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# [Webinar] OSHA's Local Emphasis Program for Midwest Food Manufacturers

On Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 10 a.m. CST / 11 a.m. EST, join us for a special bonus webinar in Conn Maciel Carey's [2023 OSHA Webinar Series](#) regarding [OSHA's LEP for Midwest Food Manufacturers](#).

Presented by  
Conn Maciel Carey LLP with Special Guest  
Steve Hawkins  
*(Former Head of Tennessee OSHA)*



OSHA is now conducting inspections in Illinois (and Ohio) as part of a new Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for the Food Manufacturing Industry announced in late 2022. This LEP empowers Illinois OSHA offices to inspect food manufacturing and processing sites with a focus on machine guarding hazards, the employer's hazardous energy control program, and the sanitation program (hazard communication and Group LOTO). OSHA has the ability under this LEP to conduct inspections for all referral and complaints, formal or non-formal, which contain allegations of potential worker exposure to serious hazards associated with operating food production machinery or performing service, maintenance, and sanitation tasks on food processing and ancillary equipment.

Establishments can be selected for an inspection even if they have an exemplary safety record, have not been the subject of any complaints, and have not recently reported a serious incident. Join us for this discussion about what to expect and how to prepare your company for an OSHA inspection.

Attendees will hear directly from FDR Safety's Steve Hawkins, former Head of Tennessee OSHA, and [Aaron Gelb](#), Head of Conn Maciel Carey's Midwest OSHA Practice. Together they will answer the following questions:

- What is an emphasis program?
- How do programmed inspections differ from accident and complaint-based inspections?

- Which NAICS codes will be targeted?
- What happens during an LEP inspection?
- Which aspects of your operations draw the most scrutiny?
- What hazards are seen most often in food manufacturing?
- How should employers prepare for LEP inspections?

**Attendees will be given a checklist they can use to self-assess key compliance aspects of their safety and health programs to better prepare for an OSHA inspection.**

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