

NDA Urges Flexibility in OSHA Workplace Heat Standard

Last month, NDA joined the Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) in [submitting comments](#) to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on their potential standard for heat-related injuries and illnesses in the workplace. Should OSHA decide to move forward with a heat standard, the coalition urged OSHA to pursue a flexible performance-based standard that factors in the unique characteristics of a construction worksite. The coalition also expressed concerns with any regulatory approach that imposes prescriptive, complicated requirements on construction industry employers.

NDA is closely monitoring OSHA's actions regarding a heat standard and will keep members updated on the latest information.

OSHA to Propose Emergency Response Standard

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) [recently announced](#) that it will publish a proposal this month to update an existing standard and expand safety and health protections for emergency responders, including firefighters, emergency medical service providers and technical search and rescue workers.

The newly named "Emergency Response" standard will update safety and health protections in line with national consensus standards for a broad range of workers exposed to hazards that arise during and after fires and other emergencies. The proposal will include changes for protective clothing and equipment and changes in safety and health practices that the industry generally accepts as standard procedures.

NDA will be thoroughly reviewing OSHA's proposal to determine its impact on the demolition industry.

Biden Administration Announces Final Rule on PLAs

The Biden Administration recently announced a final rule implementing the President's [Executive Order 14063](#) requiring Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) for most large-scale Federal construction projects. The rule requires the use of PLAs for large Federal construction projects, where total estimated cost to the Federal Government is \$35 million or more (with limited exceptions). NDA will share more information about the final rule once it is available.