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# Virtual Assistance and Resources from Ohio EPA & OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program

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10:00 – 11:00 am

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## ***Approved Continuing Education Units for this session:***

- 1 hour of Registered Sanitarian/Sanitarian-In-Training credit
- 1 AICP CM credit from the American Planning Association/Ohio Chapter

**Please put your ID Number in through the Q&A to receive credit**



It's Poll Time





What Industry Best Describes You?

- Consulting
- Government
- Business Owner
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Other

Have You Ever  
Contacted OCAPP  
or OSHA On-Site  
Consultation  
Programs for  
Assistance?

- OCAPP
- OSHA On-Site Consultation Program
- Both
- Neither



# Free and Confidential Services for Small Businesses

Resources to Help You Achieve Compliance, Reduce Waste and Save Money

**Jessica Cáceres**

Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention  
(OCAPP)

November 2020



# Overview



**Small Business Assistance**



**Ohio Materials Marketplace**



**Recognition**



**Contacts**



# OCAPP Services



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OCAPP works with small businesses to help them understand and address their environmental compliance responsibilities.

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Also work with businesses of all sizes to identify ways of reducing waste/emissions – saving money.

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We have staff in Columbus and each of our five district offices.

# Ohio EPA Regulations are Broad



EPA regulations cover a wide variety of activities:



Putting in a public drinking water well



Controlling air, waste, water emissions from processes



Water permitting for construction activities



Managing solid and hazardous waste



Given the scope of our laws, we regulate a lot of small business activities.

# What OCAPP Can Do for You

## Provide

- Provide regulatory technical assistance via phone, email, and virtually
  - Held in strict confidence and not subject to public records!!!

## Help

- Help complete and submit permit applications and reports

## Develop

- Develop and help maintain on-site records

# OCAPP Confidentiality

OCAPP does not actively share information about its customers with Ohio EPA inspection or enforcement staff.

Many inquiries are general in nature from businesses contacting Ohio EPA for the first time.

OCAPP's confidentiality provisions were strengthened under Ohio Revised Code Section 3745.017. Information cannot be used for purposes of enforcement.\*



# Has Your Business Been Inspected by Ohio EPA?

Who  
Visited?

- Inspector for only hazardous waste, water pollution, or air pollution?

Why Did  
They  
Show Up?

- **Complaint investigation?**  
**\*Most common reason for inspection**
- Priorities: annual, biennial, or sector initiatives?

Notice of  
Violation?

- How was the NOV handled?

# Primary Goals

- Make access to information quick and easy;
- Try to provide a one-stop shop for information;
- Provide information that is helpful and specific to our customers' needs/concerns;
- Make it easier for our customers to understand how to do business with the agency and be successful.





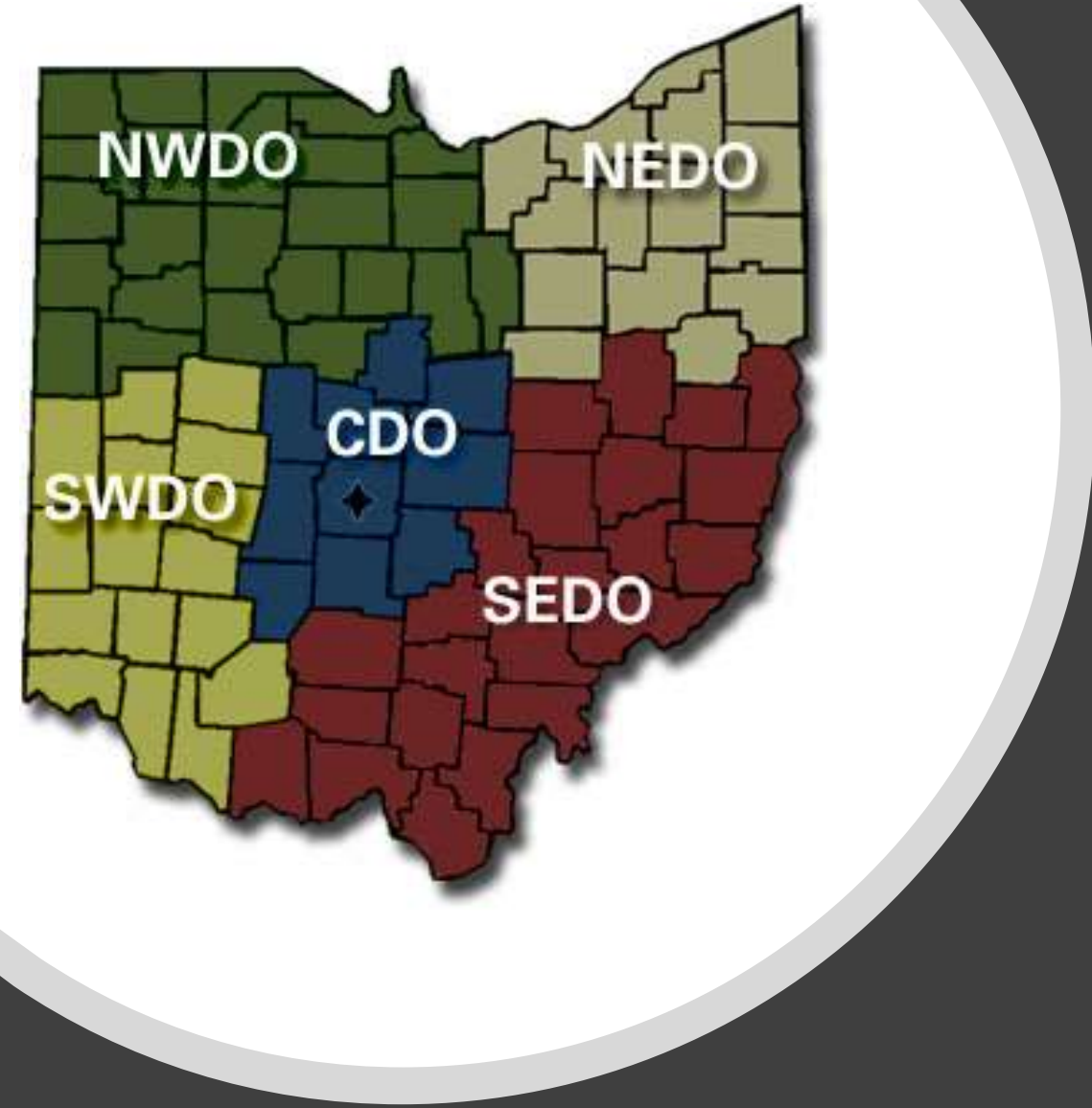


Who will...

- Complete your applications,
- Ensure compliance,
- Identify cost savings,
- Recognize your efforts

Office of Compliance Assistance &  
Pollution Prevention  
(OCAPP)

# OCAPP District Contacts



- **Central Ohio Contact**

- Jessica Cáceres, (614) 644-2130

- **Northeast Ohio Contacts**

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- **Southwest Ohio Contact**

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- **Southeast Ohio Contact**

- Ralph Witte, (740) 380-5241

Toll-Free Hotline: (800)329-7518







OCAPP serves as a first stop for businesses seeking information.

- **Toll-free confidential hotline:  
(800) 329-7518**

- **8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday**

- **Or contact us directly!**

- **Buzon de voz en español:**

**(614) 644-2171**







## Waste as a Resource



# Join the Circular Economy

THE OHIO MATERIALS MARKETPLACE IS A FREE ONLINE PLATFORM ALLOWING BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CONNECT AND FIND REUSE AND RECYCLING SOLUTIONS FOR WASTE AND BY-PRODUCT MATERIALS

GET INVOLVED

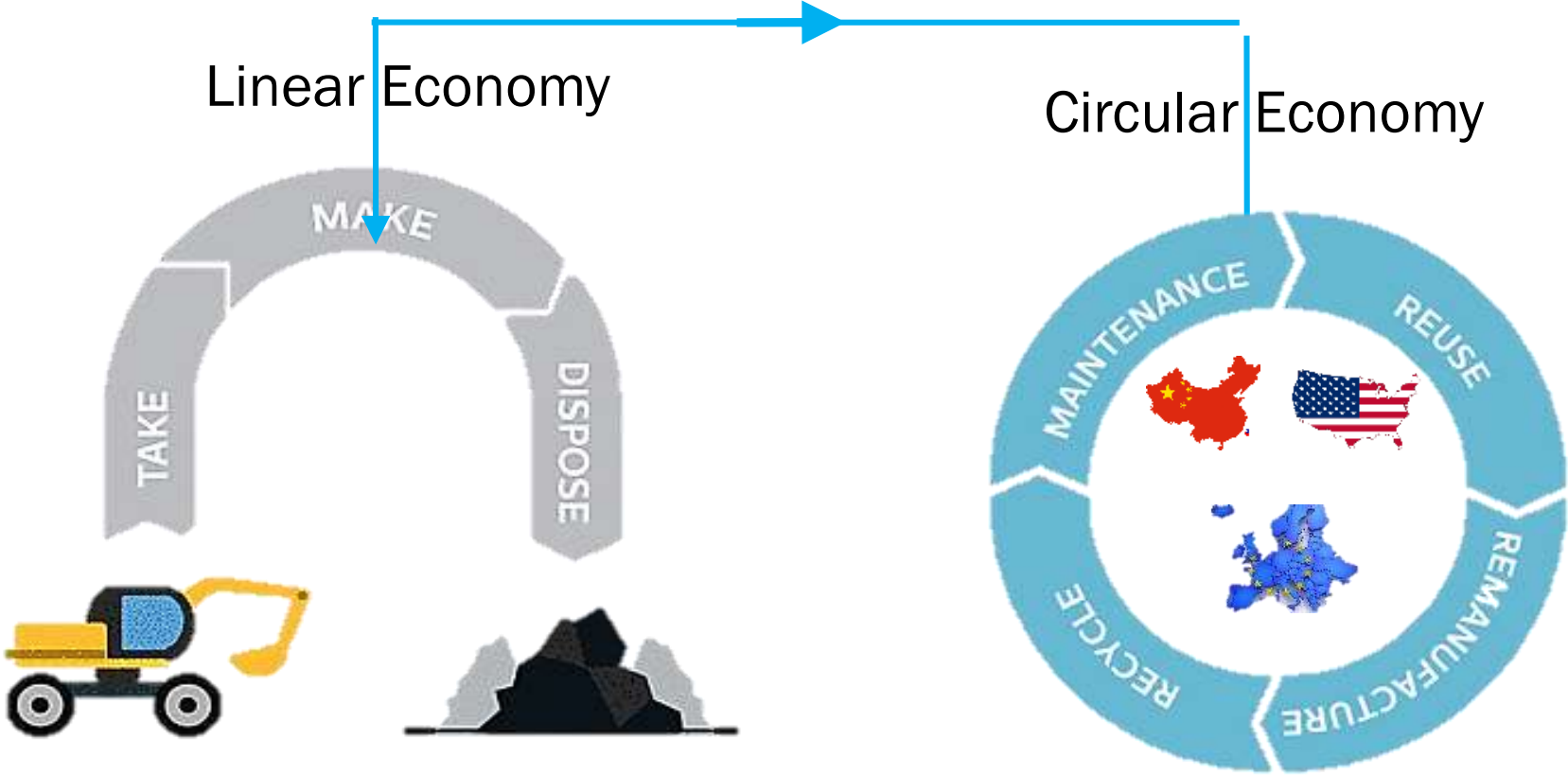


Materials  
Marketplace

U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development  
[Ohio.materialsmarketplace.org](http://Ohio.materialsmarketplace.org)

**Join Today!**

# Transition to the Circular Economy





# Ohio Materials Marketplace

**1K** Organizations Participating

**3.7 Million** Pounds Exchanged

**\$222,000** Savings Identified

The Sustainability Unit





# What's on OMM?

Expanded polystyrene foam, pallet racking, scrap cardboard, and more!



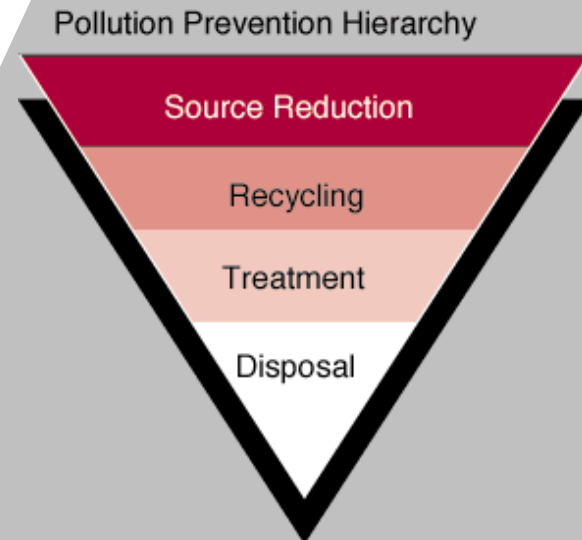
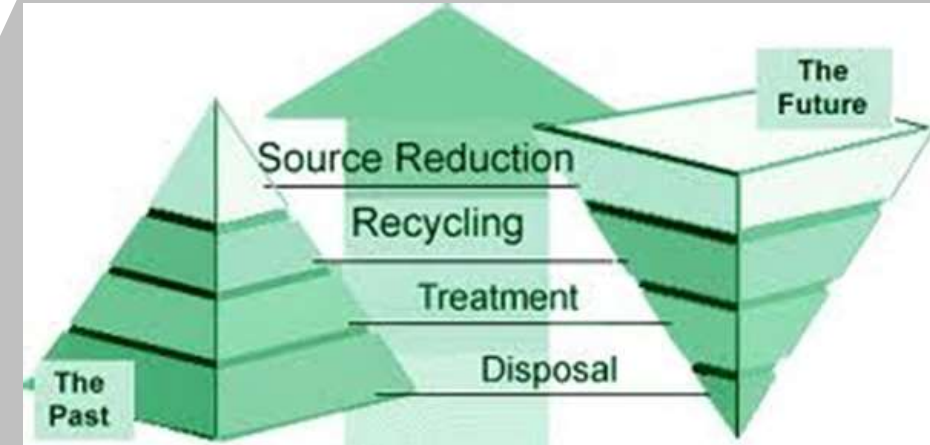
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# Want Recognition for Going Above and Beyond?

E3

- Encouraging Environmental Excellence

E4

- Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Education



# Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3)

- Recognition program for businesses, organizations, communities and schools
- Achievement in environmental stewardship
- E3
  - Platinum
  - Gold
  - Silver
  - Achievement



# Platinum Level Recipients

- Highest level of E3 Recognition
- Organization commitment to Environmental Stewardship
- Community and regional environmental impact



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# Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Education (E4)

- Recognition program for K-12 public or private schools
- Achievements in Environmental Stewardship
- Efforts to educate students on environmental topics
- Recognition Classes:
  - Root
  - Branch
  - Leaf







K-12

Student Led

Environmental Stewardship

Recognition

- Root, Branch, Leaf





# Need money for recycling?

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# Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants

- Cycle is November through early February
- Apply online through Ohio EPA's Customer Support Center
- Grant application process is competitive







# Previously Funded Projects



Education and Outreach Materials



Recycle Bins



Tire Amnesty Events



Curbside Recycling



Paving Projects



Recycling Equipment

# Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants

<b>Grant Available</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Applicant Match</b>	<b>Business Eligibility</b>	<b>Amount Available</b>
Community and Litter	1 year	25%	No	\$200,000
<b><u>Market Development</u></b>	2 years	100%	Yes	\$200,000
Scrap Tire	2 years	100%	Yes	\$300,000





# Important Dates:

Applications Available

Application Deadline

Nov.

Tomorrow

Feb. 2021

Information Webinar

Funding available July 2021



# Recycling Grant Money Specialists

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[epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/grants.aspx](http://epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/grants.aspx)

# Key Takeaways

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KNOW YOUR  
DISTRICT  
OCAPPER

2

APPLY FOR A  
GRANT

3

UTILIZE OMM

4

GET  
RECOGNIZED

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# Virtual Safety Consultations

Changing delivery, staying agile in times of COVID-19...

Keith Bullock, M.A. CSP - Safety Consultant, General Industry



Bureau of Workers'  
Compensation

# Objectives

- Virtual Safety Consultations – Teaming-up
- Understand the OSHA On-Site Consultation Program process – Start to end
- How it's working – Examples of successes in construction and general industry
- Compliance Assistance update


# An open door

- Let's talk about your needs
- Address the concerns you have
- Offer advice you may want to consider
- Create a pathway forward
- Slow and steady forward progress
- Ending when you want

# The Virtual Visit

- Agree – to correct a serious hazard
- Accept – an emailed invitation (link) to join a virtual meeting
- Connect – Click the link, adjust your settings with our help
- Discuss – Your priorities
- Travel – Phone or tablet video screen sharing
- Conclude – Talk about what was just seen




 Send

Title **OSHA Safety Consultation**

Required  [Bullock, Keith;](#)

Optional

Start time     All day   Time zones

End time    [Make Recurring](#)

Location  [Room Finder](#)

Please join me on 10/9/2020 at 11:00, we can review your concerns and offer some advice.

Thanks

Keith |

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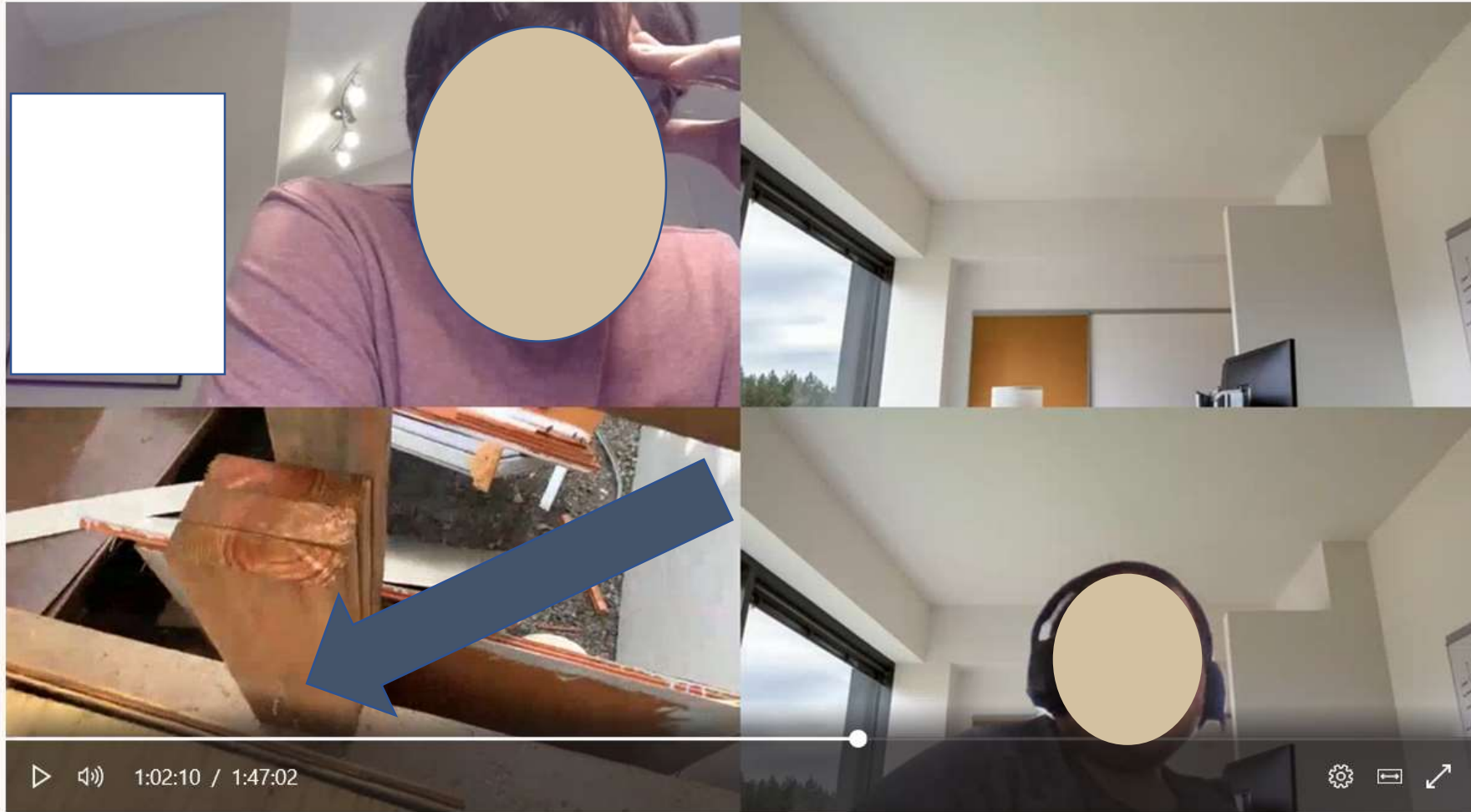


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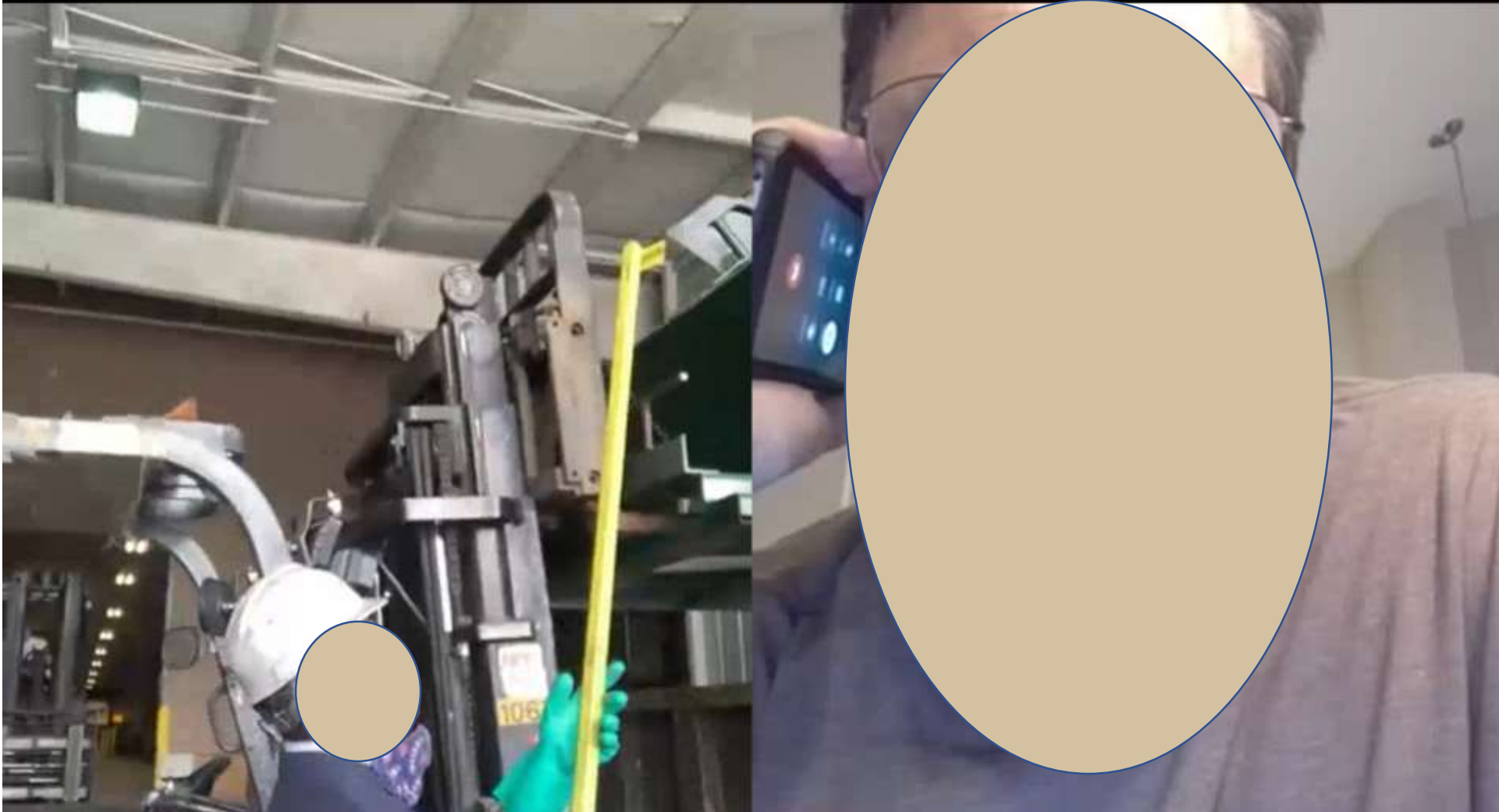
# Virtual Walk-Through

- Scope of visits:
  - Full-service - look at all processes
  - Limited-service - look at specific operations – works best with the virtual process
- Informal training









# Virtual Walk-Through

- Employee participation
  - Required for all visits
    - helps assess safety and hygiene management
    - helps assess the extent of the exposure to the hazard
- For union shops, opportunity to participate in walk-through is required

# Industrial Hygiene Services

- Air, noise, ventilation assessments
- Provide advice to the proper industrial hygiene/engineering controls
- Written program reviews
- Questions and answers – Anything Health-related
- Conduct noise surveys – *Temporarily on hold*
- Conduct air monitoring – *Temporarily on hold*



# Ergonomic injury concerns? There's help for that...

- Workers in many different industries and occupations can be exposed to risk factors at work, such as lifting heavy items, bending, reaching overhead, pushing and pulling heavy loads, working in awkward body postures and performing the same or similar tasks repetitively
- [Musculoskeletal disorders \(MSDs\)](#) affect the muscles, nerves, blood vessels, ligaments and tendons

# Construction companies

- Provide assistance to both small contractors and large ones (less than 250 Employees)
- Subcontractor or General Contractor- we can assist both
- General contractor visit includes all subs under their control
- Subcontractor must ask GC for permission for our visit
- Informal training on focus four issues

# Opening Conference

- Rights and obligations explained
  - Hazard correction timelines and
  - Interim protection measures are agreed to.
- Limited service consultation that addresses your needs
  - Virtual walk-through
  - Written program review
  - Review of OSHA recordkeeping (300 logs)
  - Safety and health management assessment

# Hazards Identified

- Imminent danger situation
  - abated immediately
- Serious finding
  - Develop and agree to a reasonable plan and schedule to eliminate or control that hazard
- Other-than-serious
  - Should be corrected, but abatement documentation not required
- Regulatory
- Other findings and recommendations

# Closing Conference

- Review findings
- Due dates
- Methods of abatement
- Interim protection

# After the Virtual Visit

- Written report
  - Recommendations on correcting and improving safety and health program
- Findings are explained
- When applicable, corrective action procedures

# After the Virtual Visit

- Follow-up visits available
- Other assistance available
- OSHA requires hazard abatement of all serious hazards
- If a serious hazard is not corrected and attempts made to find a resolution are not made, a referral to federal OSHA for potential enforcement action is possible
- Getting struck by lightning is easier than the previous bullet

# How have we helped other companies?

- Suggest general approaches or options for solving a safety or health concern
- Identify kinds of help available, if needed
- Help recognize hazards in the workplace
- Provide a written report summarizing findings



# Safety and Health Management Program Advice

*Consider these elements and time-tested hints and ways to enhance your existing program*

- Hazard anticipation and detection
- Hazard prevention and control
- Planning and evaluation
- Administration and supervision
- Safety and health training
- Management leadership
- Employee participation

# OSHA On-Site Consultation Program is confidential

- Federal OSHA **does not know** which companies have used On-Site Consultation Program services
- Can a company be or remain “under the radar?”

## **In Review:**

### ***What is an OSHA On-Site Virtual Consultation?***

- Virtual walk-through
- Opening and closing conference
- Shortly afterward, a written report that summarizes the results of the visit will be forwarded
- The process is similar to a federal OSHA inspection
- No cost and confidential



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## On-Site Consultation



OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program offers no-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services to small- and medium-sized businesses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories; with priority given to high-hazard worksites. On-Site Consultation services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations. Consultants from state agencies or universities work with employers to identify workplace hazards, provide advice for compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing and improving safety and health programs.

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## OSHA On-Site Consultation Program

# OSHA On-Site Program Overview

On-site consultants work with small, high-hazard employers to address the employer's overall safety and health management system and to assist them in ensuring a safe and healthful workplace for their employees.

- 88% federally funded
- 12% state funded - Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation



# Federal OSHA – Compliance Assistance Update

- Federal OSHA Compliance Assistance partner with OSHA on-site consultation
- Provide updates on OSHA policy, regulations and OSHA campaigns/initiatives
  - Trenching Safety Initiative
  - Safe and Sound Week
  - National Safety Stand Down for Fall Prevention
- Assist companies and industry groups partner with federal OSHA cooperative programs (VPP, Alliances, Partnerships)

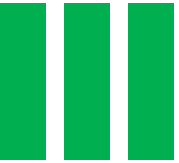
# Getting started:

## For Virtual Consultations:

- Call: (800) 282-1425 or 614-865-9750
- Write:
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## For OSHA Presentations:

- **Melissa Linton** Compliance Assistance Specialist, Columbus OSHA
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It's Poll Time



After Today's  
Presentation Do  
You Think You  
Will Contact  
OCAPP or OSHA  
On-Site  
Consultation  
Program for  
Assistance?

- OCAPP
- OSHA On-Site Consultation Program
- Both
- Neither





Questions?



# Questions

Want answers?

Ask the staff a question

Send

## Questions

- Please continue to submit your text questions and comments using the Questions Panel
- For more information please contact:
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# Thank You For Attending!

## Upcoming Ohio EPA Webinars:

- This Thursday November 5, 2020 from 10:00 – 11:30 am
- **2021 Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Informational Webinar**
- Visit our website [epa.ohio.gov](http://epa.ohio.gov) for more details on upcoming webinars

## Upcoming BWC Webinars:

- **BWC Safety Webinar** – “OSHA On-Site Virtual Safety Consultations” - Keith Bullock – 12/8/2020 – Invite for registration please send email to request to: [Keith.B.12@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:Keith.B.12@bwc.state.oh.us)
- **OSHA 10 Hour – General Industry** – a few spots are available in this upcoming 11/18 & 11/19 free virtual training! – Invite for registration please send email request to: [Keith.B.12@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:Keith.B.12@bwc.state.oh.us)