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Tips for Preparing for OSHA's Site Specific Targeting Program

Earlier this year, the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) released information on their latest Site Specific Targeting (SST) Program. The OSHA SST program targets industries with elevated injury and illness experience by instituting a program of comprehensive safety and health inspections. This year's program targets manufacturing establishments with a Days Away From Work Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate in excess of 7.0, or Lost Workday Injury and Illness rates in excess of 5.0, based on calendar year 2010 data.

OSHA has released a list of the targeted facilities, and began sending letters to facilities subject to this inspection program. Facilities receiving these letters should prepare for a comprehensive OSHA inspection in the near future.

Some tips for preparing for an OSHA inspection include:

- Ensure that your injury and illness records are up to date, and available on-site, for the past 5 years
- Verify that your required health and safety programs are up to date, especially general programs such as Hazard Communication, Personal Protective Equipment, Lockout / Tagout, and Confined Space
- Ensure that internal guidance documents (such as personal protective equipment hazard assessments, equipment lockout / tagout procedures, and safety data sheet files) are current
- Quiz employees about relevant health and safety topics to verify that they understand and effectively implement your health and safety programs
- Conduct internal audits to identify gaps in your own health and safety compliance, and fill these gaps

before OSHA discovers them

- Check out the top OSHA violations in your industry by reviewing frequently cited standards in [OSHA's database](#).

Effective safety management means identifying and controlling risk in your organization. Focus on your injury and illness records to identify trends and implement systems to prevent reoccurrence. High injury and illness rates do not just leave your organization vulnerable for inspection; they also affect productivity and worker's compensation insurance costs. Follow this [link](#) to find out more about the OSHA SST program.

To find out how Tighe & Bond can help your industry manage risk, and reduce the cost of injury at your facility, contact **Adam Lomartire, CSP** at **(603) 433-8818** or AKLomartire@tighebond.com.



Toxics Use Reduction Reports Due July 1st

The [Toxics Use Reduction Act \(TURA\)](#) requires that Massachusetts companies using large quantities of specific toxic chemicals evaluate and plan for pollution prevention opportunities, implement them if practical, and annually measure and report the results.

This year's toxics use reports, which contain information for calendar year 2012, are due (filed online or postmarked), by July 1, 2013.

EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting Due July 1st

The reporting year (RY) 2012 versions of [TRI-MEweb](#), the [TRI reporting forms and instructions](#), the [TRI chemical list](#), and the [Threshold Screening Tool](#) are now available for facilities to begin reporting for RY 2012. The deadline to submit TRI forms for RY 2012 is midnight on July 1, 2013. As a reminder to facilities submitting paper forms, these can now be completed online prior to printing.

What's Your Source Registration Deadline?

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has released the 2013 Source Registration deadlines for all facilities. Find your facility's deadlines [here](#). For assistance preparing these reports, contact **Tim Kucab** at **(413) 875-1607** or TKKucab@tighebond.com.



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