



INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSOCIATION

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Three Safety Associations Merge for Powerful Delivery of Workplace Health and Safety Services

CSAO, E&USA, and THSAO merge to create new organization called IHSA

January 12, 2010— The new year has delivered a new organization called the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA), forged by uniting three existing health and safety organizations. IHSA builds on the strengths of the three founding organizations as it works more cost-effectively to prevent workplace injury, illness, and fatalities through training, consulting, research, and communication.

IHSA was created on January 1, 2010, from the merger of three organizations: the Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO), the Electrical & Utilities Safety Association of Ontario (E&USA), and the Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario (THSAO). Now, IHSA serves the aggregates, construction, electrical, pipelines, ready-mix concrete, transportation, and utilities industries.

“IHSA brings together three effective organizations well respected by their industry sectors. During these challenging economic times, the merger makes sense as it capitalizes on shared efficiencies to deliver programs more effectively and devote more resources to front-line service delivery,” said Michael Delisle, President and CEO of IHSA.

IHSA inherits the relationships, knowledge, and expertise that earned these founding associations an enviable reputation for working closely with their industries to lower injury and illness rates.

The launch of IHSA is part of a larger realignment of Ontario’s twelve safe workplace associations. The primary objective of the realignment is to increase front-line services by reallocating existing resources.

IHSA is one of four newly-created health and safety associations that came out of the realignment process. The other three are Workplace Safety North, Health and Safety Association for Government Services, and Safe Workplace Promotion Services Ontario.

“Our most important task is to listen and respond to employers and workers. By working with them, we can deliver the high-quality products and services they need to maintain safe workplaces. Everyone deserves to work in a safe and healthy environment,” said Mr. Delisle.