



2020 DUCK HUNT CHALLENGE

While SITE's large networking events have been canceled through 2020, there is still a great opportunity for you and your company to experience something fun while supporting a great cause. The Young Executives of SITE are sponsoring a Duck Hunt Challenge. SITE's training room has been transformed into a duck oasis and you're invited to test your shooting skills. Leave your gun and ammo at home for this one! Each shooter, shooting on a team of four, has the opportunity to kill 66 ducks. Prizes will be awarded to the top team and the top individual shooter. Each individual on a team is automatically registered into a drawing for a \$750 Bass Pro gift card. There are still plenty of time slots available for teams to choose from through the rest of October and November. Winners will be announced in December. To register teams, sponsor the event, or for more information, visit sitestl.org. How about you give it a shot?

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WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU

The following SITE members recently were recognized for work in their area of construction.

Congratulations to N.B. West Contracting Company's Sullivan, Missouri office on receiving a Quality in Construction (QIC) award from the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) for Interstate 44. The production and paving crews for N.B. West Contracting Co., have put in the time and effort to create award-winning pavements before.

The recent recognition has a touch more gravitas because it represented a job well done on the company's home turf. The project was a mill and fill job.

SAK Construction, a SITE member based in O'Fallon, has won an Honorable Mention in *Trenchless Technology* magazine's 2020 Project of the Year competition. No, the project was not one of many cured-in-place projects the contractor has performed in this area. Rather, it was for a project SAK constructed in San Antonio, Texas for the San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

The project involved more than 16,000 lineal feet of sanitary sewers in the city's sprawling system. It was the largest project ever undertaken by SAWS.

Way to go, SAK and N.B. West!

Congratulations to TraMar Contracting, Inc. on celebrating 20 years in business! TraMar joined SITE as a specialty contractor in 2001. Here's to the next 20!

To our members: If your company or an individual within your company has received recognition by a local or national group and you would like it known to other SITE members, just send over the details to leah@sitestl.org, and we will list it in this column like the ones above.

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TERRY'S TIDBITS

BY TERRY BRIGGS

SITE's Board of Directors, past Board members and staff recently spent a half-day reviewing the association's strategic plan and vision for the future. While some individuals may question having the association go through an exercise like this, it is important toward guiding SITE into the future.

The strategic plan for the years 2016 to 2020 was more of what is a "traditional" type of plan. That is, it contained a mission and vision statement along with goals and objectives and how these were going to be achieved. The new vision statement is for a shorter period of time and focuses on priorities for the Board of Directors and staff and for the association to build upon what makes SITE unique from other construction groups.

SITE members with an interest in the vision statement can obtain a copy by contacting the SITE office.

After completing the visioning exercise, Board members, past and present, along with staff got together for a friendly game of golf and lunch. It was great to see some of the former Board members and catch up on what is happening in their lives. Jay Schulteheinrich also joined us and enjoyed the camaraderie.

Of all the things we miss because of the coronavirus and the restrictions put into place, the socializing and networking really stand out among SITE members. As many of you know, networking is and remains one of the activities that sets SITE apart from other associations. The membership just loves to get together, and staff was glad to be a part of course, in a socially responsible and acceptable way.

Nice work by Jeremy with St. Louis County

recognizing the hardship drainlayers and plumbers were having trying to get enough Professional Education Units (PEU's) to maintain their licenses. The Board of Plumbing Examiners waived the PEU requirement for this year and carried it forward for three more years. This should give contractors plenty of time to get their required education units for their licensing.

Kudos also to Chris Davis in the office for offering testimony before the St. Louis County Council, which was considering changes to its "cone of silence" ordinance. The "cone of silence" prevented contractors and virtually anyone connected with a construction project or purchase of a product with St. Louis County from talking about the bid. The intent may have been good, but the implementation was terrible.

As Chris pointed out, sometimes a contractor will call attention to an issue in a contract or bid specification that is wrong and needs to be corrected, or there may be a better, less expensive alternative to use. Federal and state highway administration officials also weighed in on the matter and pointed out that the county's "cone of silence" was not in compliance with federal and state rules and regulations and unless changed, could jeopardize millions of dollars in grant funding the county could receive. This probably convinced St. Louis County officials of the need to change things quickly.

Finally, this is the last SITE newsletter you will receive before the November 3 general election. SITE does not endorse or oppose candidates on the ballot. The association never has, and I believe that is the proper approach to take.

I would encourage everyone to vote on Nov. 3 in all the federal, state and local races on the ballot. Voting is a right we as citizens of the United States have and should use every time an election comes along.

I will get off my soap box now. Stay healthy and safe.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY CHRIS DAVIS

Governor Parson, on July 15, called the Missouri Legislature back to Jefferson City for a Special Session. The Special Session commenced on July 27 and was in response to increased violence in St. Louis and Kansas City, as well as new protests that escalated into riots. The special session focused on six public safety provisions prioritized by the Governor:

1. Elimination of the residency requirement for St. Louis law enforcement and public safety employees.
2. A proposal to enable a court to certify a juvenile may be tried as an adult for the offense of unlawful use of a weapon and armed criminal action.
3. A proposal to allow certain witness statements to be admissible in court that would otherwise not be allowed under current statute.
4. Creation of a Pretrial Witness Protection Fund that will allow law enforcement to better protect witnesses to violent acts.
5. A proposal to enhance the offense of endangering the welfare of a child for a person who encourages a child to engage in any crime involving the use of a weapon.
6. A proposal to enhance the penalty for a person who knowingly sells or delivers any firearm to a child less than 18 years without the consent of the child's parent or guardian.



The Senate held committee hearings and then passed the proposals over to the House in one omnibus bill. The House then decided to separate the six issues into individual bills, and not all of them passed. Ultimately, only two of the issues passed into law:

1. Elimination of the residency requirement for St. Louis police and public safety officials.
4. The creation of a witness protection program. However, no appropriation was provided to fund the program.

SPECIAL SESSION EXPANDED

As the House was considering each of the original proposals, the Governor, at the request of Attorney General Eric Schmitt, expanded the scope of the Special Session to add a proposal to give the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction over prosecuting violent crimes, otherwise under the jurisdiction of local prosecutors. This proposal was targeted at St. Louis City Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner. However, it gave the Attorney General jurisdiction over every single county in the state, significantly complicating the issue politically.

The Senate took the extraordinary measure of breaking filibuster and “moving the previous question” in order to pass the concurrent jurisdiction legislation. This rare action, while it passes a single bill, typically renders the Senate inoperable for the foreseeable future. The Senate has long respected the filibuster; taking action to stop the practice creates significant discord, and stops the functionality of the chamber. Breaking filibuster is typically reserved for significant priorities.

The problem, however, was that the Senate took the unusual action without any assurances from the



House of Representatives that the other chamber would pass, or even consider, the legislation. Therefore, when the House reconvened during veto session, it intentionally adjourned without taking any action, period, including consideration of the concurrent jurisdiction legislation. This blatant inaction was absolutely an intentional insult at both the Senate and the Governor.

The General Assembly and Governor's office may certainly well be all from the same political party, but they are certainly not on the same page... This may prove critical to any hope of passing substantial legislation in 2021...

ELECTION SEASON IS UPON US



GOVERNOR

Both Governor Mike Parson and Auditor Nicole Galloway cruised to victories in their respective primaries in the race for Governor of Missouri. Parson received 510,000 votes in the Republican primary. This was 75 percent of more than 680,000 Republican votes.

Galloway received approximately 450,000 of the 535,000 Democrat primary votes, for 85 percent of the vote.

Recently, in Missouri, the extra 150,000 generic "Republican" ballots would enable a Republican to cruise to an approximate 10 percent victory over a generic Democrat candidate. However, at the time, some were noticing the 170,000 Republicans that failed to vote for Parson and saw a path to victory for Galloway.

Polling continues to show Parson polling at 51 percent to Galloway's 44 percent, with 5 percent undecided. Parson continues to poll equal to President Trump in Missouri, at 51 percent.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe has long been one of the largest advocates for infrastructure in Missouri. Kehoe won the Primary Election less decidedly than Parson, and received only 360,000 Republican primary votes, nearly 150,000 less than Parson (510,000). Some drop-off is to be expected, as there were barely 600,000 votes cast for Lt. Governor compared to 680,000 for Governor. However, even more troubling for Kehoe is that the Democrat primary winner, Alissia Canady, received 370,000 Democrat votes compared to Kehoe's 360,000 Republican votes. Does this provide a path to victory for an inexperienced Canady, with little to no money?

One month out from the November election, and Kehoe is polling well ahead of the Democrat challenger, Canady.

ST LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Sam Page surprised many, not by winning the Democrat Primary Election, but by the substantial margin of victory. Page ascended to the County Executive role after the indictment of County Executive Steve Stenger. Page garnered just shy of 40 percent of the vote in a four-way Democrat Primary race in St. Louis County and held off businessman Mark Montavanni and County Assessor Jake Zimmerman. Many believed that Montavanni could come close to defeating Page, as he barely lost to Stenger, previously. As is often the case, the more the merrier for an incumbent. Page will cruise to election in the November general election.

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

County Councilwoman Keli Dunaway was elected to District 2 last year in a Special Election when Sam Page elevated to the County Executive position. In August, Dunaway easily defeated her Democrat primary opponent, Creve Coeur Mayor Barry Glantz.

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

In a major surprise, incumbent County Councilwoman Rochelle Walton-Gray was defeated in the

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September/October

PEU REQUIREMENTS EXTENDED TO 2023 RENEWAL PERIOD

During COVID-19, SITE has had to cancel many of the training opportunities that contractors relied on for advanced learning, safety training, and PEU credits. SITE worked diligently to address the PEU requirement issues with the St. Louis County Board of Plumbing Examiners to revise the drainlayers' PEU training requirements for the upcoming 2020 renewal period. SITE was instrumental in crafting a proposal that was voted on and approved by the Plumbing Board of Examiners in late September. SITE believes this will address our contractor members' concerns in regard to PEUs and provide some relief in this difficult year. SITE appreciates the attention and response from the St. Louis County Board of Plumbing Examiners to address this issue. You may not see SITE plastered all over the news, but know we are constantly working for our members to make the St. Louis metro area and Eastern Missouri a better place to build. Below is a summary of the revised PEU requirements for drainlayers.

PEU Summary:

Drainlayers Licenses are set to expire at the end of 2020 with 12 PEUs needed for renewal – the new changes read as such:

-  All Drainlayers Licenses that were up for renewal at the end of 2020 have now been granted a three year extension on the PEUs. Drainlayers will still need to send in their renewal application with the appropriate fees to receive their 2021-2023 license. All licenses will be required to have a total of 24.0 PEUs for the 2023 renewal period. 8.0 of the 24.0 PEUs requirements must be core. PEUs earned from 2018-2023 will be accepted to

meet the requirements. Duplicate courses will not be accepted toward PEUs unless it is an OSHA requirement to renew or to maintain certification or competency.



The chief plumbing official has been authorized to approve any form and type of education, provided it be a recognized organization like SITE Improvement Association, and provided the class is reasonably related to the plumbing or drainlaying profession, including safety courses.



2023 Renewal Deadline – December 31, 2023



2023 PEU Submission Deadline – June 30, 2023 (to allow for processing and minimize delay)

SITE will continue to offer numerous opportunities for contractors to earn PEUs and hopes this extension will help drainlayers focus more time on their business during these uncertain economic times.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Scholarship applications for high school seniors and/or college students will be available Monday, December 7. Applicants must be the child or step-child of a full-time employee or officer of a SITE contractor or associate member in good standing. Such employee or officer shall be employed at the employer's facility located within the St. Louis metropolitan area. Applications for scholarships and the 2021 Eligibility Rules & Application Process will be mailed and emailed to all member companies and will be available at www.sitestl.org on the front page listed under 2021 Scholarship Information. Contact Leah at (314) 966-2950 should you have any questions.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AVERTED...FOR NOW

President Donald Trump signed a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the federal government operating on the very last day he could, September 30. The U.S. Senate waited until the final day before passing the continuing resolution, which will fund federal government operations until December 11, 2020. At that time, Congress will again be faced with the need to approve a funding package. The House passed its [CR](#) on September 22 by a vote of 359 to 57, with one member voting present.

The resolution contains an extension of current surface transportation funding legislation, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation or FAST Act, for one year with an additional \$13.6 billion added to the Highway Trust Fund, which is a source of highway construction dollars. This provides some stability as well for state highway departments to plan and implement their road and bridge construction programs.

The cost of the continuing resolution is \$1.4 trillion. This amount is only for the first few months of federal fiscal year 2021.

A continuing resolution is required to pass Congress when U.S. senators and representatives fail to pass appropriation bills to fund the federal government. The federal fiscal year ended on September 30, and unless a measure is passed to allow federal departments to spend money, federal agencies and programs come to a screeching halt on October 1.

"While we are pleased that Congress avoided a shutdown and about the availability of federal funding for highway and bridge projects, this is no way to operate," said SITE Executive Director Terry Briggs. "Congress needs to pass a long-term surface transportation bill, like FAST Act, to give transportation officials some security in knowing what federal funding is available for the future. This in turn assists road/bridge contractors in assessing what their industry has in available work for the future."

This whole scenario may come back on December 11 when the continuing resolution expires, unless Con-

gress can pass the needed appropriation bills. What are the chances of that happening this year? "Not very likely," said Briggs. "This is an election year when a third of the Senate seats are up for election and all the House seats. Candidates want to campaign until the November 3 general election and after that, it is a Lame Duck session of Congress that would be called upon to pass the appropriation bills."

The likelihood is another continuing resolution will be needed to keep the federal government operating. But, this is not unique to this year; it happens nearly every year in recent memory.

Fortunately, for highway and bridge construction companies, funding is secured at least for another full year.

NEW CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE?

On another federal front, talks have broken down between the House of Representatives, Senate and White House officials about Congress passing, and the president signing, another coronavirus relief package. Depending upon who you listen to or believe, this package is between \$1.5 trillion and \$2.2 trillion.

If Congressional leaders can agree--and that is a big "if"--this would be the fourth virus-related relief package passed. However, time is running out to get a deal done. Many members of Congress want to get back to their home districts in October and start campaigning. All the House seats are up at the November 3 election, and one-third of the Senate seats will be decided then.

There are no specific details as to what would be included in the relief package if passed. The House does want additional assistance provided to unemployed workers and to states and local governments. The Senate, meanwhile, wants some Covid-related liability relief in all measures being considered.

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August Democrat primary election. Sholanda Webb defeated Walton-Gray and Mark Behlmann in the three-way Primary with 44 percent of the vote.

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Incumbent Councilmember Ernie Trakas is in a tight re-election campaign in Southern St. Louis County. The Republican is facing Democrat former State Representative Bob Burns. Burns narrowly earned the opportunity to take on Trakas by winning a three-way primary in August in which all three candidates exceeded 30 percent of the vote.

STATE SENATE

SENATE DISTRICT 3

Representative Elaine Gannon won a very tightly contested three-way Republican Senate primary in Jefferson County. Representative Gannon, the wife of County Executive Dennis Gannon, defeated car dealer Kent Scism and Joshua Barrett. Gannon defeated her two opponents with 42 percent of the vote to win the Republican primary. Gannon will easily win victory in the November general election.

SENATE DISTRICT 1

Senate District 1 in South St. Louis County is one of three tightly contested Senate elections this November. Democrat State Representative Doug Beck will try to retain this Senate seat for the Democratic Party after Scott Sifton was termed. Beck, a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, squares off against Republican David Lenihan, a doctor and businessman. Candidates matter in elections, and Lenihan is making this campaign competitive.

SENATE DISTRICT 15

Suburban legislative districts nationwide have been trending Democrat over the last few election cycles, and Senate 15 could be next. Senator Andrew Koenig is the Republican incumbent in this

West St. Louis County District that runs from Glendale/Kirkwood on the east, along the I-44 corridor to Wildwood, Ellisville, Ballwin and includes Sunset Hills and Fenton to the south. Valley Park is the geographic center of this District. Koenig is being challenged by Kirkwood State Representative Deb Lavender.

SENATE DISTRICT 19

While not in the St. Louis Metro Region, Senate District 19 is a closely watched and highly competitive campaign. Republican Senator Caleb Rowden is highly regarded in the Capitol and is hoping to earn re-election to this Columbia district. Rowden is being challenged by Democratic candidate, and former State Representative Judy Baker.

SENATE DISTRICT 13

An election of interest in St. Louis County is Senate District 13 where Senate Democrat Leader Gina Walsh is retiring. Angela Mosely narrowly defeated Representative Tommy Pierson Jr. by less than 350 votes in the Democratic Primary for this North St. Louis County district. Mosely will easily be elected in the November General Election.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 115

In the race to replace Representative Elaine Gannon (who successfully won the Republican Primary for Senate) Cindy Buckheit-Courtway was victorious in the Republican Primary in Jefferson County. Courtway won a three-way Republican Primary with 52 percent of the vote. She should cruise to victory in the November general election.

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NEW LONG AND SHORT-TERM PLANNING FOR SITE

At its fall board meeting, held at the end of September, the SITE Board of Directors adopted the following vision statement for the association: “All construction projects are safe, diverse, profitable and executed with quality workmanship.” The statement covers a lot of territory but encompasses the ideals SITE hopes all of its members can achieve.

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The vision statement was part of a new visioning exercise to help the association plan for the near and not-so-near future. This format is similar in a way to SITE’s development of a strategic plan, but unlike the strategic plan, which covers multiple years, this methodology is flexible and can change yearly if so desired by the Board.

Also adopted was a mission statement for the association: “SITE supports eastern Missouri contractors for the betterment of the industry through advocacy, labor relations, training and networking.” These are the core activities the association provides to its members through the staff and Board actions. Notice, the statement says “eastern Missouri.” Most SITE contractors work on projects within the five-county St. Louis metro region (Jefferson, Franklin, St. Charles, St. Louis County and the city of St. Louis), but there are a growing number of members

who seek work in a broader area, but still in Missouri.

The SITE Board and staff identified various activities and services that make SITE unique in the construction industry and to its members. SITE contractors generally are site-specific in the type of construction services performed. For example, members in the asphalt division generally perform paving work on a job site.

The association provides local and state governmental relations for its members and attempts to gain members easy access to the leadership/decision makers in these public bodies. SITE assists public bodies in trying to secure funding for the public improvement projects the governments hope to build. This is done both legislatively by promoting bills and ordinances and at the ballot box where SITE will help campaign committees formed to promote a bond issue or a fuel tax adjustment so that more and safer roads and bridges can be built.

And one of the core services the association was formed to do--labor relations--remains a top priority. Contractors need a skilled workforce capable of constructing projects and unions need contractors who secure projects to build and thus provide man-hours of work for union members.

Coupled with all this is also training and education. SITE has developed a Certificate in Construction Leadership with Washington University. It is only offered through SITE. And, the association continues to offer training to help make jobsites safer and more profitable.

The Board and staff will use the information developed in the visioning exercise to guide the association for the next year and perhaps beyond. But, at the same time, provides both the flexibility each needs to adjust to changes that arise, such as this year’s coronavirus pandemic.

LABOR REPORT

BY JEREMY BENNETT

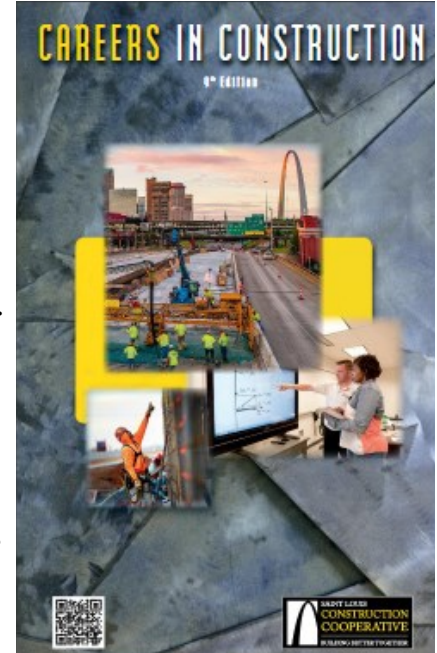
Mother Nature has been very good for site development construction since late July. I've heard nothing but positive comments about the weather, which has been dry, cooler and less humid. The dirt dried out and the delayed work is finally underway! Man-hours reported through July were slightly down compared to last year, which was expected with the amount of rain and COVID-19 precautions. The hours for the months of August and September should be up considerably and possibly could bring total man-hours for 2020 above last YTD. Although contractors appreciated the dry weather, it caused problems finding skilled labor in a tight pinch. Below, I included the current levels of employed workers within the St. Louis union trades. The high employment rates could mean a shortage when requesting more workers from the local union halls.

98% Operators	95% Plumbers & Pipefitters
97% Laborers	90% Electricians
99% Cement Masons	95% Sheet Metal Workers
99% Teamsters	95% Carpenters
95% Iron Workers	95% Sprinkler Fitters
99% Insulators	96% Painters
95% Brick Layers	70% Boiler Makers

SITE is a member of the St. Louis Construction Cooperative (Labor and management working group), and I am the current public relations chair. One of the goals I set for the group was an updated

career manual to be completed by 2020. The manual is targeted for anyone interested in the construction industry. The manual's digital version is now completed and can be viewed by clicking this link. <https://stlouisconstructioncooperative.org/construction-careers/>

The manual is one of the best tools for parents, counselors, and potential applicants to navigate the trades. If any SITE members would like a hard copy of the manual, please reach out to SITE's office.



LABOR DISPUTES ON THE RISE

SITE's office has received plenty of calls lately regarding jobsite shutdowns due to labor disputes or substandard wage pickets. Please let me know if any of our members are being affected by these shutdowns. Many times I can assist with the issues to help get them resolved.

UPCOMING CONTRACT EXPIRATIONS

SITE has three contract expirations coming up in 2021, and preparations are already underway.

SITE – Cement Masons Collective Bargaining Agreement expires April 1, 2021

Seed/Sod/Nursery Collective Bargaining Agreement with Laborers Local 11 expires May 1, 2021

Modular Block Wall Contractors Collective Bargaining Agreement with the MO/KAN Laborers District Council expires May 1, 2021.

FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

GOOD CONSTRUCTION SAFETY MEETING

TOPICS FOR FALL

Holding regular safety meetings, aka toolbox talks, is an excellent way to keep safety top of mind and remind workers how to protect themselves and others against specific jobsite hazards. There's no shortage of topics to choose from. In general, the more relevant they are to the work being done that day, the equipment being used or risks posed by the current weather (extreme heat or cold), the better. But covering the basics is also important, and fall is a good time to do it.

Below are some great topics to start with. Need more topic ideas? OSHA has plenty.



Ladder safety. Autumn rains can leave the ground wet and muddy, making it harder to place ladders securely. Plus, workers with wet or muddy boots are more prone to slipping as they climb. Fall's gusty winds can knock ladders over. (Tying off the top will make it more secure.) Remind workers of these ladder safety tips.

Personal fall arrest systems. Workers should be wearing one if they're exposed to a vertical drop of 6 feet or more. Use a safety meeting to give a quick refresher course on how to inspect these systems before use and how to make sure they're fitted, rigged and anchored properly.

Hand protection. Cuts, punctures and chemicals pose hazards that wearing the right gloves can mitigate. In fact, gloves can dramatically reduce the risk of hand injury. Remind employees to use the right gloves for the task — and keep them on until the task is completed (rather than taking them off for a minute and “forgetting” to put them back on).

Hearing protection. Workers often resist hearing protection because they don't think they need it. It's your job to remind them that oftentimes, they do. Very loud machines can cause hearing loss within minutes, but lower decibel levels can also cause damage over time. Explain to workers that they might not notice hearing damage until it's too late. The time to protect their hearing is now.

Lockout/tagout procedures. Lockout/tagout (LOTO) procedures are meant to keep equipment with at least one energy source (or two or more energy sources — like a generator that can run on fuel or a battery) from restarting or releasing stored energy while someone is performing maintenance or service on it. Remind workers why your LOTO procedures are in place and how to know who is authorized to unlock the equipment.

Silica dust management. Stricter OSHA standards for respirable crystalline silica mean workers need to use proper control methods when sanding, sawing, grinding or drilling materials such as sand, concrete, stone and mortar. They also need to use the right respiratory protection — and follow the proper procedures for cleaning up afterward.

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