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## **OSHA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHOOTING RANGES, SPORTING ARMS & AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS FORM ALLIANCE**

*Goal to Promote Safe and Healthful Workplaces*

**Washington** -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National Association of Shooting Ranges (NASR) and the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI) today established an Alliance to promote safe and healthful working conditions for workers in target shooting facilities, announced OSHA Administrator John L. Henshaw.

"OSHA is committed to partnering with industry groups such as NASR and SAAMI to promote safe and healthful workplaces," said Henshaw. "Alliances such as this maximize everyone's resources to reach out to workers and employers with safety and health information that benefits everyone."

The Alliance will provide member and non-member shooting ranges with information and guidance that will help enhance employee safety programs, including education and information on ways to minimize noise and airborne pollutants in the workplace, and will provide information and guidance to shooting range operators and developers on the control of hazards and prevention of exposures to hazardous substances in their facilities.

OSHA, NASR and SAAMI will work together jointly to develop and disseminate information and guidance at conferences and through various media outlets; to promote and encourage NASR members' participation in OSHA's cooperative programs such as compliance assistance, the Voluntary Protection Program, Consultation, and mentoring among members; and to develop and deliver a seminar for state associations' annual meetings on airborne lead and other topics for shooting range operators and developers.

A joint team of representatives from NASR, SAAMI and OSHA will meet regularly to set goals and objectives and track their progress. The OSHA team will include representatives from OSHA's Directorates of Federal-State Operations, Compliance Programs, and Technical Support. Representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association and the association of state Consultation Projects will be given the opportunity to participate as well.

The Alliance will remain in effect for one year, with annual automatic renewals. It may be modified with the concurrence of all parties. Any signatory may withdraw for any reason with 30 days notice.