OSHA Delays Enforcement of Silica Rule

Provided by: AGC Safety Matters – May 2017

In April, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced a delay in enforcement of the crystalline silica standard that applies to the construction industry to conduct additional outreach and provide educational materials and guidance for employers.

The agency has determined that additional guidance is necessary due to the unique nature of the requirements in the construction standard. Originally scheduled to begin June 23, 2017, enforcement will now begin Sept. 23, 2017.

OSHA expects employers in the construction industry to continue to take steps either to come into compliance with the new permissible exposure limit, or to implement specific dust controls for certain operations as provided in Table 1 of the standard. Construction employers should also continue to prepare to implement the standard’s other requirements, including exposure assessment, medical surveillance and employee training.

AGC will continue to fight this standard in court and advise OSHA on the problematic issues the construction industry faces with implementation. To provide contractors with a better understanding of what is expected of them by OSHA, the association has developed the Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction webpage. The site includes a plain text summary of the rule; compliance flow chart; enhanced Table 1; and air monitoring and objective data collection form.

Breaking down the infrastructure construction boom in Hampton Roads

Provided by: The Virginian-Pilot – April 21, 2017

We’re in the middle of a construction renaissance, and you might not realize the scope of the projects unless you attended a Thursday presentation by Jim Utterback, head of the Hampton Roads District of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

He throws up a map – nearly every segment of interstate in the region is circled: more than $4.9 billion for study and construction of major interstate projects in coming years.
It’s a record locally, and you gotta think it compares pretty well to any other region doing construction work.

A lot of it can be attributed to the creation of a 2.1 percent regional gas tax enacted in July 2013 along with Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, the group overseeing the tax and its spending. [Read more...]

**AGCVA NEWS . . .**

**SPRING BOARD CONFERENCE held in Northern VA**  
**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Discussion**

The AGCVA Board met with fellow members from the NOVA district in Alexandria, Virginia on May 28 & 29. AGC America staff presented on several federal topics: from how members can best plan with the Trump administration’s agenda and budget plans to regulatory initiatives, to the benefits AGC America offers all members employees (they are numerous).

Saturday morning was focused on a passionate Workforce Development discussion with staff from the Governor’s office: Elizabeth Creamer and Jeff Brown who oversee administering 24 Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development programs across the state, serving 1.4 million Virginians ranging from middle and high school students to community college students as well as veteran’s programs. The programs involve 8 separate state agencies, 4 Secretaries and a combined budget of about $350 million annually. They were not only there to talk, but listen to the members concerns with finding qualified workers.

Ms. Creamer and Mr. Brown shared “The Governor’s Blueprint for Workforce Development” with the group. The document outlines the Policy Frameworks for Workforce Development as well as Strategic Actions and Accomplishments in the area of Workforce Development.

After significant discussion from attendees, VCIEF Chairman, Robert Lee capsulated the following key takeaways:

**JOB AVAILABILITY** to insure that jobs are available and to show a clear path toward obtaining those jobs and the importance of communication in order to learn which firms have opportunities and whether they are actually in the firm, obtained through the use of community colleges, etc.

**EDUCATION:** Do we want to be training people in the skilled trades or just be a clearinghouse for information on where those trades are available?

**OUTREACH:** It is critical our new Workforce Development Manager craft a plan to market the opportunities for construction careers to the right targets.
The Board has tasked VCIEF with developing a strategy we can execute quickly and broadly to reach the greatest number of prospects. If you have suggestions or are willing to assist AGC in the area of Workforce Development in your area, **contact Courtney Baker at:** Courtney@agcva.org

The focus of the summer board meeting will be revising AGC’s public policy positions. Plan to attend the summer conference at the Homestead on August 11 & 12, 2017.

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**AGCVA RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Richard “Dick” Moyers will be retiring from AGCVA in December 2017. Dick has been with AGCVA since 1998 as the Executive Director and Eastern Regional Manager. He has been an effective District Manager with many Sold Out Events in his districts.

He moved his family from the Shenandoah Valley with experience as the Executive Director of the Virginia Poultry Federation. He graduated with a Masters from James Madison University.

We wish him well on his retirement and he will be missed.

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**COMING SOON! AGCVA NEW WEBSITE**

AGCVA is in the midst of assembling a NEW WEBSITE that will be available late summer 2017. If you have any recommendations for the site let us know.

Contact **Sheila Collins** at 804.364.5504 x211

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**CONTROLLER WANTED for AGCVA**

**Position Summary:** The Controller will report to the CEO and oversee all accounting responsibilities for AGCVA Chapter, its 9 districts, Political Action Committee (PAC), and Virginia Construction Industry Educational Foundation (VCIEF):

- Ensures overall GAAP, regulatory compliance, and internal control monitoring
• Proactively initiates and facilitates continuous improvement of accounting processes and practices
• Provides financial reporting including regulatory, monthly, annual, and ad hoc reporting
• Prepares and analyzes financial information detailing assets, liabilities, capital, revenue, and expenses
• Prepares or reviews all schedules required by third party vendors, external accountants, and bankers
• Reviews all credit card transactions
• Assists with budget preparation
• Manages association database
• Manages association benefits including health, disability, dental, and life insurances, and HSA
• Processes all new hire paperwork

Full description [here](#)

For more information contact [Gordon Dixon](#), CEO 804.516.1057

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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT . . .**

**SkillsUSA Competition**

SkillsUSA Virginia held its 53rd State Leadership Conference and Competitions in Fredericksburg this past weekend. Over 2,600 students and advisors attended the two day event on Friday and Saturday while competing for the opportunity to represent Virginia at the National SkillsUSA conference in Louisville, KY.

Among the competitions is what is known as the Construction Cluster. This cluster represents the largest component of the SkillsUSA competitions and includes Carpentry, Plumbing, Masonry, HVAC, Electrical Wiring, and many other trades. Over 2/3 of the competition floor, roughly 23,664 square feet, is dedicated to the construction industry and supporting trades.

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**MEMBER NEWS ...**

Parker Design Group, Inc.
Parker Design Group, Inc. is excited to announce the acquisition of Stone Engineering, Inc. in Rocky Mount, Virginia. This acquisition of such a well-respected and reputable firm furthers the mission of Parker Design Group, Inc., which strives to be a forward thinking, goal driven Civil Engineering Firm with a PASSIONATE desire to assist those proposing to alter the natural landscape. Clyde Spencer, PE, LS, will continue to serve the needs of former Stone Engineering, Inc. clients transferring to Parker Design Group, Inc. Clyde brings years of expertise and experience including an impressive portfolio of projects with him.

The acquisition of Stone Engineering, Inc. demonstrates the ability of both companies to adapt and provide for the needs of their clients. Parker Design Group, Inc. feels that the reputation and respect that Stone Engineering, Inc. has established over the years will contribute to their high standards of design and client satisfaction. Their combined goal is to be the experts of the ever-changing regulatory world while using the latest technology and education to provide excellent service resulting in a profitable business. In addition, Parker Design Group, Inc., as a larger firm, can provide the resources to enhance the services offered to Stone Engineering, Inc. clients.

### SEMINARS & TRAINING

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT - MODULE 3**

**Thursday, May 25 – Friday, May 26, 2017**

**TIME:** 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**AGCVA Headquarters**

11950 Nuckols Road – Glen Allen, VA 23059

**COST Per Person:**  
- AGCVA Member: $495  
- Non Member: $795

**INSTRUCTOR:**

Mike DuBose, Project Manager - W. M. Jordan Company

This course will assist early-career project managers in identifying the role pre-planning has in affecting the success of a project and furthering their understanding of the different areas of planning for the construction phase of the project.

### CQC – Construction Quality Contractor Training

Both the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Navy require that CQC personnel pass this training program as part of the certification process. AGC has worked with these groups over the past eighteen years to provide this training on a convenient, reasonably-priced basis.

A registration fee of $200/member rate and $250/non-member rate will be charged per attendee to cover the cost of the meeting facility, lunch, handout materials and refreshments. Upcoming Dates:
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Future County Improvement Projects Meeting
over $850 million of capital projects are planned & funded with these bond referendums
Come join the Richmond District for a Breakfast Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017  -  TIME:  7:30 am
Willow Oaks Country Club  -  6228 Forest Hill Ave

SPEAKERS:
Louis G Lassiter - Deputy County Administrator, Finance and Administration, Chesterfield County
Anthony J. Romanello - Deputy County Manager, Henrico County

Both gentlemen will also have members of their team present to help discuss the Capital Improvement Plans including school highlights from recent bond referendums and the multitude of other major projects planned.

They also plan to have Purchasing Directors there along with representatives from the General Services Department regarding major maintenance projects.

This session is a great event for contractor strategic planning for work coming in the near future. Workforce development and other topics will be discussed to combat labor shortages.

In the next two years over $850 million of capital projects are planned and funded with these bond referendums.

REGISTER HERE

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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