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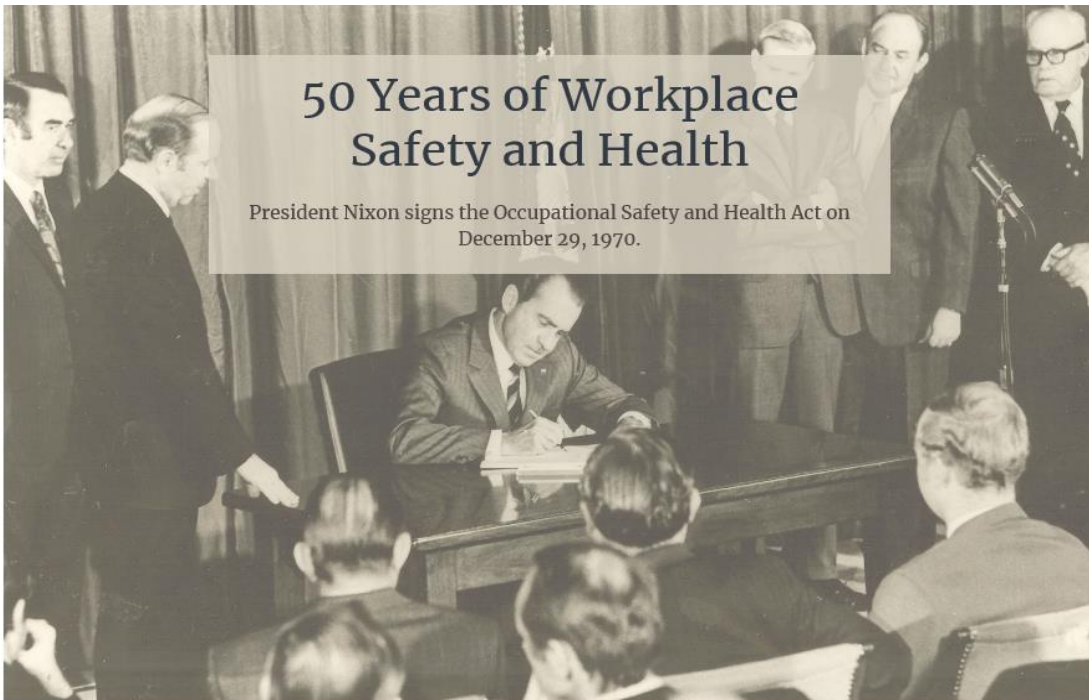
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Agenda

- OSHA at 50
- COVID-19 update
- Enforcement Data
- Rule making
- Compliance Assistance



OSHA at 50



- **50th anniversary of the OSH ACT**
- **Landmark legislation:**
establishing OSHA and providing federal workplace safety and health protections.

OSHA's Mission?

Prevent work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths.

How many people work for OSHA?

2,173

People to make a positive impact on the lives and Safety and Health of our nation's working men and women

OSHA's Comprehensive Approach



Enforcement

Standards and
Guidance

Cooperative and
State Programs



OSHA's Continuing Mission

- OSHA and its state partners, coupled with efforts of employers, safety & health professionals, unions and advocates, have helped **dramatically reduce** workplace injuries and illnesses.
- Worker fatalities in America are **down**—on average, from 38 workers a day in 1970 to **14** a day in **2017**.
- Worker injuries and illnesses are **down**—from 10.9 incidents per 100 workers in 1972 to **2.8** per 100 in **2017**.

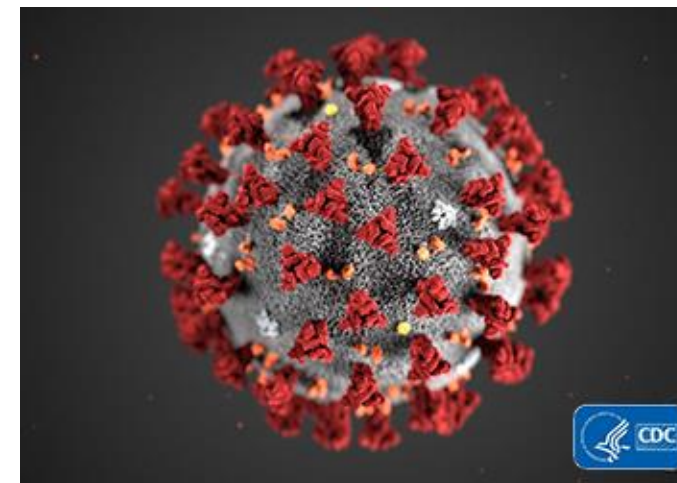
Today's workplace?

- Occupational fatalities in 2018 were about 5,250 workers
 - Slip, trip and fall / 791
 - Struck by object / 786
 - Electrical contact / 174
 - Transportation accidents / 2,080
 - Death by Suicide / 304
 - Unintentional Overdoses / 305

<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cfoi.nr0.htm>

Protecting workers from risk of exposure to COVID-19

- OSHA is coordinating closely with CDC, including NIOSH, and other federal agencies to monitor the ongoing pandemic.
- OSHA's message is clear:
 - Employers should have a plan for protecting workers and preventing further spread of disease, as well as maintaining the employer's day-to-day functions.



www.osha.gov/coronavirus

Occupational Exposure Risks

- Risk of exposure in many workplaces likely reflects the risk to the general public in the community where the workplace is located
- Risk increases when workers have frequent, close contact with the general public or other coworkers

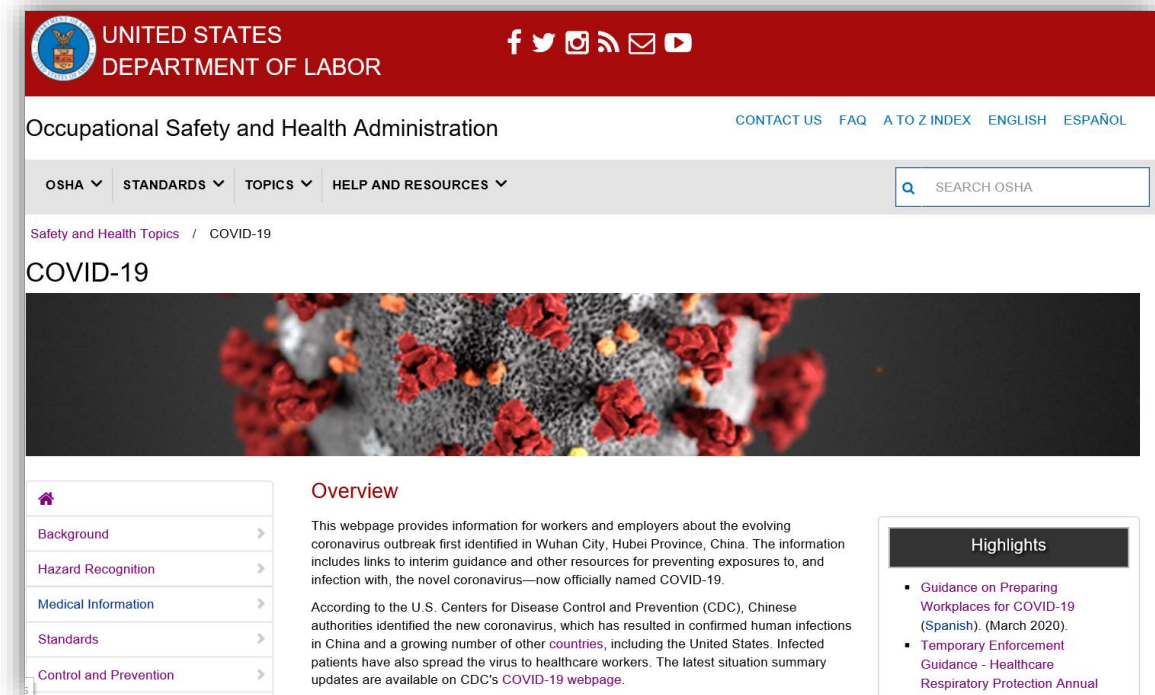


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OSHA Guidance

- OSHA developed a variety of guidance materials for workers and employers on how to stay healthy during the pandemic
- [OSHA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus) includes information on implementing the hierarchy of controls when workers have specific exposure risks



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Issues Guidance Alerting Employers to Frequently Cited Standards Related to COVID-19 Inspections

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The one-pager and guidance document provide available resources that address the most frequently cited standards, including [Respiratory Protection](#), [Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses](#), [Personal Protective Equipment](#) and the [General Duty Clause](#). The one-pager provides examples of requirements employers must follow, such as:

- Provide a medical evaluation before a worker is fit-tested or uses a respirator.
- Establish, implement, and update a written respiratory protection program with required worksite-specific procedures.
- Train workers to safely use respirators and/or other PPE in the workplace, and retrain workers about changes in the workplace that might make previous training obsolete.
- Store respirators and other PPE properly in a way to protect them from damage, contamination, and, where applicable, deformation of the facepiece and exhalation valve.
- Keep required records of work-related fatalities, injuries, and illness.

OSHA Guidance Cont.

For all workers, regardless of specific exposure risks:

- Practice good and frequent hand hygiene
- Follow good cough/sneeze etiquette
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick



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THE WHISTLEBLOWER Protection Programs



Know Your
RIGHTS

Worker
PROTECTIONS

File a
COMPLAINT

Occupational
Safety and Health
Administration

OSHA Announces \$2,496,768 In Coronavirus Violations

November 6, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC – Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Oct. 29, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued citations arising from 179 inspections for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$2,496,768.

OSHA inspections have resulted in the agency citing employers for violations, including failures to:

- Implement a [written respiratory protection program](#);
- Provide a medical evaluation, respirator fit test, training on the proper use of a respirator and personal protective equipment;
- [Report](#) an injury, illness or fatality;
- Record an injury or illness on OSHA [recordkeeping forms](#); and
- Comply with the [General Duty Clause](#) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

www.osha.gov/coronavirus



OSHA Announces \$1,603,544 In Coronavirus Violations

WASHINGTON, DC – Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Oct. 15, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited 112 establishments for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$1,603,544.

OSHA inspections have resulted in the agency citing employers for violations, including failures to:

- Implement a [written respiratory protection program](#);
- Provide a medical evaluation, respirator fit test, training on the proper use of a respirator and personal protective equipment;
- [Report](#) an injury, illness or fatality;
- Record an injury or illness on OSHA [recordkeeping forms](#); and
- Comply with the [General Duty Clause](#) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

Staying Safe During COVID-19

Remember to:

- Stay home if sick
- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol
- Wear a face covering
- Continue social distancing
- Avoid sharing equipment and tools

Suicide Prevention In the Workplace

Get help now.

If you're having trouble coping with work-related stress, talk with someone who can help.

- Call 1-800-273-8255
- Para español 1-888-628-9454
- Online chat suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat



Opioids in the Workplace

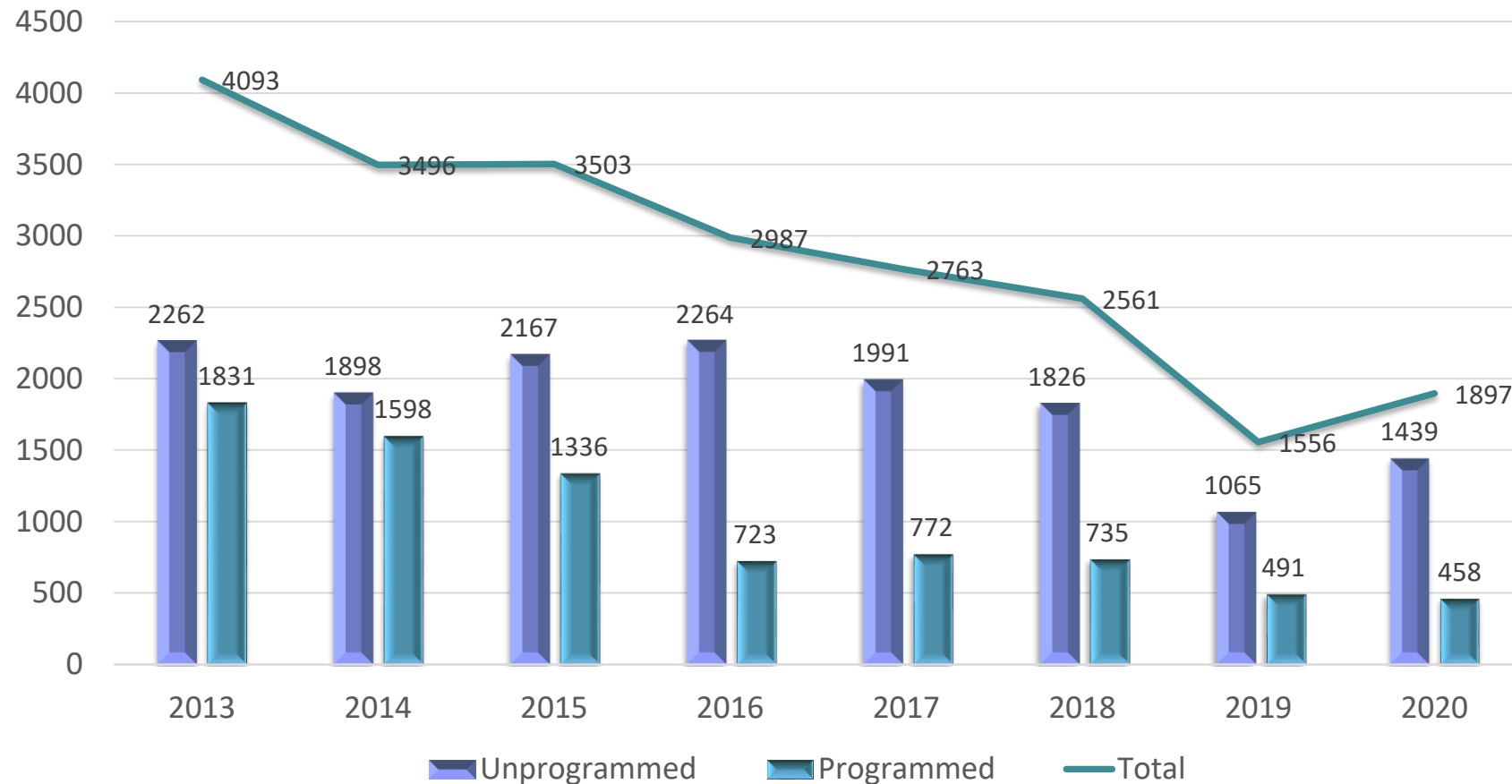
- Workers in occupations at higher risk for injury and illness – such as construction -- are more likely to:
 - Obtain opioid prescriptions.
 - Die from an opioid overdose
- Construction industry has one of the highest injury rates.
- Opioids are commonly prescribed to construction workers.

Workplace Deaths Suicide/Overdose

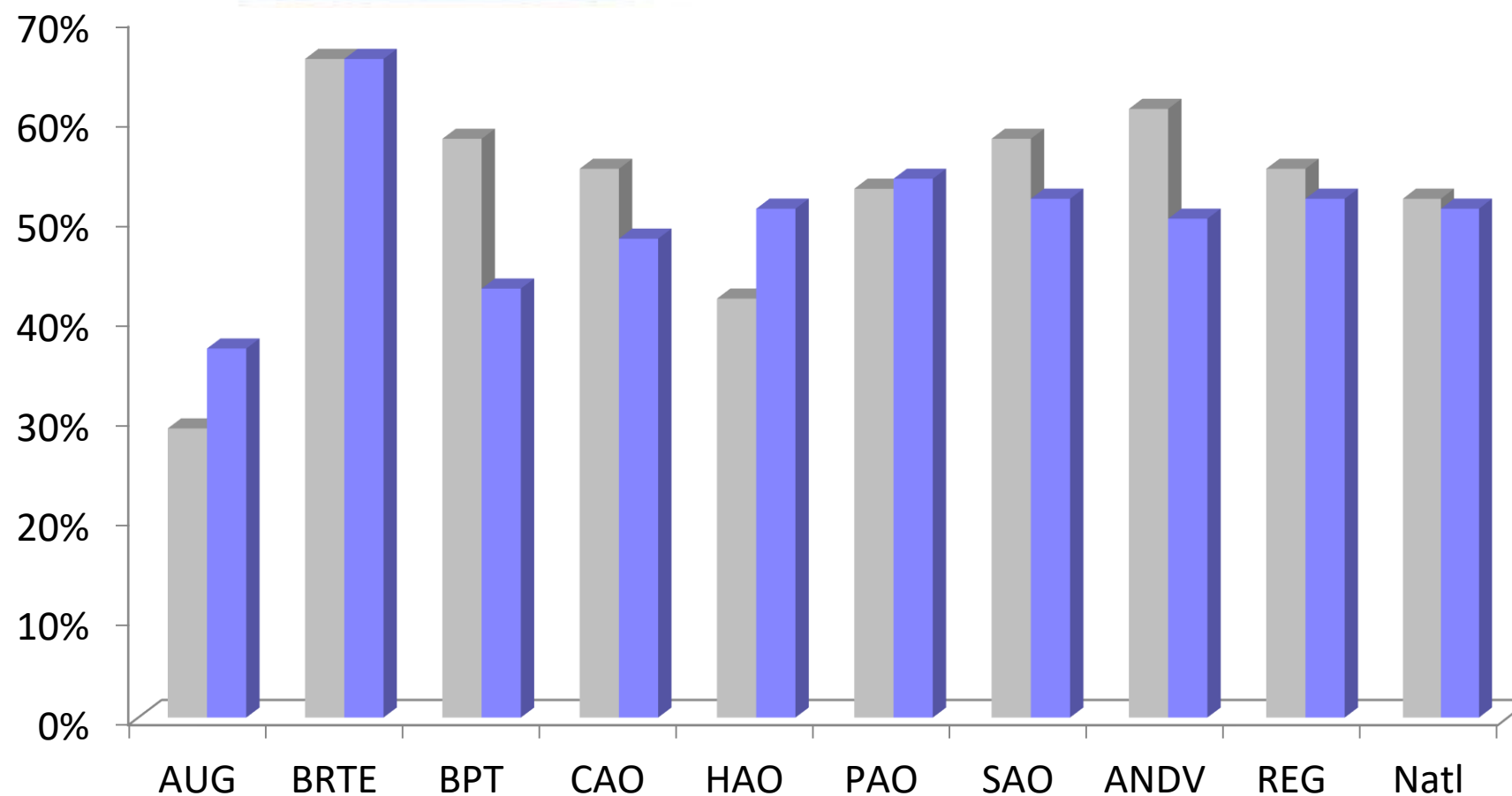
Year	Number of Suicides	Number of Drug Overdoses
2013	282	82
2014	280	114
2015	229	165
2016	291	217
2017	275	272

ENFORCEMENT DATA

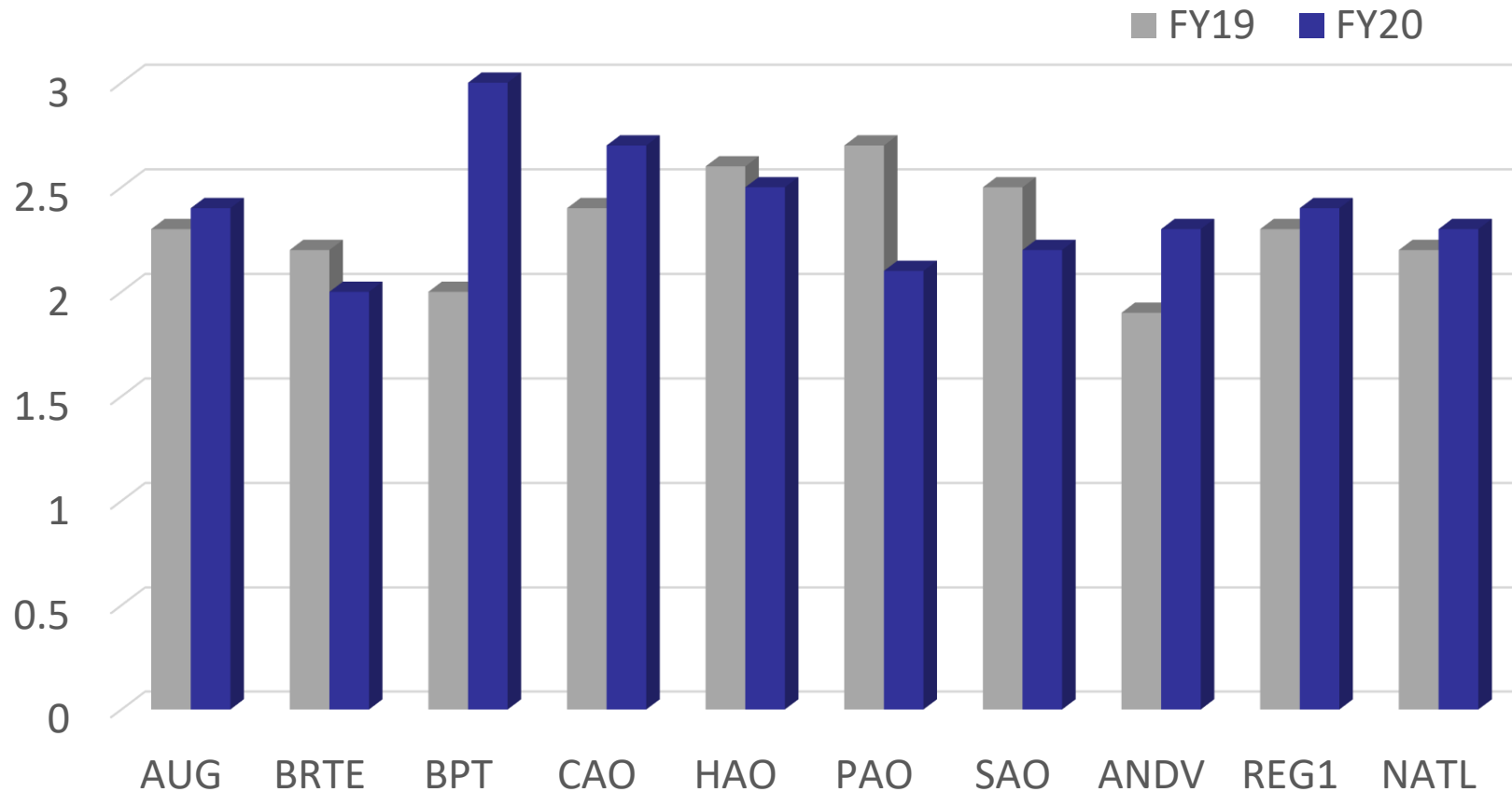
Region I FY20 Inspection Type



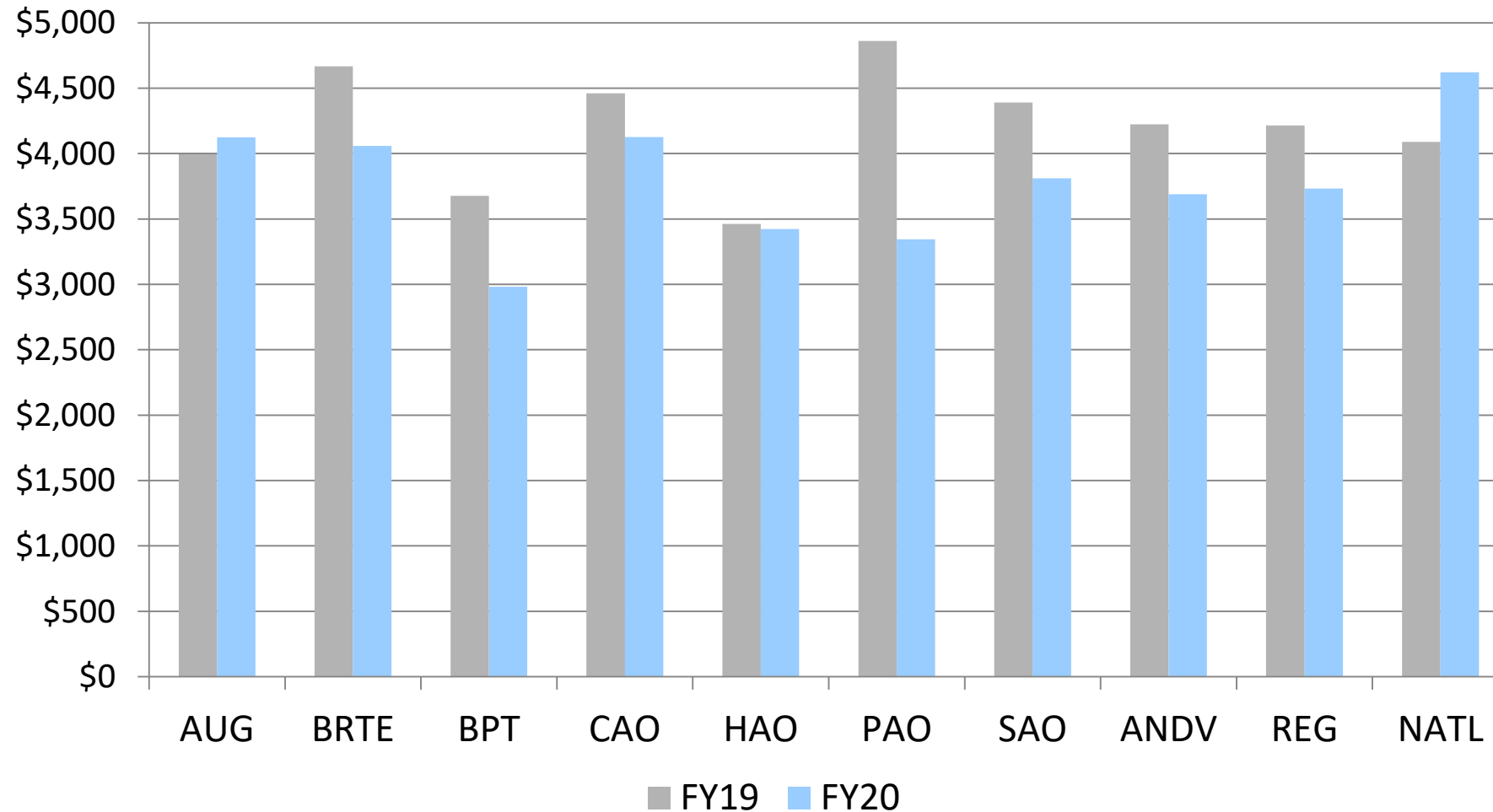
Region I - % Construction Inspections FY19 v. FY20



Region I - Average Number Violation Per Inspection FY19 vs FY20



Region I - Average Dollar Value of Penalty per Serious Violation FY19 vs FY20



OSHA Trenching Initiative

- Agency Priority Goal (APG): Reducing trenching hazards through enforcement and compliance assistance
- National Emphasis Program for Trenching
- New and updated trenching and excavation safety and training resources
- Publicity, outreach, stakeholder support
- Trench Safety Stand Down and other events

Preventing Trenching Incidents

- DOL's Strategic Plan identifies trenching hazards as an agency priority.
- OSHA's goal is to increase the number of corrected trenching hazards through enforcement and consultation.



Excavations
in Construction

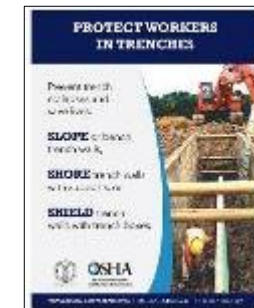
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5 Things You
Should Know
To [Stay Safe](#)
in a Trench



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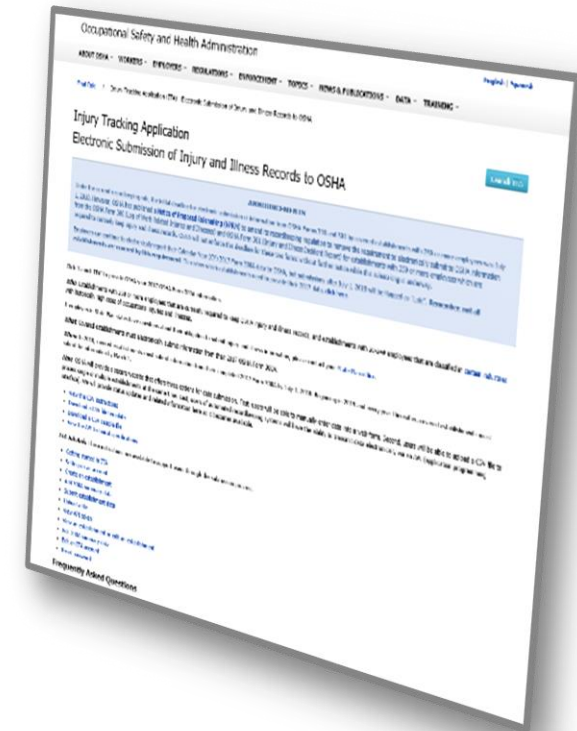
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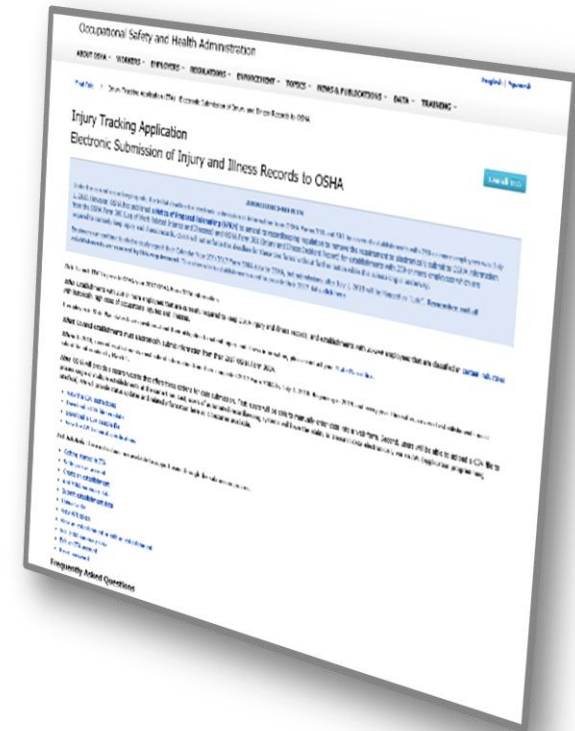
Regulatory Activities

- Railroad Cranes - Final Rule in effect
- Crane Amendments - NPRM Clearance
- Communication Towers - NPRM
- Welding in Confined Spaces - NPRM
- PPE in Construction - NPRM
- Powered Industrial Trucks - NPRM (ACCSH)
- Hazard Communication - NPRM



General Industry Regulatory Activities

- Mechanical Power Press
- Tree Care Standard
- Powered Industrial Trucks Design
- Hazard Communication
- Lock-Out/Tag-Out



Directives

- New Excavation Directive
- New Small Unmanned Aerial System (Drone) Directive
- Updating of Crane Directive for Operator Certification



COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

Compliance Assistance Plan

- Training
- Susan Harwood Grant Program
- Onsite Consultation
- Compliance Assistance Specialist
- State Plan States
- Cooperative Programs
 - Alliances
 - Partnerships
 - Voluntary Protection Program

FY 2021 National Outreach Events

- **Stand-Up 4 Grain Safety Week** (Mar. 29 – Apr. 2, 2021)
- **National Work Zone Awareness Week** (Apr. 26-30, 2021)
- **Fall Prevention Stand-Down** (May 2021)
- **Heat Illness Prevention** (May 21, 2021)
- **Trench Safety Stand-Down** (June 2021)
- **Safe + Sound Week** (August 2021)

OSHA Region 1 VPP



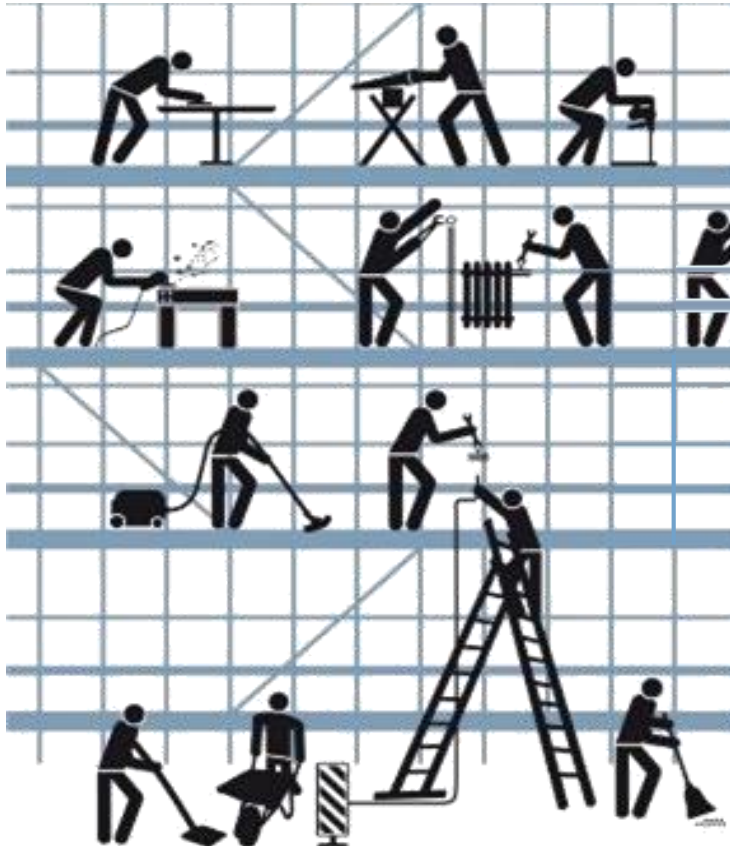
Voluntary Protection Programs

Participants:

- Exceed OSHA standards
- Develop and implement effective safety and health programs
- Mentor other employers and workers
- 1,369 federal VPP sites currently



VPP National Impact



- Nearly 800,000 workers covered
- Injury and illness rates are 50% or lower than industry averages

Worksites

- 52 VPP sites in Region 1
- Approximately 31,000 covered employees
- 11 Sites with collective bargaining entities

Applicants

- Chatham Village Foods – Wareham, MA
- Raytheon BBN Technologies – Cambridge, MA

On-Site Consultation Program

- No cost to employers
- Separate from enforcement and confidential
- Identifies workplace hazards
- Advice on compliance with OSHA standards
- Helps employers establish safety and health programs
- 26,000 visits annually to small employers



CONSULTATION PROGRAMS (21D)

CONN-OSHA

WorkWise NH

WorkSAFE

SafetyWorks

MA Consultation

RI 21d

Consultation CPM

John Rosa-CT

Sam Knight-ME

Kathy Flannery-MA

Wayne Hartz-NH

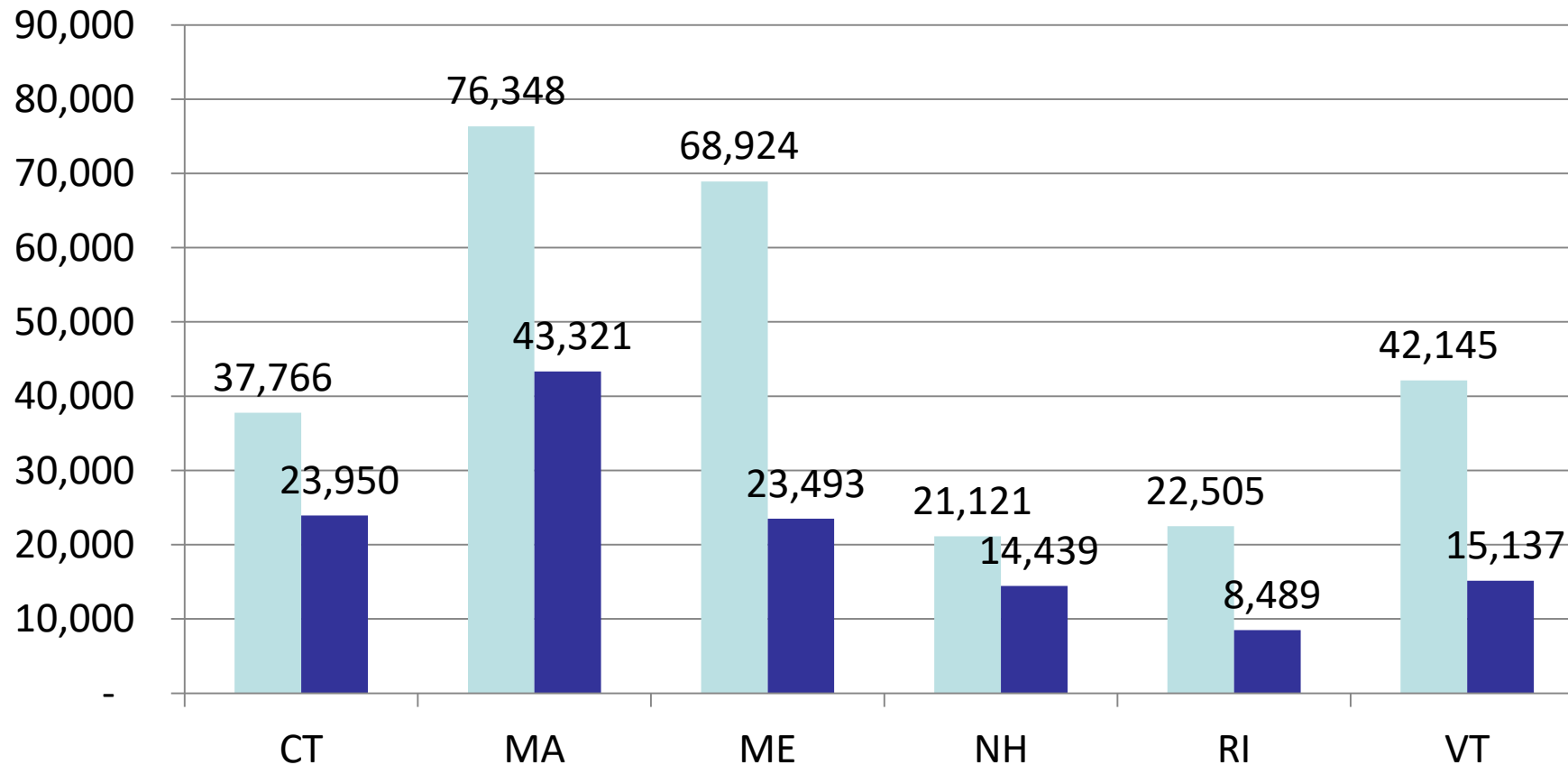
Mike Deluca-RI

Luke McCarthy - VT

 On-site Consultation



Employees Removed from Hazards FY19/FY20 – Region I

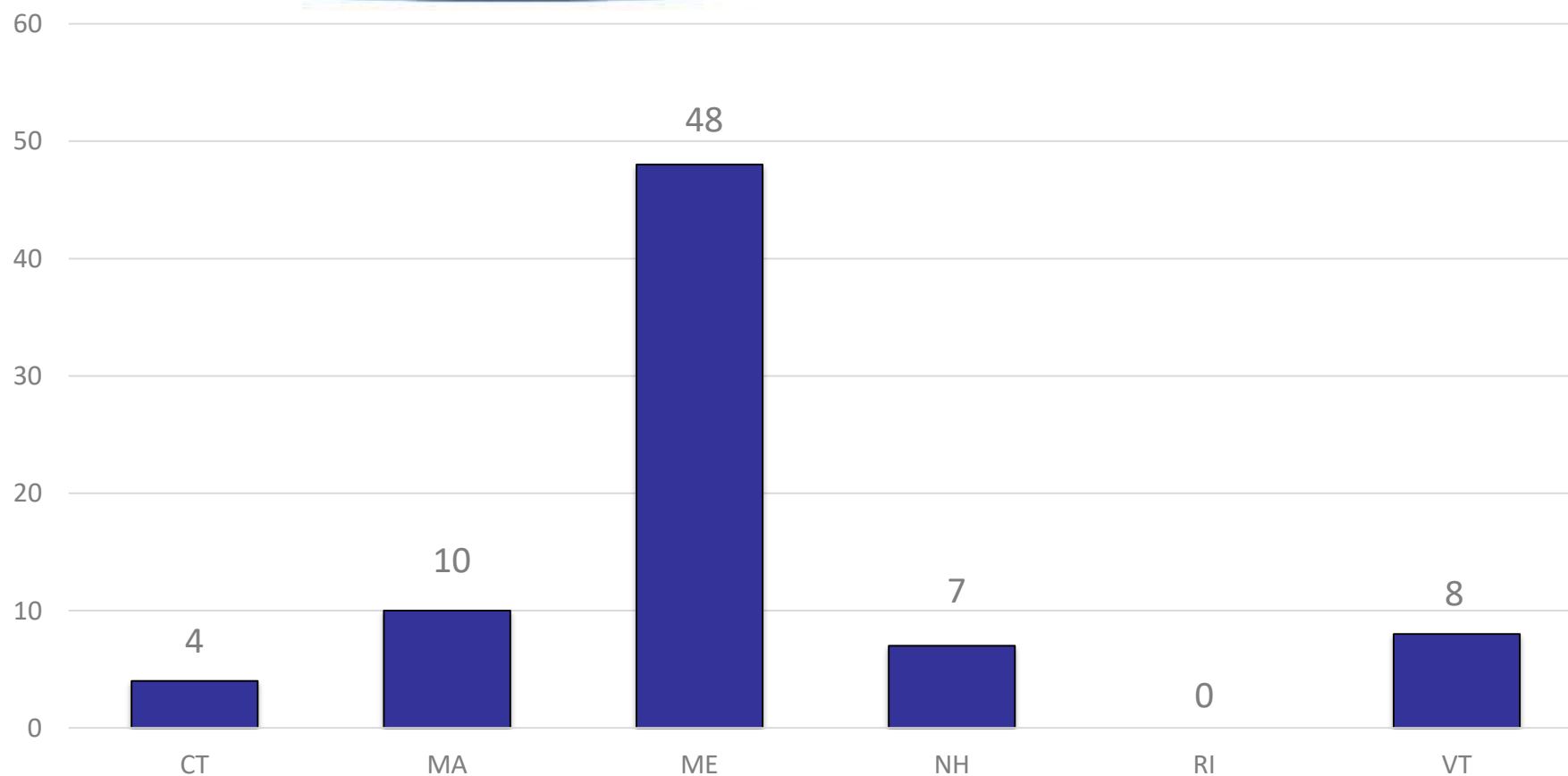


FY19/268,809

FY20/128,829

21 (d) Consultation

SHARP Sites FY20 – Region I



New England Roundtable Online Series



— A VIRTUAL EVENT WITH —

LEE SHELBY
MOTIVATIONAL SAFETY SPEAKER



December 2, 2020

9:00 am to 10:15 am | log-on begins at 8:30 am

taking place online at: <https://keene.zoom.us/j/402526797>



REGION I

SUSAN HARWOOD GRANTS

Grantee	Topic	Contact Name	Contact Emil
Brazilian Worker Center, Inc	Fall Prevention	Natalicia Tracy	ed@braziliancenter.org
National Council for Occupational Safety and Health	COVID-19	Marcy Goldstein-Gelb	marcy@nationalcosh.org
University of New Hampshire	Safety and Health Hazard awareness	Susan Sosa	Susa.sosa@unh.edu
University of Southern Maine	COVID-19	Judith Tupper	Judy.tupper@maine.edu

OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers



- National network of nonprofit organizations
- Provide training courses nationwide for private and public sector workers
- Primary providers of Outreach Training Program trainer courses
- Other general industry and construction safety topics
- Classes now being conducted via video conferencing

OSHA QuickTakes



- **Free** OSHA e-newsletter delivered twice monthly to more than 280,000 subscribers
- **Latest news** about OSHA initiatives and products to help employers and workers find and prevent workplace hazards
- Sign up at www.osha.gov

Continual Updates

- Visit OSHA's website to sign up to receive OSHA information:
 - QuickTakes biweekly newsletter **(287,000+ subscribers)**
 - Tip of the Day **(33,700+ subscribers)**
 - www.osha.gov/contactus
- Follow OSHA on social media
 - Twitter: @OSHA_DOL **(21,500+ followers)**
 - Facebook: Follow the Department of Labor page

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Questions?



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