

Message to
The Integrated Waste Services Association
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Earlier this year, Integrated Waste Services Association (IWSA) President Ted Michaels invited me to speak at the North American Waste-to-Energy Conference. It was a pleasure to meet so many IWSA members in person and explain how the important Alliance between IWSA and OSHA benefits everyone in your industry.

Since the Alliance was established in October 2005, OSHA has worked with IWSA members and others in the industry to provide safety and health information, guidance, and access to training materials. These resources were all developed to help employers protect their employees' safety and health, especially as it relates to reducing exposure to electrical hazards in waste-to-energy facilities. At the same time, OSHA and IWSA continue to work together to ensure that employees have all the information they need to stay safe and healthy on the job.

I encourage IWSA's members to make use of the many resources found on OSHA's webpage dedicated to the Alliance (<http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/iwsa/iwsa.html>). The webpage offers links to posters, QuickCards®, and related helpful publications; links to OSHA's Safety and Health Topics Pages dealing with confined spaces and lead; and a schedule of OSHA and IWSA Alliance activities and events.

In addition to OSHA's site, be sure to visit the Alliance webpage on IWSA's website (<http://www.wte.org/health-safety>), where you will find useful information on the latest compliance assistance tools, along with articles on subjects such as OSHA's Hispanic outreach resources and how OSHA's free On-site Consultation Program can assist small

businesses to establish safety and health management programs. You will also find information on IWSA's annual Hauler Safety Campaign: "Safety: Do It for Life." It is very gratifying that OSHA has been able to support the development of this program through the Alliance, and I join Ted Michaels in encouraging everyone to get involved in the Hauler Safety Campaign.

The more you learn about OSHA, the more you will appreciate how OSHA adds value to business, work and life. Workplace injuries and illnesses hurt more than just the affected individual. They can also have a devastating impact on fellow employees, families, friends, and even whole communities. One injury, illness or fatality caused by a workplace hazard is one too many.

I am grateful to the efforts of everyone at IWSA to assure the safety and health of their employees. Last November, I was pleased to sign the OSHA and IWSA Alliance renewal agreement, extending our collaborative relationship for another two years. Through our Alliance, OSHA will continue to work closely with IWSA to inform its members about the valuable resources that we can provide—resources that can help ensure that every person who comes to work makes it home again safe and healthy.