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New Silica Standard

CRCA Member Contractors and any company that frequents project sites, don't forget that the OSHA Silica Standard and the associated compliance started September 23, 2017.

OSHA issued a memorandum for their new Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard on September 20, 2017. According to OSHA, the memorandum distributed nationwide to OSHA Regional Administrators acknowledges that "good faith efforts" to meet the new standard will be carefully considered. During the first month after the effective date of the standard, OSHA will offer compliance assistance and outreach in order to ensure that employers are fully and properly following the new requirements; especially the controls outlined in Table 1 of the standard. OSHA will assist those who need support to understand and comply.

If, however, upon inspection, it appears that an employer is not making any effort to comply, then an OSHA inspection will include collection of exposure air monitoring performed in accordance with Agency procedures. Furthermore, those businesses might also be considered for citation. Any proposed citations related to inspections conducted during the initial 30-day time period will require review at the national level.

For more information visit <https://www.osha.gov/silica/>.

CRCA Hurricane Relief Donation Match

Hurricanes across the country have hit, devastating families and businesses. Communities have been flattened and historic flooding has happened. In order to help those in the affected areas, CRCA is pledging to match member donations up to \$10,000. The donations made to the American Red Cross are eligible. Together, with your help, CRCA can make a difference.

To make a donation to the American Red Cross [click here](#).

Please send receipts of personal donations to linda@crca.org for the match program.

CRCA October Webinar

[Register today](#) for the CRCA October Webinar "Commercial Low Slope Energy Code for Roofs - New & Existing." Join us on Tuesday, October 24 from 10-11 a.m. to learn code requirements, exceptions and clarifications that are needed to handle the conditions that might occur on existing buildings. What do we do with low flashing heights limiting insulation thickness? What about technical infeasibility? Don't miss this session. CRCA Executive Director, Bill McHugh will present. [Register now!](#)

Writers Wanted

CRCA Today is always looking for industry specific, product generic articles for each issue. It's a quarterly magazine that reaches over 10,000 readers. Send articles for review to linda@crca.org or call (708) 449-3340.

Welcome New Members

CRCA would like to welcome its newest members:

[Atlantic Coated Papers](#), Whitby, Ontario – Associate Member
[CompanyCam](#), Lincoln, NE – Associate Member
[CSR Roofing Contractors, Inc.](#), Oak Park – Contractor Member
[M&T Exteriors](#), Inc., West Chicago – Contractor Member
Rako Roofing, Inc., Cary – Contractor Member

September Events Recap

CRCA September Membership Luncheon: Thank you to everyone who attended the March Membership Luncheon and a special thank you to Randy Ruff and Eric Berg with Ogletree Deakins who presented on the new AIA Standard Contracts. There were some very important changes to these documents shared by Randy and Eric. Their presentation is available under the Members Only section at www.crca.org.

CRCA's Emerging Leaders Backyard BBQ: Thank you to all CRCA members, staff and families who attended the CRCA Emerging Leaders Backyard BBQ. A very special thank you to our sponsors Lakeshore Recycling and Waukegan Roofing for helping make this event a success.

September Committee Meetings Recap

CRCA Trade Show Committee: The Trade Show Committee met this month to confirm Trade Show programming for next year's 35th Anniversary Trade Show. The show is January 18-19, 2018 at Drury Lane, Oak Brook. Save the date! Registration will open in November.

CRCA Emerging Leader Committee: The Emerging Leaders Committee met to complete details for the CRCA Backyard BBQ. The committee also discussed future planning of their October 19 event at Topgolf Naperville including the upcoming presentations and sponsorships.

CRCA Safety Committee: The Safety Committee met to discuss their upcoming CRCA Trade Show & Seminars programming for Friday, January 19, 2018. Also discussed, was the new Silica Standard, the committees page on CRCA's website and new business crane usage in Chicago.

Upcoming CRCA Events

CRCA's Emerging Leaders October Event: Learn how to collect money owed to your company! [Register today](#) for the Emerging Leaders October Event at Topgolf in Naperville. Join the Emerging Leaders on Thursday, October 19 from 6-10 p.m. for networking, product insights, legislative update, lien process presentation and a golf competition. Attorney Mike Nigro, of Nigro and Westfall, will tell you how to respond to the boilerplate one-sided contract from the general contractors. Nigro will also teach you the deadliest key contract provisions, when you can stop work, how to get paid and how to preserve your lien rights on private and public jobs.

Tabletop sponsorships are available for \$500! [Register for a tabletop today](#) – limited spaces available.

Save the Date

October 19: CRCA Emerging Leaders Event, Topgolf, Naperville

November 14: CRCA Membership Luncheon, Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook

December 1: CRCA Annual Awards Dinner, The Drake Hotel, Oak Brook

January 18-19, 2018: CRCA Trade Show & Seminars, Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace