



## AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE

### March 2026 NEWSLETTER

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# Melting Snow, Rising Hazards: Be Ready

As snow melts and spring rains increase, incoming flows can rise rapidly, putting stress on headworks, pumping stations, chemical systems, electrical components, and any low-lying areas of the facility, while also creating unsafe conditions for employees such as slippery surfaces, unexpected flooding, and increased exposure to electrical and biological hazards.

- ✓ Never step into pooled or flooded water near electrical panels or equipment
- ✓ Stay clear of fast-flowing channels or overflowing basins-edges can be slick
- ✓ Wear slip-resistant footwear; spring freeze/thaw cycles increase slick surfaces
- ✓ Report washouts, undermined pavement, or damaged walkways immediately



[OSHA Quick Card-Electrical Safety](#)  
[OSHA Quick Card-Mold](#)

[NIH Quick Card-Slips, Trips and Falls](#)  
[Osha Quick Card-Cleaning Up Hazards](#)

## Ladder Safety Month: Climb Smart, Work Safe

SAFETY FIRST!

[Ladder Safety and How it Affects Everyone](#)

[Ladder Safety Printable Flyers](#)

[NIOSH Ladder Safety Mobile App](#)



## MARCH INCIDENT DISCUSSION

**QUESTION FOR SAFETY COMMITTEE/EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION:** A backhoe operator was moving snow after a major storm when an employer-owned vehicle unexpectedly entered the work zone. The operator stopped just in time, narrowly avoiding a collision that could have injured both workers.

**What safety precautions should be in place to avoid this incident?**



[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)  
[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)

**REMINDER!!!!!!**

**2025 OSHA 300 LOG**

**MUST BE POSTED FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**[RECORD KEEPING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS-CLICK HERE](#)**

## Strengthening Safety Tools Every Facility Should Use

Safety and health assessment tools help water and wastewater facilities spot hazards early and evaluate work areas, equipment, and processes. They support safer operations by fixing issues before they cause accidents.

[OSHA Safety Program Self Evaluation Tool](#)  
[PEOSH Guide to Workplace Health & Safety](#)  
[PEOSH Consultation Project](#)



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](mailto:JKessler@acua.com) or [Karen@aeanj.org](mailto:Karen@aeanj.org)

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

**Our next scheduled Zoom meeting is Friday, April 17th at 10:00 am**

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