

# Wholesale and Retail Trade: NORA Sector Council Bulletin: July 2011, Volume 1, Issue 7



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## NIOSH and Industry Updates

1. NIOSH signed a Letter of Agreement with the Food Marketing Institute (FMI) Rhett Asher, the new VP of Industry Relations. NIOSH and FMI will work cooperatively to provide outreach, communication, and professional development opportunities regarding occupational safety and health, and facilitate the transfer and implementation of effective workplace injury prevention measures.

2. Various forms of promotional materials were developed and distributed.

- A spotlight for MMH workshop on WRT program portfolio page. Please visit:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/programs/wrt/>

-CDC/NIOSH/ Wholesale and Retail MMH Workshop & Meeting Website. Please visit:  
<http://www.eh.uc.edu/MMHworkshop/>

3. NIOSH Surveillance Portal for the WRT. Please visit:  
[http://wwwn.cdc.gov/niosh-survapps/Gateway/Default.aspx?s=WRT&c=\\*\\*\\*](http://wwwn.cdc.gov/niosh-survapps/Gateway/Default.aspx?s=WRT&c=***)

**4. A Call for MMH experts in the WRT business sector who would share some real manual lifting problems that need to be improved in efficiency and safety.**

## Kickoff speakers for the MMH Workshop

David E. George & Brian E. McNamara



David E. George, CFI, LPC is Vice President over Asset Protection for Harris Teeter Supermarkets, Inc., a 200-store Regional Chain based out of Matthews, NC. He has been with Harris Teeter for over 10 years, and has had previous loss prevention leadership roles with Kmart Supercenters. David has over 15 years of Asset Protection experience and currently serves on FMI's Asset Protection Council. He holds the Loss Prevention Certification. As VP over Asset Protection, his responsibilities include ensuring the safety of the stores' associates. Harris Teeter Supermarkets have been innovative in finding ways to improve employee safety and morale. Mr. George is well known as an excellent motivator and speaker.

Brian E. McNamara is the CEO for Southworth International Group, the leading manufacturer of material handling (MH) equipment for vertical lifting and work positioning. He has been with Southworth for over 25 years. He is currently seated on the Board of Governors for the Material Handling Industry of America (MHIA). The MHIA is the largest MH trade association representing 800 leading providers of MH equipment & logistics solutions. Mr. McNamara has held various leadership positions within the MHIA for over 20 years.

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**Nominate yourself or someone from your organization. If travel funds are a problem, please email Vern Anderson at [vep1@cdc.gov](mailto:vep1@cdc.gov).**



5. The proposed OSHA recordkeeping requirements apply to the WRT: OSHA is proposing to update Appendix A to Subpart B of its Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting regulation. Appendix A contains a list of industries that are partially exempt from maintaining records of occupational injuries and illnesses, generally due to their relatively low rates of occupational injury and illness. The current list of industries is based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. In 1997, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) was introduced to classify establishments by industry. The proposed rule would update Appendix A by replacing it with a list of industries based on NAICS and more recent injury and illness data. The proposed rule would also require employers to report to OSHA, within eight hours, all work-related fatalities and all work-related in-patient hospitalizations; and within 24 hours, all work-related amputations. The current regulation requires an employer to report to OSHA, within eight hours, all work-related fatalities and in-patient hospitalizations of three or more employees.

DATES: *Written comments:* Comments must be submitted by September 20, 2011. You may submit comments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>

## NIOSH Demonstration Projects Find MSD-Linked Burden Eased By Handling Equipment

Latest News from InsideOSHAOnline.com

Six demonstration projects spearheaded by NIOSH researchers have found examples of how ergonomically designed manual materials handling equipment could be used to reduce the physical burden of manual lifting in wholesale and retail jobs, agency officials said.

Researchers updated participants in the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) on the demonstration projects during a liaison committee and partnership meeting June 29 in Washington.

NIOSH developed the demonstration projects through its wholesale and retail trade sector program, whose mission, according to a slide presentation for the NORA meeting, is to provide leadership and technical information; promote occupational safety and health (OSH) as a core value or operating principle within the industries; and partner with trade organizations to ensure that OSH principles are highlighted in their programs and meetings.

Examples of affected industries include home centers, warehouse clubs, supermarkets, nursery and garden centers, pet supplies, and beer and wine distributors.

"Back injuries are very prevalent in a lot of retail and wholesale businesses," Vern Putz Anderson, coordinator of NIOSH's wholesale and retail trade sector program, told *Inside OSHA Online*. The purpose of the demonstration projects, he said, was to let companies know that there is some equipment available. A key finding, he said, was that "before any company decides to get serious about it, maybe they need to work more closely with the design engineers." The use of effective manual materials handling (MMH) equipment could help not just with avoiding injuries but also save money by avoiding work loss and the need to match workers to specific tasks, he said. "If you have the right equipment, you don't have to be a linebacker to unload a truck."

The agency plans to hold an MMH workshop in Cincinnati from Oct. 11-12. Participants are expected to include practitioners/researchers, industry/safety/loss prevention representatives, and manufacturers/vendors of MMH equipment.

-- Christopher Cole [edited for length by NIOSH WRT staff]



# Manual Materials Handling Workshop: **Matching Solutions to Problems**

October 11-12, 2011  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cincinnati, OH

**The workshop will focus on developing engineering solutions for manual materials handling (MMH) jobs in Retail, Wholesale, and Warehousing (RWW) industries.**

#### **Attendees:**

- Industry/safety/loss prevention representatives from the RWW industries who believe there must be a better way of moving materials and containers in their businesses.
- Manufacturers/vendors of MMH equipment who desire to partner with one or more RWW industries to explore/develop the next generation of MMH equipment.
- Practitioners/researchers who seek to partner with businesses in implementing and evaluating MMH engineering solutions.

**Format:** Panel discussion focusing on each of nine common, but unique MMH jobs.

**When:** October 11- 12, 2011

**Where:** Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Registration Site:** University of Cincinnati <http://www.eh.uc.edu/MMHworkshop>

**Registration Fee:** \$200; late fee \$250 After September 1, 2011

#### **Sponsoring Organizations**

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
- Ergonomic Assist Systems and Equipment Council (EASE) of Material Handling Industry of America (MHIA)
- University of Cincinnati
- Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
- SuperValu
- Target
- Warehousing Education and Research Council (WERC)
- Food Marketing Institute (FMI)
- Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF)

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