

## **\*\* FACT SHEET \*\***

### **The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health**



- An agency of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- US Federal agency that conducts research and makes recommendations to prevent worker injury and illness.
- Only dedicated federal investment for research needed to prevent the societal costs of work-related fatalities, injuries and illnesses in the United States, estimated in 2007 at \$250 billion in medical costs and productivity losses alone.
- NIOSH partners with diverse stakeholders to study how worker injuries, illnesses and deaths occur.
- NIOSH has the mandate of helping to assure “every man and woman in the Nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources”.
- NIOSH Research: Through the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), a public-private partnership, now in its second decade, NIOSH works closely with diverse partners to identify the most critical issues in workplace safety and health. This program stimulates innovative research and improved workplace practices.
- The NIOSH Research to Practice (r2p) initiative is focused on the transfer and translation of knowledge, interventions and technologies into highly effective prevention practices and products which are adopted into the workplace. The goal of r2p is to reduce illness and injury by increasing the use of NIOSH-generated knowledge, interventions and technologies.
- Through the NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Program, NIOSH is mandated to respond to the requests of employees, employee representatives, or employers that have concerns on whether health hazards are present at their place of work. NIOSH can provide assistance and information by phone and in writing, or may visit workplaces to assess exposure and employee health. Based on the findings, NIOSH will recommend ways to reduce hazards and prevent work-related illness.