

# Spotlight on Safety

## Your Monthly Newsletter

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### Message from your District Manager

With the current economic situation, it is becoming common-place to hear people talk about budgets and budget cuts, reducing and reusing, and cutting costs, with the general idea of conserving resources. However, in our line of work, we need to remain cognizant of those things that are of a delicate nature - both regarding health and safety as well as the environment. Our work does not allow us to cut corners or hold work for financial reasons. I want to encourage you all to keep pushing forward, "building value through service, quality through competent, thoughtful analysis and thorough, detailed performance."

Enjoy this year's special corporate holiday which coincides with the Independence Day National holiday, and be safe out there! – *Jane Doe, District Manager*

### Something to think about . . .

Summer is here!  
Whether it's hitting the home "fix-it"

list, sprucing up the yard or finally tackling that big project, many of us will be spending more time with our tools. Cultivate a safe work culture both on and off the job with the right PPE! You can set a positive example for your kids and neighbors simply by putting on your gloves and safety glasses. Whether you plan to accomplish some weeding, weed wacking, mowing, planting, hammering, chopping, cutting, spraying, building, auto work or fixing the bicycle, be sure you take time to consider proper PPE. A few things to keep on hand: thick work gloves, wrap around eye protection, box of dust masks, thin garden gloves and a box of nitrile or latex gloves for changing the oil and handling other fluids. Consider keeping an *extra* pair of work gloves and eye protection on hand, too – kids love to help and this is a great time to help them learn about safety!

### On the Job

Is your job-site earthquake safe? The West Coast is earthquake country! We all know about the California quakes, but Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska are all also home to frequent quakes, both "regular" and "slow." Are you prepared to handle the next one?

- Review remedial systems with your crew with instructions for how to handle an earthquake. Is there extra prep that needs to be done now or routinely to take into consideration natural disaster potential?
- Practice drills –DROP, COVER, & HOLD; safe locations.
- Schedule a site-safety walk and take note of items needing secure storage, items that could potentially fall on other items and general structure safety.
- Designate an out of state friend/ family member as an emergency contact.
- At home, keep on hand 3 days worth of food (and pet food), water, and cooking fuel supplies. Consider similarly stocking your car.
- Keep on hand a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, walking shoes, extra blankets, portable radio, flashlight, batteries, and emergency cash.
- Area Managers will be attending our annual Geology Symposium with a focus this year on earthquakes. Be looking for updated STPs and manuals coming out next quarter. Area Managers will be holding site-specific meetings throughout the next three months to help prep sites with our new earthquake safety policies.

For more information, check out the USGS website, <http://quake.usgs.gov/index.html>.



Site storage, activities and underground utilities are all affected by earthquakes. Take a moment to review your site with special consideration to these features. Contact your Area Manager with any questions or for more information.

### Additional Resources

**Corporate Bi-weekly communication** <http://rmcorporation.com/communication/hsseiweeklycommunication/2008/>  
**Spotlight Resource Site** <http://spotlight.datacel.com/> (user ID: xxxxxxx, Password: xxxxxxx)

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