

AGREEMENT RENEWING AN ALLIANCE
between
THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
and
THE SOCIETY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, INC.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. (SPI) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. OSHA and SPI hereby renew their Alliance to provide SPI's members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety, particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to hazards likely to result in worker amputations, ergonomic problems and potential solutions, and machine guarding and lockout/tagout.

OSHA and SPI will work together to achieve the following training and education goal:

- Jointly develop and deliver training addressing machine safety in thermoforming and extrusion operations, to be delivered in conferences, meetings, OSHA Training Institute Education Centers, and through SPI's learning network.

OSHA and SPI will work together to achieve the goal of outreach and communication by:

- Develop and disseminate information through print and electronic media, including electronic tools and links from OSHA's and SPI's Web sites.
- Speak, exhibit, or appear at SPI conferences, including Plastics USA and NPE, local meetings, or other industry events.
- Promote and encourage SPI members' participation in OSHA's cooperative programs such as compliance assistance, the Voluntary Protection Programs, the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program, and Consultation.
- Work with other Alliance participants on projects relating to ergonomics.

OSHA's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication and promoting a national dialogue on workplace safety and health. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, OSHA is not endorsing any of that party's products or services; nor does the Agency enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least quarterly to track and

share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. Team members will include representatives of OSHA's Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs and any other appropriate offices. OSHA will encourage State Plan States' and OSHA Consultation Projects' participation on the team.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.

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