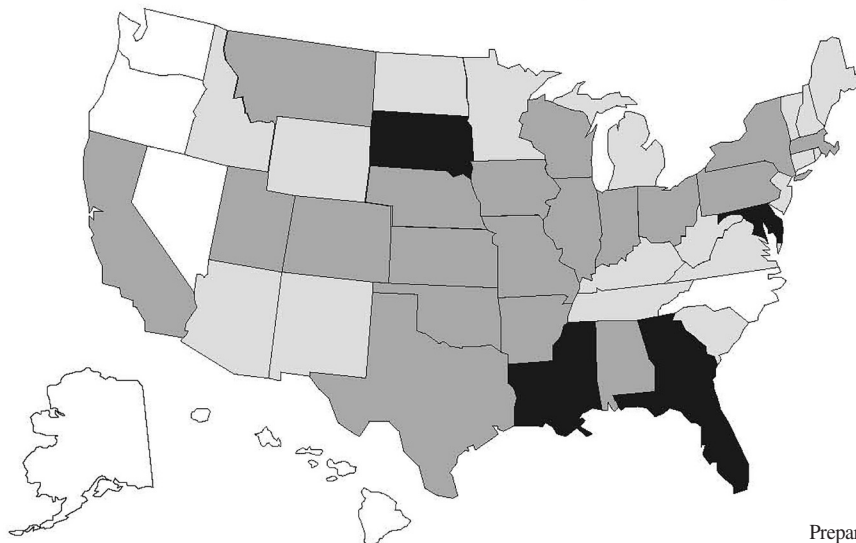
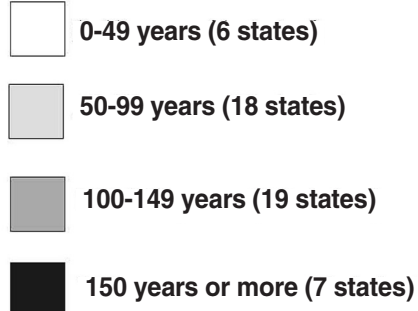
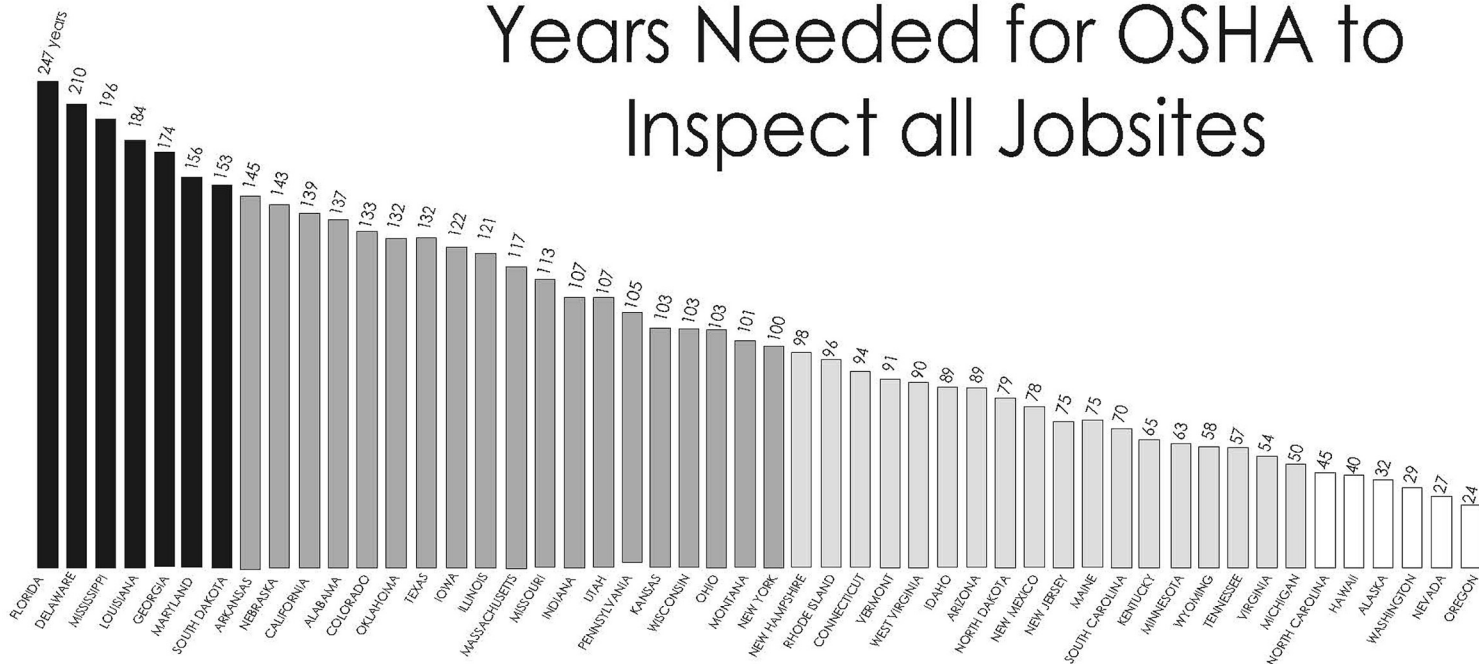


Years Needed for OSHA to Inspect all Jobsites



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Wages Annual Averages, 2005" and Occupational Safety and Health Administration IMIS data on worksite inspections FY 2006.

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Free medical screenings for workers at nuclear sites

TRI-CITIES, Wash. — Union construction workers who spent any time at all working at Hanford Reservation, or at any of the hundreds of nuclear weapons program sites in the U.S., are eligible to receive a free medical screening to see if they have been exposed to life-threatening ailments.

The free service is provided through the Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed), which started in 1996 in cooperation with the Department of Energy. BTMed serves union construction workers from 23 DOE sites, including Hanford, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in Scoville, and Amchitka Test Site in Amchitka Island, Alaska.

To date, 16,000 workers (out of some 700,000) have been screened — with more than 3,000 of those having worked at Hanford.

Of the three key indicators of occupational disease associated with work at Hanford, BTMed has found that nearly 38 percent of participants with X-rays have lung abnormalities; more than 38 percent of those with breathing tests have decreased lung capacity; 66 percent of those with a hearing test have evidence of work-related noise-induced hearing loss, and 2.7 percent of those with a beryllium test have evidence of sensitization.

If you worked at Hanford, call Sherry Gosseen at the Hanford Outreach Office at 1-509-542-9347. If you worked elsewhere, call BTMed at 1-800-866-9663 or go online for more information at www.btmed.org.

Turner Construction will stop work April 28 to honor dead

Turner Construction of Portland will hold a moment of silence at all of its jobsites first thing Monday morning, April 28, to remember workers who have been killed on the job.

April 28 is Workers Memorial Day. It was established in 1989 by the AFL-CIO to honor workers who have been killed and/or injured on the job.

Turner has several large projects going in Oregon, including the Providence Cancer Center in Portland, Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, and Salem Hospital.

"We probably have a thousand workers on our jobsites," said Safety Manager Alan Blood. "It's a good time to remember those who have been killed on the job and to heighten awareness of safety."

At each jobsite the names of workers killed job the job in Oregon in 2007 will be read.

Women in Trades Career Fair set for Saturday, May 1-3

Nearly 2,000 girls and female job-seekers are expected to participate in hands-on activities such as operating a crane, climbing a pole and soldering a

copper pipe at the 16th Annual Women in Trades Career Fair, sponsored by Oregon Tradeswomen Inc.

This year's fair will be held May 1-3 at the NECA-IBEW Local 48 Electrical Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Saturday, May 3 is "Career Day," and the fair is open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free of charge.

On May 1, middle-school students will tour the fair, and May 2 is reserved for high school students. An estimated 1,400 students from more than 50 middle and high schools across Oregon and Southwest Washington will participate.

Connie Ashbrook, executive director of Oregon Tradeswomen Inc., said the fair provides an atmosphere where girls are encouraged and supported by adult female role models to explore skilled living-wage careers in construction-related trades. The event allows students and women to meet more than 70 employers, learn about apprenticeship programs, and community college trades training, and participate in numerous hands-on workshops and demonstrations.

Free parking and child care are available. For more information, call 503-335-8200, or go to their Web site at www.tradeswomen.net.

Education conference will focus on Oregon workers' comp system

SALEM — An educational conference on Oregon's workers' compensation system will be held May 14-15 at the Salem Conference Center.

The conference, sponsored by the Oregon Workers' Compensation Division and the International Workers' Compensation Foundation, is geared for union representatives, safety managers, employers, attorneys, injured workers and others.

Registration is \$325 if postmarked by April 21.

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