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National News

Hilda Solis Confirmed as Secretary of Labor -

Secretary Hilda Solis was confirmed as Secretary of Labor on February 24, 2009. Prior to confirmation as Secretary of Labor, Secretary Solis represented the 32nd Congressional District, a position she held from 2001 – 2009.

In the Congress, Solis' priorities included expanding access to affordable health care, protecting the environment, and improving the lives of working families. A recognized leader on clean energy jobs, she authored the Green Jobs Act which provided funding for "green" collar job training for veterans, displaced workers, at risk youth, and individuals in families under 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

OSHA Interpretation (01/14/2009) - Whether a manufacturer-stipulated minimum anchor point elevation of 18½ feet precludes the use of a shock absorbing lanyard in an aerial lift. -

Q - "... Since at times the distance between a lift's work platform and a lower level will be less than 18½ feet, does the manufacturer's instruction regarding the minimum anchor point elevation preclude its use as part of a fall protection system in an aerial lift?..."

A - "... section 1926.502(d)(16)(iii) requires a personal fall arrest system to prevent the employee from contacting a lower level. The lanyard you describe would not meet that criterion when the aerial lift's work platform is at heights less than 18½ feet. Even if the working level of the aerial lift will ultimately be higher than 18½ feet, 1926.453(b)(2)(v) requires fall protection for employees in aerial lifts at lesser heights as well. Since the fall protection system you describe would not meet the requirements of §1926.502(d)(16)(iii) under these conditions, it would be prohibited..."

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New eTool on Powered Industrial Trucks (Forklifts)



Preventing Fatal Falls in Construction

Colorado OSHA Fact

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Colorado News

Safety Training for the FOCUS FOUR HAZARDS in the Construction Industry -AGC has partnered with OSHA to offer FREE Susan Harwood Grant training seminars on **April 15 & 16** at the **AGC of Colorado Training Room**.

[Click here](#) to register or for additional details contact **Raj Vohra** at vohra@agc.org or call **(703) 837-5409**

Region VIII Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)

Conference and Workshops (May 5-7) - The workshops will be offered on May 5th, prior to the conference, which begins on May 6th and 7th. All events will be held at the **Sheraton Denver West**.

To register for the workshops and/or the conference, or for more information on details including registration fees, visit the [conference website](#).

Rocky Mountain Health and Safety Conference & Expo - This annual conference, hosted by the **Colorado Safety Association**, will be held on **May 12-13** at the **Denver Marriott Tech Center**.

To register, or for more information on details including registration fees, visit the [conference website](#).

2009 OSHA Update Workshop - In 2008, OSHA revised a number of their safety standards in such areas as **electrical safety, hazardous locations, NFPA 70E and personal protective equipment (PPE)**. The **Workplace Safety Awareness Council** has been awarded a federal grant to deliver FREE training covering these new changes.

The FREE seminar, hosted by **Red Rocks Community College - Rocky Mountain Education Center**, will be held on **May 18** from 8:00 AM to Noon.

[Click here](#) to register or for additional details.

Comments? Contact George B. Flynn at 303-843-4500 or e-mail flynn.george@dol.gov



Rocky Mountain Health & Safety Conference

May 12-13
Denver Marriott Tech Center

Colorado Partnerships

Joint Partnerships:

HOMESAFE Colorado (Residential Homebuilding)
Colorado AGC CHASE (Construction)

Denver Office Partnerships:

Holder Construction Co.

Colorado Alliances

Denver Office:

Mountain States Energy Alliance

Englewood Office:

Pueblo Community College
Pueblo Safety and Health Promotion Council
Trinidad State Junior College
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Joint Alliances:

Colorado Healthcare Association
IBEW/NECA/DJEATC
SafetyFest of the West
Western Colorado Contractors Association
ADSC: Foundation Drillers
Red Rocks Community College

OSHA Training Institute - Rocky Mountain Education Center at Red Rocks



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