



Confusion About the Shutdown's Effect On OSHA May Trip Up Employers

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OSHA requirements, including contest and abatement periods, are continuing during the shutdown, even if OSHA personnel are not present. State OSHA plans are continuing work, but they get substantial funding from federal OSHA and are beginning to take alter their operations. Many opportunities exist to misstep now and especially when the federal government resumes normal operations, Howard wrote.

Under federal OSHA's Contingency Plan, all but approximately 10 percent of its employees are furloughed. If you call an area office, you'll encounter an area director and perhaps an assistant area director who will respond to workplace fatalities or complaints of situations threatening a high risk of death or serious injury.

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