Health and Safety in Nail Salons

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Presenter biography

Ms. Nieves currently works in OSHA's National Office, Directorate of Enforcement Programs, Office of Health Enforcement, as an Industrial Hygienist. Before coming to OSHA's National Office she worked as a consultant in private industry, a OSH Hygienist for Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH), and as an industrial hygienist for the Department of the Army. Ms. Nieves has a Bachelor of Science from Penn State University and a Master of Science from Montana University.

As an Industrial Hygienist with the Office of Health Enforcement, Ms. Nieves' responsibilities are to serve as an industrial hygienist and provide enforcement and technical guidance on OSHA requirements to the OSHA Regional and Area Offices, employers, workers, union representatives, and other federal and state Agencies.

Ms. Nieves is also involved with enforcement inspections, developing enforcement policy directives for OSHA compliance personnel use, writing letters of interpretations, responding to congressional inquiries, and briefing senior OSHA officials on OSHA policy matters.

Presentation abstract

This presentation will provide an overview and update of OSHA's enforcement of the health and safety violations in nail salons. The discussion will cover some history and statistics of OSHA enforcement activities in nail salons. In addition, the presenter will provide a look at current OSHA activity, including the application of OSHA regulations, OSHA interpretive guidance and the agency's cooperative efforts and alliances. Finally, this presentation will offer some insight into the future role of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in protecting workers against safety and health issues in nail salons.