# "New OSHA"? (According to ASSP)

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#### Where do I come from?

- Industry Shipbuilding and repair, summer jobs
- Academia Taught a few OSH collegiate and undergrad courses
- Lots of volunteer stuff (AIHA, ASSP, SPCA, church work)
- Two precious granddaughters, one wife, one daughter

#### Where Do Y'all Come From

- Where is your waking energy spent? (A, I, L,C,O)
- IH? Safety? Environmental? Hybrid?
- Political gravitation?
- Kids? Grandkids?

## Where To begin?

OSHA established in 1971 Successful? Unsuccessful?

### ASSE/ASSP

- Founded in 1911 on the streets of New York
- Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire
- Frances Perkins
- 37,000 members; \$18M annual budget
- 50 staff members
- HQ in Park Ridge (Chicago) IL

### OSHA (Today)

- 2000 employees
- 40,000 inspections
- No current Assistant Secretary
- Deputy (Loren Sweatt) running things

## Injury and Illness Stats

- TCR
- Fatalities

#### ASSP Recommendations for New OSHA

- From Compliance to Management of Risk
- Leverage Existing Resources
  - Establish NEP for fatalities
  - Expand third party auditing
  - Expand options for employers in negotiated settlements
  - Embrace consensus standards and negotiated rulemaking

## ASSP Recommendations for New OSHA (cont'd)

- Address Coverage Gaps
  - Provide coverage for all public workers
  - Reduce physical and chemical exposures through occupational hazard banding
- Increase Collaboration
  - Increase collaboration with NIOSH for improved guidance

## ASSP Recommendations for New OSHA (cont'd)

#### Clarify Roles

- Rescind the 2016 Electronic Recordkeeping Rule
- Do more to recognize companies with exemplary OSH Practices
- Cease activity beyond the scope of occupational health and safety

