

## **OSHA to Revise Standards for Occupational Exposure to Lead**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently [published](#) an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to revise its standards for occupational exposure to lead. The ANPRM seeks public input on modifying current OSHA lead standards for general industry and construction to reduce the triggers for medical removal protection and medical surveillance and prevent harmful health effects in workers exposed to lead more effectively.

OSHA is asking the public to comment on the following areas of the lead standards:

- Blood lead level triggers for medical removal protection;
- Medical surveillance provisions, including triggers and frequency of blood lead monitoring;
- Permissible exposure limit; and
- Ancillary provisions for personal protective equipment, housekeeping, hygiene and training.

The ANPRM will also gather comments on employers' current practices that address workplace lead exposure and associated costs and other areas of interest. NDA is closely tracking OSHA's rulemaking on lead exposure and will be prepared to respond on behalf of the demolition industry.

## **Biden Administration Announces \$1 Billion for Airport Infrastructure Improvements**

This week, the Biden Administration announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will award nearly \$1 billion in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 85 airports across the country to improve terminals of all sizes.

According to the White House, the grants will expand capacity at U.S. airport terminals, increase energy efficiency, promote competition and provide greater accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The list of airports that were awarded infrastructure grants can be found [here](#).

## **U.S. Economy Adds 372,000 Jobs in June**

Job growth in the U.S. economy accelerated at a faster pace than expected in June, with nonfarm payrolls increasing by 372,000 according to latest monthly data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The unemployment rate was 3.6%, unchanged from May and in line with estimates. An alternative measure of unemployment that includes discouraged workers and those holding part-time jobs for economic reasons fell, dropping to 6.7% from 7.1%.

Average hourly earnings increased 0.3% for the month and were up 5.1% from a year ago, the latter number slightly higher than the 5% Dow Jones estimate and indicative that wage pressures remain strong as inflation accelerates.

The full jobs report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics can be found [here](#).