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Dec. 3 Maritime Advisory Committee - Virtual Meeting

The Maritime Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) will meet virtually on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 9 am ET. Comments and requests to speak must be submitted electronically to Docket No. OSHA-2022-0011 by Friday, November 22, 2024, at the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). For more information and/or to register via Webex, see [osha.gov/advisorycommittee/macosh](https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/macosh).

Dec. 4-6 Chemical Class/Labeling Committee - In-person Meeting

The [47th session of the United Nations Sub Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals \(UNSCEGHS\)](#) will be December 4–6, 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland. Interested parties may submit written comments to OSHA on member country proposals to Docket No. OSHA-2016-0005 by Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). For more information, see [osha.gov/hazcom/international](https://www.osha.gov/hazcom/international).

Accepting Nominations - Maritime Advisory Committee

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is currently accepting membership nominations for the [Maritime Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health \(MACOSH\)](#), which advises the agency in formulating maritime industry standards and other matters pertaining to the administration of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act in the maritime industry.

For additional information, see the [Federal Register Notice](#). Nominations, identified by Docket No. OSHA-2022-0011, must be submitted electronically at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), by **January 6, 2025**.

2025 Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week

March 24 – 28, 2025 will be the date for the [2025 Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week](#)! Join the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS), and the Grain Handling Safety Coalition (GHSC) for a week-long series of learning sessions centered around the collective safety culture entitled **“we all have a piece in this.”**

Learning sessions throughout the week will cover fatigue, emergency action plans/preparedness, combustible dust and more. Sessions on fatigue and emergency action plans/preparedness will be offered in both English and Spanish.

For additional information please visit StandUp4GrainSafety.org or contact Ann Grevenkamp (Grevenkamp.Ann@dol.gov).

Mental Health Resources

While the idea of talking about stress and mental health at work might seem intimidating, there are ways in which employers and workers can support each other. OSHA has resources available to assist individuals, including a [Workplace Mental Health Fact Sheet](#).

Additionally, Safe + Sound and the Associated Builders and Contractors offer the following videos on how employers can talk about mental health and stressors in the workplace.

- [Start the Conversation](#)
- [Tips to Improving Work Relationships](#)
- [Build Your Mental Health Toolkit](#)

New Meat Processing Guidelines

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) released [new expanded guidance](#) for the animal slaughtering and processing industry that supersedes previous guidance. Under the guidance, OSHA inspections in these establishments will focus on hazards associated with sanitation and cleanup operations, ergonomics, hazardous energy, and machine guarding, among other topics.

For more information, please see the [new expanded guidance](#) and OSHA's [Press Release](#). Visit OSHA's safety and health topics pages on [meatpacking](#), [poultry processing](#), and OSHA's [new Severe Injury Report](#) dashboard to learn more about workplace safety and health in the animal slaughtering and processing industry.

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