

**HAPPY**  
**New Years!**

# NTEPS

January 19, 2018  
<http://www.nteps.com>



# Agenda

- Safety Brief/Rules of Engagement
- NTEPS News
- Next Meeting
- Alliance Discussion
- Speaker – Rick Ingram – STEPS Co-founder
- OSHA Update – Jack Rector



# Safety Briefing

- Bathrooms
- Emergency Event



# Rules of Engagement

- Cell phones on silent/vibrate.
- Check your title/position at the door.
- Engage in the discussion.
- Be polite.
- Listen to what others have to say.
- **Forum to learn, grow, and share information.**



# NTEPS News

- Please visit the NTEPS website for updates.
- Hazard Alert Letter was added to the website.



# Next Meeting

- Date:** Friday, February 16, 2018
- Time:** 09:00 – 11 am
- Location:** OSHA Education Center  
140 W. Mitchell, Room E200F  
Arlington, TX 76019
- Subject:** TBD - \*SPEAKER NEEDED\*
- Registration:** Completed on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com),  
follow the link on the NTEPS webpage under meetings.



# Discussion – NTEPS future

- What do you want out of the program?
- Suggestions on how to make our group grow?
- NTEPS is looking for a few good people!
- We would like to hold an election for several positions.
- Let's discuss:

-Open positions/titles

-Dates for nomination/election



**WE WANT YOU!**



# Officer Election - example

- Nomination of officers – Due February 2018
  - Position 1 - Chair?
  - Position 2 - Vice Chair?
  - Position 3 - Secretary?
- Vote – March 2018
- Record results/finalize – April 2018





# Alliance Discussion

- The purpose for electing officials is to move forward with our Alliance with OSHA.



# Rick Ingram Biography

- Co-founder of the STEPS Network.
- Chair of the National STEPS Network.
- Co-founder of SafelandUSA – [www.safelandusa.org](http://www.safelandusa.org)
- Worked in the oil and gas upstream industry since 1979.
- Serves as an OSHA Special Government Employee.
- OSHA VPP coordinator for BP North America Gas Division.



# NTEPS OSHA Update

**Jack Rector**  
Area Director  
Fort Worth Area Office

January 18, 2018



# OSHA Update










- Upcoming OSHA initiatives
- 2018 Penalty increases
- H2S
- Cold Stress
- Follow us on Twitter
- Quick Takes
- How to contact OSHA in North Texas
- OSHCon
- OSHA emergency hotline





















## 2018 Safety Events and Dates to Remember

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# Important Legislation

- Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015



# Three Key Changes 2016

- 78% Increase in Penalties

<https://www.osha.gov/penalties.html>

- New Size Category
- CPI Adjustment 2018 (1.02041%)



# Maximum Penalties

Level	Pre 2016 Maximum Penalties	2016 Maximum Penalty	2018 Maximum Penalty
Serious	\$7,000 per violation	\$12,471	\$12,934 per violation
OTS	\$7,000 per violation	\$12,471	\$12,934 per violation
Willful or Repeat	\$70,000 per violation	\$124,709	\$129,336 per violation
Posting	\$7,000 per violation	\$12,471	\$12,934 per violation
Failure to Abate	\$7,000 per day unabated beyond the abatement date [generally limited to 30 days maximum]	\$12,471 per day unabated	\$12,934 per day unabated beyond the abatement date [generally limited to 30 days maximum]



# Size Adjustment

# Employees	Current Percent Reduction	New Percent Reduction
1-10	60	70
11-25		60
26-100	30	30
101-250	10	10
251 or more	None	None



# H2S Question

**Question: Is a standby person required during normal operations when gauging a tank at or over 100 ppm?**

The IDLH concentration for H<sub>2</sub>S is 100 ppm; hence according to the respirator standard a standby person would be required if an employee is in an IDLH atmosphere; (e.g., during normal operations when gauging a tank at or over 100 ppm).

This is addressed in 1910.134(g) which states the following:

***1910.134(g)(3)(i) One employee or, when needed, more than one employee is located outside the IDLH atmosphere;***

***1910.134(g)(3)(vi) Employee(s) located outside the IDLH atmospheres are equipped with:***





# Cold Stress

- In regions that are not used to winter weather, near freezing temperatures are considered factors for “cold stress.”
- Those working outdoors are especially susceptible to cold stress (i.e. oil and gas operations).
- Employers have a duty to protect workers from recognized hazards, including cold stress.
- Employers should :
  - Monitor worker’s physical conditions
  - Schedule breaks/work in the warmest part of day
  - Provide engineering controls (i.e. heaters)



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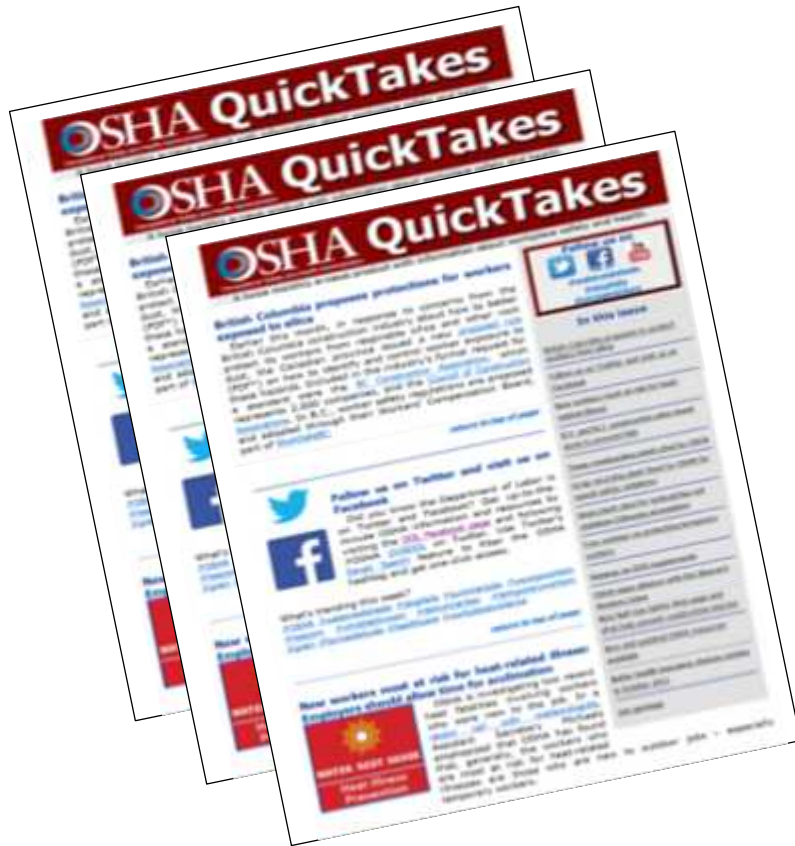


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# OSHA Emergency Hot-Line 1-800-321-OSHA

- Report workplace safety or health fatalities or the hospitalization of three (1) or more employees
- Report a workplace hazard
- File a complaint about a workplace hazard
- Request information on OSHA
- Request an OSHA publication



# Questions?

