



# 2024 Spring Thaw Workshop



APRIL 3, 2024

Hear from MSHA to learn about areas of Agency emphasis.

**Two areas of emphasis:** Power Haulage/Mobile Equipment and new Silica standards. Power Haulage is underway now. Learn about new requirements that become effective July 17.

Special guests include **Mathew Johnson**, (acting) Assistant Director Manager, Vacaville, and **Leroy Hopkins**, Training Specialist, EFSMS, MSHA.



**Managing the Why of human factors and mental health awareness in the workforce.** Presented by **Jeffrey Sease**, COO, Predictive Safety SRP, Inc  
Incidents and fatalities in our industry are largely behavior-based, leading to serious injuries caused by human factors. But how do we understand the “why” behind these human factors?



Why did someone fail to fasten their seatbelt? Why did someone wander into a restricted area? Training and safety regulations are to protect each worker.... Why did someone fail to follow their safety training?  
What could be leading to these lapses in judgment? How can we help identify **who** is struggling and **who** needs support to ensure their personal and coworker safety? Increasing awareness creates increasing safety outcomes.

**Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness in the Mining and Construction Industry, Max Margolis**, Program Director for the Construction Suicide Prevention Partnership Project. The mining and construction industry loses more workers to suicide than workplace accidents. Becoming aware of changes in co-workers' attitudes and personalities can be one step in reaching out. Often, no one notices even subtle changes, and a life can be taken. Max will share his story to help increase understanding of the personal challenge and become aware of mental health stress to avoid possible outcomes.



**2024 MSHA Area of Emphasis Powered Haulage and Mobile Equipment** Presented by **DJ Schmutz**, MS, CSP, Director of Operations, MSHA Safety Services Inc.  
Problem—Over the past 10 years, powered mobile equipment has accounted for 40% of all fatalities. In 2023, 25% (10) were Power Haulage fatalities. These fatalities involve miners and contractor employees. MSHA has emphasized Power Haulage safety for over 5 years, and fatalities continue.  
The new 2024 standard is already in effect, with a full compliance date of July 17, 2024. It applies to all operations regardless of the number of miners employed. Join us on Wednesday, April 3, to learn the new requirements.



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**What is your role to ensure the new safety plans are used? Are you ready?**

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9:30 AM - 2:30 PM**





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The Cove

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### Directions to the Cove



Follow the orange arrows from SW Shorebrook Drive to the parking area. Turn right after the Normandy Park Swim Club

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