



Institute of  
Scrap Recycling  
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**To all ISRI members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee (OSHA Region IV):**

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Region IV has announced a regional emphasis program (REP) targeting recyclers. The REP means that members should anticipate increased enforcement efforts in coming months.

Attached is the text of the letter sent by OSHA announcing the Regional Emphasis Program, followed by the names and addresses of OSHA contacts for every involved state.

As always, ISRI Safety is available to help you with your safety needs by offering a broad range of safety outreach services free of charge to our members. All of them can help you prepare for OSHA compliance audits. For details on ISRI Safety Outreach, visit [www.isri.org/safety](http://www.isri.org/safety) or call Anne Marie Horvath, ISRI's safety program manager, at 202-662-8511, or email [annemariehorvath@isri.org](mailto:annemariehorvath@isri.org). I am likewise always available to help you with your safety needs, so please don't hesitate to call me at 202-662-8515, or email [johngilstrap@isri.org](mailto:johngilstrap@isri.org).

Sincerely,

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Dear Stakeholder:

*The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has initiated a Regional Emphasis Program (REP) focusing on health hazards related to operations involving scrap and waste materials, including recycling/reclaim facilities. As a result of this regional emphasis program (REP), the Area Offices in Region IV will be conducting inspections of workplaces that have been identified as having operations and possible worker exposures to common health hazards found in this industry. The most common causes of illnesses are poisoning (e.g., lead or cadmium poisoning), disorders associated with repeated trauma, high levels of noise, skin diseases or disorders, and respiratory conditions due to inhalation of, or other contact with, toxic agents. We are notifying you of our intent to conduct these inspections because your company may be covered by this emphasis program.*

*OSHA continues to offer compliance assistance focusing on prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses. As part of this new emphasis program, compliance assistance products are readily available to assist your company in enhancing its safety and health program. You can obtain information about hazard communication, respiratory protection, lead, cadmium, hearing conservation and noise, lockout/tagout, emergency action plans and safety and health programs from OSHA's website at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). Specific information about the hazards of working in the scrap and waste materials recycling industry can be obtained from OSHA's area offices. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact our office and we will provide copies of this information to you. You may contact our office at any time for further assistance: OSHA, Atlanta-West Area Office, 2400 Herodian Way, Suite 250 Smyrna, GA 30080. The office's phone number is 770-984-8700.*

*OSHA also offers a free Consultation Service under Section 21(d) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The 21(d) Consultation Service helps employers to identify (and correct) potential hazards at their worksites and improve their occupational safety and health management systems. This service is delivered by universities using well-trained safety and health professionals. To schedule this free consultation service, please contact the 21(d) Consultation Program at: Georgia Institute of Technology, The Safety & Health Consultation Program, Phone: 404-407-7431, Fax: 404-407-8275, Website: [www.oshainfo.gatech.edu](http://www.oshainfo.gatech.edu).*

*Your interest in protecting your employees from safety and health hazards is appreciated.*

*Sincerely,*

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