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The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) recently issued a recommendation to update ANSI/ASSP Z117.1 (Safety Requirements for Entering Confined Spaces) to include additional guidance related to ensuring vessels are safe for startup after confined space entry work.

This highlights the role ASSP consensus standards play in strengthening worker safety following major incident investigations.





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ASSP recently submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on a proposed rule that would update worker safety and health requirements for nuclear reactor testing and advanced reactor facilities under 10 CFR Part 851. The rule is part of DOE's broader effort to support the testing and development of advanced nuclear reactors while maintaining strong worker protection requirements.





ASSP recently joined several peer safety organizations in supporting a petition encouraging OSHA to consider updating regulatory references to several PPE consensus standards, including ANSI/ISEA Z87.1 (eye and face protection), Z89.1 (head protection), and Z308.1 (workplace first aid kits).

The goal is to help align regulatory references with more current consensus standards that reflect advances in safety science, testing and equipment design.





OSHA recently announced the launch of its Safety Champions Program, a new cooperative initiative designed to help employers develop and implement effective safety and health programs.

This three-tiered program allows employers to build their safety and health programs over time and adopt best practices tailored to their needs and operations.





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