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## West Texas AGC News & Resources

### SAFETY TIPS

# WORKING IN HOT WEATHER



### Prevention for Heat Related Illness while working in the HEAT

- Provide water,
- Provide frequent rest breaks, and shade. •
- Allow time to build a tolerance for working in the heat. •
- Offer training on the hazards of heat exposure and how to prevent illness.
- Develop an emergency action plan on what to do if a worker shows signs of heat-related illness.

The attached Safety Tip has OSHA links to videos in English and Spanish along with additional safety guidelines for heat exposure and emergency treatment for heat related illness.

[Working Safely in HOT Weather](#)

**3 Things You Must Do To Maintain A Safe Workspace**  
(Offices and Jobsites need guidelines and policies communicated)

As Covid-19 related restrictions are slowly eased across the country, many businesses face a new future of providing a healthy and safe workspace for both their employees and customers. Although the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) have issued guidelines, along with many state and local authorities, there are few actual laws requiring how businesses behave, other than restricting people in a location or requiring masks. The rest is up to the business owner.

**Three things to do:**

1. Create a Policy
2. Assign Someone to Ownership of the Policy
3. Communicate

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## Final NEPA Rule Will Make It Easier To Rebuild Infrastructure, Reinvalidate The Economy And Continue Protecting The Environment

Administration's Final Reforms to the Federal Environmental Review Process Fix Problems with Prior Process, Maintain Environmental Rigor, and Accelerate Needed Infrastructure Improvements

Stephen E. Sandherr, CEO of the Associated General Contractors of America, issued the following statement July 15th in reaction to the of the Administration's final rule reforming the National Environmental Policy Act Permitting Process.

[Read Statement](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

**West Texas AGC General Contractors and Sub-Contractors  
You are invited to an informational meeting via Zoom July 29, 2020  
Presentation by Z MODULAR**

**Scope is a modular construction project for 342 multi-family units in Midland, TX  
Details to follow!**

## West Texas Nuclear Waste Facility Could Face Delay Amid COVID-19 Pandemic (*Andrews, Texas*)

Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) applied for a license in 2016 with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), but suspended the application the following year. In 2018, WCS formed a joint venture with nuclear power company Orano USA and resumed the licensing process under the name Interim Storage Partners (ISP).

If approved, the license would allow ISP to build the facility near Andrews, Texas about half a mile from the Texas - New Mexico border to hold high-level nuclear waste for a 40-year period while a permanent repository is developed.

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## AGC Virtual IT Conference

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The focus of this year's conference will be on the role of IT, Field-to-Office communications, collaboration tools, cybersecurity and VDC (Virtual Design and Construction). [Click Here for more information & schedule](#)

- Hear from subject matter experts discuss strategy and current industry trends.
- Experience demonstrations that are improving the state of construction IT and elevating the industry standard.

[Registration](#)

## 5 Potential Long-Term Effects of COVID-19

It's a new virus, and experts are learning more each day about the ways it could affect you in the months following diagnosis.

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**Contractors Must Redouble Efforts to Protect Workers and Communities from the Coronavirus**

# Construction Firms Are Protecting Their Workers and the Public

AGC of America and construction contractors understand that the only way to work amid the current pandemic is to work safely

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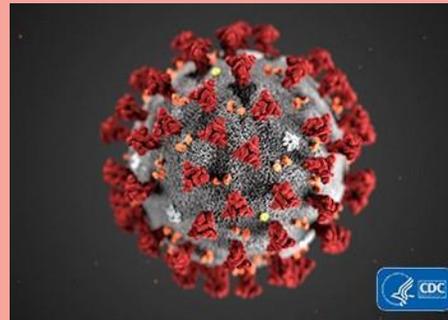


With COVID-19 cases spiking in many parts of the country, the construction industry needs to be extra vigilant with its safety procedures to protect workers and the public. AGC is here to help with a full suite of safety resources. [Learn More](#)

## COVID-19 Resources and Updates

West Texas AGC and AGC of America update their COVID Resource sites to provide you with current information as it is available. This covers job site guidelines, employees, legislative and other regulatory notices to name a few.

AGC has developed weekly safety tips to assist the membership. See the tip of the week in English and Spanish below.



[Working Safe](#)

## An Alarming Situation in Texas

New York Times  
Coronavirus Briefing -7/15/20

Since early June, shortly after Texas had mostly reopened, the state's daily case counts have followed a steep upward trajectory.

It recorded nearly 11,000 new infections and more than 130 deaths on Tuesday alone — records in both categories for the state.

Texas is now a microcosm of the U.S., showing how chronic underfunding of public-health initiatives has put the country on track for the worst response to the virus in the developed world.

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Caution is growing: The Houston Independent School District, the seventh-largest in the nation, announced plans to start the school year virtually on Sept. 8, tentatively moving to in-person classes in October.

Much of Texas' failure stems from a combination of public resistance to measures to stop the virus's spread and political interference with them. Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, has frequently changed course in his efforts to control the state's outbreak and, under pressure from his party and residents, started reopening the state in May before it had met his own criteria for doing so.

The consequences of failing to tamp down the virus early on have become clear — and for our colleague Edgar Sandoval, they are personal. In late June, he returned home to the Rio Grande Valley to report on the surge of cases along the Texas-Mexico border. But when he arrived, he found an outbreak spreading through his own family.

About a dozen of his relatives fell ill, and his mother and aunt were hospitalized. "Everyone told stories of excruciating body aches, debilitating chills and burning fevers," he wrote.

## Your Membership Pays!

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