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Portland hosts pulp and paper industry safety conference

The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) encourages workers and employers to attend the 16th annual Western Pulp and Paper Workers Safety and Health Conference at the Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach in Portland from November 28-December 1.

Among the topics featured at the conference are:

- Electrical Arc-Flash Hazard Analysis
- Papermill Pedestrian and Traffic Safety
- Nutrition/Wellness in the Workplace

Leadership consultant and safety professional Steve Williams will provide the keynote speech on Tuesday, November 28. In his address, "Keeping Negative Emotion and Poor Morale from Damaging Your Safety Process," Williams will explain to conference participants how negative emotion and poor morale have a direct impact on safety, increasing the probability of accidents and injuries occurring at work.

Registration fees for the conference are \$185 for the full three-day event. Attend any single day for \$75, or attend the Friday general session meeting for \$15. An awards dinner on Wednesday, November 29 will honor significant contributions to safety and health in the pulp, paper, and converting industries. Tickets for the awards dinner are \$20 per person.

For more information about the conference or to register, call Oregon OSHA's Conference Section, (503) 378-3272 or (888) 292-5247 option one, or visit the Conferences Web page at www.orosha.org/conferences.

The conference is a joint effort of the Oregon-Idaho-Utah Pulp and Paper Workers Council of the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers, Oregon OSHA, the Washington/Alaska Safety

Council of the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers, the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries/Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Paper/Allied-Industrial/Chemical and Energy Workers International Union (PACE), the Labor Education Research Center (LERC), and the pulp and paper manufacturing industry.

Oregon OSHA enforces the state's workplace safety and health rules and works to improve workplace safety and health for all Oregon workers by inspecting worksites for safety and health violations, investigating workplace accidents, responding to complaints, and providing consultation, training and technical services, and safety and health recognition programs.

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