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OSHSB Questionnaire Reminder for Employers with Outdoor Nighttime Agricultural Operations

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) is reminding employers with outdoor agricultural operations during hours of darkness (sunset to sunrise) to take a questionnaire on the cost impact of potential workplace safety regulations addressing hazards related to nighttime outdoor agricultural work.

Nighttime agricultural work benefits employers by saving on energy costs, allowing for harvest at an ideal time of day, and reducing workers' risk of heat illness. However, when outdoor agricultural work is performed during hours of darkness, light and visibility is limited. The decreased lighting affects workers' ability to see their surroundings and be seen by others.

In order to address the hazards associated with nighttime outdoor agricultural work, OSHSB is engaging in rulemaking and this questionnaire will collect data on providing personal protective equipment and additional lighting at outdoor nighttime worksites. Your input on this matter is highly appreciated.

Visit OSHSB's webpage to take the questionnaire Responses are due by Thursday, November 30