



Breakout Session

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Hot Topic: What Food Processors and Manufacturers Need to Know About OSHA's Proposed Heat Illness Standard

Earlier this year, OSHA released a draft of its proposed heat illness standard that applies to outdoor and indoor workplaces. While not yet a final rule, the draft contains a host of requirements that will likely create significant compliance challenges for covered employers. In the meantime, OSHA continues to conduct heat-focused inspections as part of the agency's National Emphasis Program focused on heat-related hazards. This session is a must for employers looking to learn the recommended best practices to protect employees from heat-related hazards and steps to take to avoid General Duty Clause citations.

Bio:

Based in Chicago, Aaron leads CMC's Midwest OSHA Defense Team, consisting of 8 OSHA-focused lawyers in Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio who regularly advise and represent employers in relation to inspections, investigations, and enforcement actions involving federal OSHA and state OSH programs, while managing a full range of litigation against OSHA.

Aaron has managed inspections into fatalities and catastrophes involving employers in food manufacturing, logistics, distribution, and grain handling industries. On multiple occasions, Aaron has been retained by employers seeking a second opinion with respect to their citation strategy and has been asked to serve as co-counsel by lead counsel in cases where OSHA experience is deemed necessary. Recognized as a thought leader with respect to machine safety, Aaron has presented on the topic at meetings of the National Safety Council, and a range of manufacturing associations.

Aaron is currently facilitating development of an Alliance with OSHA focused on food manufacturing.