bailey started last week (D4 Charlotte) and Christina Medina (D5 WS) was released effective today.
- I'll be submitting a DOLB-8 for attending the AIHA Carolina Section conference in September.

Wanda Lagoe – Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau

- Safety Awards – Finalizing numbers. Have a close out meeting on 9/11/2023 with LaMont and Kiley. Jennifer asked to attend.
- Chris Sholar – new Star Consultant starts 8/21. Tim's last day was July 31.
- Reposted our Safety Trainer positions for thirty days.
- Have interviews for the Standards officer position next Tuesday; two internal people.
- Have Heat Stress billboard posted and banners placed on our website. Have webinars posted for the summer.
- Carolina Star Conference next month.
- Carol out on FML mid-August for a few weeks.
- LaMont on leave most of August; Moving daughter to CA and son getting married.
- New PSM CPL sent out by OSHA for comments by the states. Put in Q&A format. To replace 1994 CPL.
- Checking on hurricane supplies – need to update some of the QCs. Still have QCs with the old Commissioner on them.
- Safe + Sound Week August 7 -13; have webinar posted.
- Training section finalized annual training. Registration should be posted this week.
- Construction Forum in Statesville 9/7. Have 65 registered. Got approval for water and snacks using the Pcard.

Kevin O'Barr - Consultative Services Bureau

- Kevin represented NCDOL at the SERC on 7/21. Met a great potential speaker from USDOT on lithium-ion batteries.
- Kevin is representing Region IV at the 8/1 National OSHCON Board meeting.
- NCVIP is wrapping up smoothly.

Beth Rodman- Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau

- Preocc Stats: 2136 registrations; 2015 inspections conducted, 1968 certificates issued, 552 provisionals, 1 outstanding provisional.
- ASH IT program: Still on track to go live date projected for October 2023.
- Currently have three employees utilizing FMLA who have returned to work but with pretty significant restrictions.

- I will be out the rest of the week Kathy POC.
- Compliance: One CFR file that was opened last week. Forklift fatality.
- Current meetings/groups - Farmworker Vaccine Plan Project Management Team Advisory Group (once per month)

Anne Weaver – Planning Statistics and Information Management Bureau

- IT is switching out the old laptops in PSIM for new ones this week.
- There are currently 999 outstanding public records requests for OSH file documents. Six hundred fourteen (614) of those requests are not currently releasable to the requesters. There are 385 of those file requests that are releasable upon being processed for disclosure.
- Out of 3,287 total Public Sector Injury and Illness Surveys that were mailed out on June 9th, PSIM has received 2,418 or 74% (with 636 of those with errors needing to be resolved by phone call or email). There are 869 (26%) outstanding.

Nicole Brown- East Compliance Bureau

Lee Peacock -West Compliance Bureau

Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator

- Region 4 OSHA inquiry – What State Plans are doing to prevent Heat Stress? - Response by Aug 10th
- Kim reached out asking for us to assist SC – share policy in reference to payment of professional credentials – assistance/salary/compensation.
- Kim is currently the Acting Regional Director for KY
- Next Quarterly Meeting with Kim is Sept 13th