

## **OSHA Proposes Rule to Amend Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Regulation**

This week, the Department of Labor's (DOL) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced a [proposed rule](#) to amend its occupational injury and illness recordkeeping regulation. The current regulation requires certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness information – that they are required to keep – to OSHA. The agency uses these reports to identify and respond to emerging hazards and makes aspects of the information publicly available.

In addition to reporting their Annual Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, the proposed rule would require certain establishments in certain high-hazards industries to electronically submit additional information from their Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, as well as their Injury and Illness Incident Report.

The proposed rule would:

- Require establishments with 100 or more employees in certain high-hazard industries to electronically submit information from their OSHA Forms 300, 301 and 300A to OSHA once a year.
- Update the classification system used to determine the list of industries covered by the electronic submission requirement.
- Remove the current requirement for establishments with 250 or more employees not in a designated industry to electronically submit information from their Form 300A to OSHA annually.
- Require establishments to include their company name when making electronic submissions to OSHA.

It is important to note that establishments with 20 or more employees in certain high-hazard industries, including demolition contractors, would continue to be required to electronically submit information from their Form 300A annual summary to OSHA annually.

NDA is currently reviewing the proposed rule and its potential impact on demolition contractors. NDA will be sure to keep members updated with the latest information and will be prepared to respond to OSHA on behalf of the demolition industry. The comment period for the proposed rule ends on May 31, 2022.

## **President Biden Releases FY 2023 Budget Request**

On Monday, President Biden released his annual budget request to Congress for fiscal year (FY) 2023. The budget calls for \$5.8 trillion in federal spending along with \$2.5 trillion in new taxes on corporations and wealthy individuals.

The budget requests increases in funding for the Department of Transportation to repair and rebuild roads, bridges, ports, public transit systems and other infrastructure programs. The budget includes \$115 billion in funding that was part of the infrastructure bill passed by Congress last year. It also includes approximately \$45 billion for climate change programs, \$60 billion for education and \$770 billion for defense.

It should be noted that the president's annual budget request is seen as an aspirational document which lays out the Administration's legislative agenda and is not required to be passed by Congress. These proposals are simply recommendations for Congress to consider as they put together appropriations bills for the next fiscal year. Several of President Biden's proposals have already been declared dead on arrival in Congress.

NDA continues to monitor key budget legislation impacting the demolition industry and will keep members updated on the latest developments.