

OSHA Launches Program to Target High Injury and Illness Rates

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WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is initiating the <u>Site-Specific Targeting 2016 (SST-16)</u> Program using injury and illness information electronically submitted by employers for calendar year (CY) 2016. The program will target high injury rate establishments in both the manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors for inspection. Under this program, the agency will perform inspections of employers the agency believes should have provided 300A data, but did not for the CY 2016 injury and illness data collection. For CY 2016, OSHA required employers to electronically submit Form 300A data by December 15, 2017. The CY 2017 deadline was July 1, 2018; however, employers may still provide this information to the database.

Going forward, establishments with 250 or more employees that are currently required to keep OSHA injury and illness records, and establishments with 20-249 employees that are classified in <u>specific industries</u> with historically high rates of occupational injuries and illnesses will be required to provide this information each year by March 2.

OSHA's <u>On-site Consultation Program</u> offers employers with up to 250 workers with free, confidential safety and health advice on complying with OSHA standards, and establishing and improving safety and health programs.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <u>www.osha.gov</u>.

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