



AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE

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SAFE & SOUND
Week



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IF IT CAN BURN, SPLASH, OR CORRODE YOUR EYEWASH & SHOWER STATIONS MUST BE READY NOW!

The PEOSH First Aid Standard requires “suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body” anywhere corrosive materials are used. **This is your August reminder that eyewash and shower stations must be accessible, tested weekly, and fully functional — because when seconds matter, compliance isn’t optional.**



[Eyewash & Showers PEOSHA Standards](#)



Hot Days Need Smart Moves



[HEAT SAFETY RESOURCES](#)

Beat the Bugs, Block the Rays, Skip the Poison

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August Incident Discussion



While field staff were out taking routine influent and outfall samples on a humid August afternoon, a fast-moving thunderstorm began building overhead much sooner than forecast. Thunder became audible as they finished the second location, but they attempted to grab one last sample before heading back. A sudden lightning strike hit a nearby tree line, sending a ground shock through the area and startling the crew, who immediately retreated to cover. The near miss underscored the need for strict storm pull-back protocols whenever staff are collecting samples in the field.

[Lightening Safety Resource](#)

[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)



[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)

If you have any safety or risk management issues the AEA Safety Committee is here to help!

Need answers or resources email JKessler@acua.com or Karen@aeanj.org

Our committee meets quarterly if you would like to join us!

Our next scheduled Zoom meeting is Friday, October 16th at 10:00 am

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