NJDOL Report NJSISC Meeting 9/19/25 FFY 2025 Q3: 4/1 – 6/30/25

PEOSH ENFORCEMENT

FFY 2025 Q3 Statistics:

Total Inspections:

		PEOSH	Total
Total Insp	Health	21	21
	Safety	95	95
Total		116	116

Unprogrammed Inspections:

Unprogrammed Insp

		PEOSH	Total
Accident	Safety	8	8
Total		8	8
Complaint	Health	10	10
	Safety	10	10
Total		20	20
Fatality/Catastrophe	Safety	2	2
Total		2	2
Follow Ho	Health	1	1
Follow-Up	Safety	20	20
Total		21	21
Referral	Health	5	5
	Safety	3	3
Total		8	8
Referral-Employer Reported	Safety	5	5
Total		5	5

Programmed Inspections (within 5 Year Strategic Plan)

Programmed Insp

		NYC	Total
Program Planned	Health	PEOSH 4	4
	Safety	44	44
Total		48	48
Programmed Other	Health	1	1
Total		1	1
Programmed Related	Safety	3	3
Total		3	3

Violations

		PEOSH	Total
All Vio	Health Count	44	44
	Safety Count	237	237
Total		281	281

Significant Cases – Current Fatalities

Morris County

On 9/8 PEOSH was notified by the employer that an employee passed away shortly after falling while at work. The investigation continues.

Rutgers University - Livingston Student Center

On 8/14 PEOSH was notified by the employer that an employee passed away while at work. An investigation revealed that the circumstances were not related to occupational safety & health.

Updates on Prior Significant Cases - Fatalities

Hudson County Sheriff's Department

On 5/30 PEOSH received a fatality notification from Hudson County Risk Management reporting that a sheriff's officer fell from inside the administration building to his death. The case file was closed on 8/13 as the contributing factors to the incident were determined to be not related to the regulation of occupational safety & health.

New Jersey Department of Corrections / Northern State Prison

On 5/1 PEOSH received notification from the employer reporting that an employee died at work on 4/29 following a repair project. On 6/19 the case file was closed as this event was not related to the regulation of occupational safety & health (medical).

Port Newark – Newark Fire Department Line of Duty Deaths

PEOSH issued an Order to Comply on 12/31/24. PEOSH continues to work with the City while it

NJDOL Report NJSISC Meeting 9/19/25 FFY 2025 O3: 4/1 – 6/30/25

prepares to deliver advanced training to chief level fire officers. Most firefighters have received awareness level training concerning maritime firefighting as delivered by a firm with specialized industry experience.

<u>Plainfield Fire Department – Line of Duty Death</u>

The violations were abated on 3/24. PEOSH continues to work with the employer to resolve outstanding penalties. PEOSH and the employer are in the final stages of an anticipated negotiated settlement.

Current Significant Cases – Accidents

PEOSH is investigating two serious incidents involving machinery. One incident involved a worker suffering <u>amputations</u> of two fingers and the other resulted in a serious injury to the worker's foot. In the first incident a worker was greasing moving parts of a front-end loader and in the second the worker's foot was <u>caught between</u> the moving parts of a "post pounder". PEOSH reminds all employers of OSHA's Lockout Tagout Standard and machine guarding requirements.

Crossing Guard Local Emphasis Program

In response to the numerous crossing guard accidents, PEOSH initiated a LEP to address these hazards. For the reporting period, 48 inspections were performed with a calendar year-to-date total of 103.

PEOSH Alerts Soon to be Issued

- #41 Published August 2025, "Recognizing Outdoor Heat Hazards and Preventing Heat Illness"
 - o Available here: https://www.nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth/assets/PDFs/OPEOSH/LSSE-85%20(8 25)%20PEOSH%20Alert%2041-Heat.pdf

PEOSH Alert Under Consideration

- Workplace Violence
 - Healthcare settings
 - Transportation considerations
 - Municipal buildings
- Machinery Hazards

Staffing

As of 9/1, PEOSH Safety is comprised of the following:

- Chief (1)
- Management Assistant (1)
- Assistant Chief (2)
- Safety Compliance Officers (8)
- Senior Clerks (1)
 - Note that 2 clerk typists were transferred to other offices within the Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health

PEOSH is actively working to fill (5) Safety Compliance Officer positions.

Training

PEOSH continues to place a high priority on ensuring that compliance officers are engaged in professional development. Upcoming training includes the OSHA Training Institute's Safety Management Systems class and their accident investigation course. Investigators are also attending several webinars and courses soon which are delivered virtually by the US DOL OSHA Training Institute.