



AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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Power Up Your Awareness

May is Electrical Safety Month—a reminder that plant operators, field crews, and office staff all play a part in preventing electrical hazards. From energized equipment to everyday office devices, staying alert and taking a few extra seconds to inspect and work safely helps protect everyone and keeps operations running smoothly. Reference materials below:



[OSHA Electric-Arc Flash Hazard](#)
[Electrical Safety in Construction](#)
[Extension Cords 5 Things to Know](#)
[Hazard Assessment and Job Briefing](#)
[Electric Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

Microbes in the Mix

Microbes are part of everyday life in water and wastewater operations—from raw influent to aerosols, sludge, and lab samples. Even office staff can encounter them during site visits or on shared surfaces. A quick refresher on hygiene, PPE, and safe handling helps protect everyone and keeps operations running smoothly.



[PEOSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standards](#)
[Potential Risk Class B Biosolids](#)
[Hepatitis B Fact Sheet](#)
[Tetanus Fact Sheet](#)
[Hazards Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

May Incident Discussion

A crew member recently felt dizzy and overheated during field work—early signs of heat exhaustion. Because they stopped, cooled down, and hydrated immediately, a serious medical emergency was avoided. As temperatures rise, we can't afford to wait for the first hot day to get ready. Now is the time for every team to review heat-stress protocols, reinforce hydration habits, and make sure staff know the warning signs before heat season arrives in full force.

What safety protocols should be in place to avoid this incident?

[Heat Hazard Printable PDF](#)

[Beat the Heat Printable PDF](#)

[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)

[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)

REMINDER!!!!!! 2025 Right to Know Surveys

Due July 15, 2026

[NJ RIGHT TO KNOW FILING INFORMATION](#) [HOW TO READ A SAFETY DATA SHEET \(SDS\)](#)

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, July 17th at 10:00 am

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