

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **California Labor Agency, DIR and Cal/OSHA Host the OSHA State Plan Meeting in Oakland**

**Oakland**—The California Labor Agency, its Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and Cal/OSHA are hosting the Winter 2015 meeting of the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association (OSHSPA) and Federal OSHA today and tomorrow in Oakland, California.

“Ensuring worker safety and protection is a top priority for Governor Brown and for California,” said Labor Secretary David Lanier. “We welcome the opportunity to share information with the other OSHA state plan representatives during this meeting.”

The two-day meeting includes speeches and presentations by Labor Secretary Lanier, DIR Director Christine Baker and Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. Topics of discussion include California's innovative approach to process safety as well as its comprehensive



*(L-r) California Labor Secretary David Lanier, DIR Director Christine Baker and Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum welcome the OSHSPA representatives*

framework and guidance for protecting against Ebola risk.

OSHSPA is an organization of 27 states and territories that have OSHA-approved state plans. OSHSPA representatives meet three times a year to exchange information and address shared concerns. They also appear before congressional committees and other hearings to report on workplace safety and health matters.

Cal/OSHA helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in California. Cal/OSHA's [Consultation Program](#) provides free and voluntary assistance to employers and employee organizations to improve their health

and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from the Cal/OSHA Consultation Program.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may call the California Workers' Information Hotline at (866) 924-9757 for recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics. Complaints can also be filed confidentially with [Cal/OSHA District Offices](#).

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