

# The Safety Indicator

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*Consortium Goal: To Share information and ideas that will result in safer work environments*

## **We Still Need Meeting Sites!**

We still need a meeting site for Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, as well as for the upcoming year. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Mike Edgar. We'd like to have a "pool" of eligible locations, so please consider hosting a meeting.



## **Topics for our next meeting:**

Mr. Jack Tiffany from Industrial Medical Associates will present a briefing on "The Aging Workforce." As with needing hosts, we would like to have a series of speakers lined up for subsequent meetings. If you, or someone you know, would like to give a presentation, please contact anyone on the Facilitation Team.

## **Facilitation Team**

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If you are interested in being a Team Member, please call one of the above.

## **August 8, 2006 Consortium Meeting Minutes:**

First, a "Thank You." Slocum-Dickson Medical Group, and Allison Burns, have our gratitude for providing meeting space and refreshments. Mr. Bryan Seal from the Syracuse OSHA office gave two informative briefings. He first detailed the various methods OSHA uses to determine when to review a company's safety performance. The top three triggers are responding to a fatality, catastrophic occurrence, or formal complaint. The next set of categories include companies that have operations which put them in "special interest" categories that OSHA focuses on. Visits are based on industries/ businesses who have operations that fall under special interest areas (e.g., lead exposure). These special interest topics are designated at the federal, regional, and local levels. Mr. Seal emphasized that one of the most important things a business can do is work *with* OSHA, not adopt an adversarial position. A willingness to work with OSHA personnel can make a huge difference. His second briefing focused on specifics of mandated recording and reporting of occupational injuries and illnesses. He highlighted several areas of interest by MVSPC personnel. The entire briefing will be available on our website. Mr. Seal noted he took it from the on-line OSHA references located here: <http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/RKpresentations.html>.

## **Our Next Meeting!**

**Date:** October 10, 2006

**Time:** 8:00 – 10:00

**Location:** Bell Hall, Utica College

**Topic:** The Aging Workforce



**Is there a topic you'd like to see discussed, or would like to present?  
Contact a member of our Facilitation Team and let us know.**