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## ICPI NEWS

# OSHA's Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica Rule is in Force



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) new silica rule went into effect on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The U.S. Department of Labor has stated, "During the first 30 days of enforcement, OSHA will carefully evaluate good faith efforts taken by employees in their attempts to meet the new construction silica standard." To read the complete memo, click [here](#).

At this time ICPI remains opposed to the regulation as it has been implemented. The regulations are not technically feasible based on the tasks required to construct an interlocking concrete pavement. Additionally, ICPI believes OSHA has significantly underestimated the cost associated with implementing the regulation as currently stated. ICPI participates as a member of the Construction Industry Safety Coalition which has filed a lawsuit regarding this issue. **READ MORE**



## Members of the U.S. Congress Continue to Push for Indefinite Delay in Implementation of Silica Rule



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Twenty-eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives have signed and sent a letter urging Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta to reconsider his decision to move forward with OSHA's Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica Rule and to indefinitely delay implementation of the rule. [Click here](#) to read the letter.

## Register for the ICPI Webinar, Preventing Silica Exposure on the Jobsite



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Join us at 1 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, Sept. 28 for the webinar, [Preventing Silica Exposure on the Jobsite](#), with Joel Guth of IQ Power Tools and Fred Adams of Fred Adams Paving Co., Inc. The webinar is FREE to members and \$70 for non-members. Please contact ICPI for the promotion code or email Anya Plana-Hutt, CVEP at [aplana-hutt@icpi.org](mailto:aplana-hutt@icpi.org).

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## HNA 2017 Is Going to Be HUGE — Register Now and Don't Miss Out!



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HNA 2017 is going to offer so many new and exciting things for both our attendees and our exhibitors! Act now and [register for only \\$30](#), if you wait to register onsite it trade show admission is \$60.

### Here are some of the new and exciting features of HNA 2017 that you won't want to miss:

- Over **80 new exhibitors** at HNA over the last two years — [see the list here](#)
- User-friendly [mobile app](#) to schedule your time at the show each day, search Hardscape North America in the iTunes or Google Play stores
- Use **#HNA2017** and check out the Social Media Wall at the ICPI booth (#20110) that will be showcasing all the happenings throughout the show or stop by to play the ICPI Contractor Tool Kit Challenge for a chance to **win a free ICPI Concrete Paver Installer Course Registration**. The Top 3 finishers each day will win a free course registration.
- 3 Additional **FREE** ICPI Contractor Tool Kit Challenge leaders will win copies of the **ICPI Complete Business Manual for Concrete Paver Contractors (Vander Kooi)**
- **New Products Showcase** on the HNA Website and Live Products Showcase on the trade show floor, see the new products being released at HNA 2017 [here](#)
- **Largest HNA Project Awards in HNA History!** Come view the project award ceremony on Thursday from 4-5pm in the trade show floor classroom located behind the ICPI Booth
- Only **five spots remain** in the HNA Installer Championship Competition — [register now](#) before they're all gone! Additional Cash Prize amount just added for 1st – 3rd place finishers!
- **ICPI Member Party & Dealer Networking Reception** — Watch for a special invitation to this event that will

take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18

- **Additional Concrete Paver Installer Course Added** due to overwhelming demand — [sign up now!](#)
- [Special presentation](#) and briefing session on **Silica**
- **New \$20,000 UTV Giveaway** included in your HNA Registration!
- Don't delay! [Register now for only \\$30!](#) Onsite registration will be \$60.

## ICPI Launches Contractor Tool Kit for Segmental Concrete Pavement Professionals



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The Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute will launch its new ICPI Contractor Tool Kit at the 2017 Hardscape North America (HNA) trade show on Oct. 18-20 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. The Contractor Tool Kit provides the industry's top technical, education and marketing resources for contractors in the segmental concrete pavement industry. Click [here](#) for complete details.



## 2017 Summer Meeting Highlights Now Available

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More than 200 representatives of member companies met at the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute's 2017 Summer Meeting to expand on a strong base for future industry growth. As combined U.S. and Canadian paver sales reach their highest level since before the recession, the industry is enjoying great success, but also faces several significant challenges:

- Increasing demand for products, including permeable pavers and slabs
- A significant installer labor shortage

"Continued industry growth requires excellent products and skilled people installing them," said Matt Lynch, ICPI Board Chair. "As an industry, we need to place strong emphasis on addressing both. That was the focus of this meeting, and we made significant progress."

Summer Meeting Highlights are now available in the [Members-only section](#) of the ICPI website.

## 2017 ICPI-NCMA Commercial Sales Course to Be Held in December



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Attend the ICPI-NCMA Commercial Sales Course on Dec. 11-13 at the Hyatt Place Chicago/O'Hare Airport. This education program will provide sales representatives serving the commercial market with:

- An overview of competitive systems
- Knowledge of the technical advantages of permeable interlocking concrete pavement systems, segmental retaining walls, and articulating concrete block
- An understanding of related software, product specifications, plan review and bidding procedures

For more information or to register for the event, click [here](#).

## Did You Know? ICPI Producer and Dealer Members Are Now Organizing Courses in Their Area



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Course season is right around the corner! Did you know if you are an ICPI member company or allied industry organization, you may be able to sponsor ICPI courses? For more information about course sponsorship and the different installer courses, click [here](#).



If you are interested in sponsoring an ICPI course and have additional questions, please call 703-657-6900.

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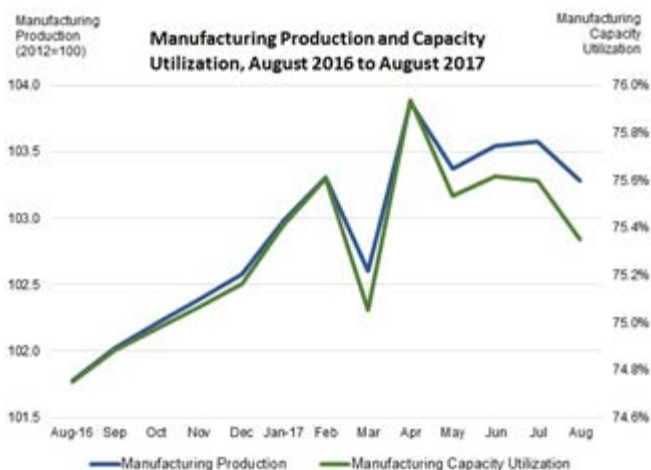
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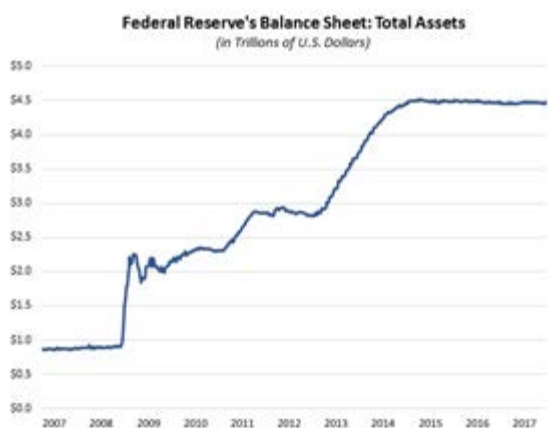


We are already starting to see the impacts from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in the economic data. For our sector, manufacturing production fell 0.3 percent in August, and the Federal Reserve estimates reduced output by 0.75 percent in August. Beyond weather, we have seen a lot of volatility in manufacturing production since the spring — essentially seesawing from month to month since March. Yet, even with that weakness, the longer-term trend for output among manufacturers has been encouraging. Over the course of the past 12 months, manufacturing production has risen 1.5 percent. In the larger economy, total industrial production fell by 0.9 percent in August, its first decline since January. All three subcomponents of industrial production were lower for the month. In addition to manufacturing, mining (down 0.8 percent) and utilities activity (down 5.5 percent) were also sharply reduced. Industrial production has also increased by 1.5 percent year-over-year. [READ MORE](#)

## Federal Reserve's Balance Sheet: Total Assets



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Beyond manufacturing, one of the other highlights last week was housing, which showed mixed results. On the one hand, new residential construction edged down from 1,190,000 units at the annual rate in July to 1,180,000 units in August. It is possible Hurricane Harvey negatively impacted the data, much as seen in the homebuilder confidence numbers. With that said, starts have risen 1.4 percent over the past 12 months. Much of the weakness — and month-to-month volatility — in the data have come from the multifamily segment. In contrast, single-family starts rose from 838,000 to 851,000, and on a year-over-year basis, single-family starts have jumped 17.1 percent, up from 727,000 units in August 2016. As such, the data are perhaps more encouraging than the headline number might suggest. Indeed, housing permits rose to 1,300,000 in August, its best reading since January. [READ MORE](#)

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## INDUSTRY BUZZ

### **EPA Approves Expedited Loan Funding for Harvey-Related Water Projects**



WJRT-TV

The Environmental Protection Agency this week approved a request from Texas officials to expedite funding to help local governments restore water and wastewater systems damaged by Hurricane Harvey. **READ MORE**

### **New Orleans Mayoral Candidates Talk Flood Risk, Climate Change**



The Times-Picayune

Mayoral candidates promised a complete overhaul of the Sewerage and Water Board at a forum on flooding and adapting to environmental change Thursday (Sept. 14) night. But dumping on perhaps the most hated department of the city was about as far as many candidates got. **READ MORE**



### **PennDOT Teams Up for I-95 Rain Garden Project**



Philadelphia Water Department

PennDOT is tapping into an academic resource to help steer rainfall along its Interstate 95 construction project away from Philadelphia's overtaxed storm water collection system. **READ MORE**

### **University of Florida Transportation Institute Workshops on Permeable Pavements**



University of Florida

**Oct. 23, 2017** — DeLand — *Historic Courthouse Training Room* [[Register](#)]

**Oct. 25, 2017** — Fort Myers — *Lee County DOT Operations* [[Register](#)]

This new seminar provides design, construction and maintenance guidelines for porous asphalt, previous concrete and permeable interlocking concrete pavements. Permeable pavements are seeing increased use as a key technology for reducing stormwater runoff and pollutants from parking lots, alleys and low-volume streets especially where storm sewers operate at capacity.

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## ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct. 10-11	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Techo-Bloc & SiteOne Hammonton	Eatontown, NJ
Oct. 17-18	Advanced Residential Paver Technician Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 17-18	Concrete Paver Installer Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 17-18	Commercial Paver Technician Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 18	PICP Specialist Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 18-20	2017 Hardscape North America Trade Show	Louisville, KY
Oct. 25-26	Concrete Paver Installer Course — ICPI Northern California Chapter	Sacramento, CA
Nov. 7-8	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Nashville, TN
Nov. 9	PICP Specialist Course — Belgard	Nashville, TN
Nov. 15-16	Concrete Paver Installer Course — SiteOne Landscape Supply LLC	Asheville, NC
Nov. 29-30	Concrete Paver Installer Course — SiteOne Landscape Supply LLC	Richmond, VA
Dec. 4-5	Concrete Paver Installer Course — R.I. Lampus Company	Pittsburgh, PA
Dec. 6-7	Concrete Paver Installer Course — SiteOne Landscape Supply LLC	Charleston, SC
Dec. 6-7	Advanced Residential Technician Course — R.I. Lampus Company	Pittsburgh, PA
Dec. 11-13	ICPI-NCMA Commercial Sales Course	Chicago, IL
Jan. 8-9	Concrete Paver Installer Course — County Materials Corporation	Wausau, WI
Jan. 10-11	Concrete Paver Installer Course — County Materials Corporation	DePere, WI
Jan. 15-16	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Indiana Green Expo	Indianapolis, IN

Jan. 15-16	Concrete Paver Installer Course — County Materials Corporation	Minneapolis, MN
Jan. 15-16	Concrete Paver Installer Course — County Materials Corporation	Oconomowoc, WI
Jan. 23-24	Concrete Paver Installer Course at 2018 World of Concrete	Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 24	PICP Specialist Course — County Materials Corporation	Oconomowoc, WI
Feb. 9-10	2018 ICON EXPO	Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 9-13	2018 ICPI Annual Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
Sept. 10-13	2018 ICPI Summer Meeting	Vancouver, BC
Oct. 16-19	2018 International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement	Seoul, Korea
Oct. 17-19	2018 Hardscape North America Trade Show	Louisville, KY

To check out more ICPI Events, click [here](#).

## TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [Industry Coalition Urges Congress to Support Amendment to OSHA Silica Rule \(ICPI\)](#)
- [Rebuilding Houston Needs to Consider Stormwater Mitigation, According to Construction Industry Group \(ICPI\)](#)
- [New PICP Case Study Now Available from ICPI \(ICPI\)](#)
- [Did You Know? New ICPI Safety Meeting Templates Are Now Available \(ICPI\)](#)

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