

### Happy New Year!

*The Blue Ridge Safety Association would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. We are grateful for your membership and want to help you achieve your safety goals in 2010 and beyond!*

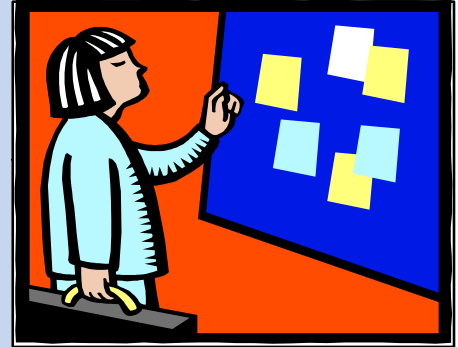
*It's a new year and the right time to put a refreshed focus on your safety program. Review your program now and let us know how we can help.*

*Do you have an established safety committee? Are you concerned about any areas of compliance? What are your accident trends telling you about training needs? Do you have solid documentation?*

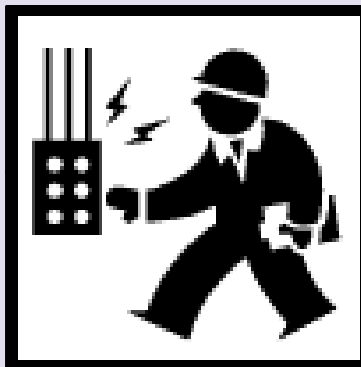
*Contact Project Coordinator, Lara Hoke at 540.942.2733 or [larahoke2@ntelos.net](mailto:larahoke2@ntelos.net) if you need assistance!*

### OSHA Alert

Record keeping is key! On October 1, 2009, OSHA announced its national emphasis program on record keeping. This emphasis program will include greater scrutiny of employer maintained OSHA logs, whether employers are recording all workplace recordable injuries/illness, and more. Now is a great time to review your log and all accident reports. Remember to post your log (OSHA 300-A Summary Form) where important company notices are normally posted no later than February 1st and keep it up until April 30th.



### Lockout/Tagout Remains Focus for OSHA



OSHA will focus on whether employers are complying with the requirement to conduct periodic inspections (at least annually) of the energy control procedures as required by 29 CFR 1910.147 (c) (6) (i). Remember, a general lockout/tagout policy does not comply with OSHA regulations.

Employers must have a separate lockout/tagout procedure for each piece of different equipment.

### BRSA Membership Benefit - Facility Audits

Nibco in Stuarts Draft joined the Blue Ridge Safety Association and took advantage of one of the membership benefits - a facility audit conducted by members of the BRSA Board. John Sutton, Compliance Manager for Nibco, invited Safety Committee members and members of management to participate. The group oriented BRSA Board members to Nibco and then each Safety Committee member led a group on a plant tour, with safety audit forms in hand. Board Members made observations, took notes, and spoke with employees. The group got back together after the safety audit and shared collected input. Nibco felt this experience was a real win-win for their organization. It helped reinforce for them the great things they are achieving in their safety program and gave them a few items for future focus.\*\*

*\*\*Membership pays for itself when you take advantage of a facility safety audit - contact John Sutton to hear more about the facility audit at Nibco. You can reach John at 540-337-1213 ext 159*