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## **AIHA Applauds Congressional Decision to Reopen Federal Government**

*FALLS CHURCH, Va.* (October 17, 2013) — American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA) President Barbara J. Dawson, CIH, CSP, has released the following statement on the Congressional agreement to end the shutdown and reopen the government:

“During the shutdown, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) furloughed 90 percent of its inspectors, with only enough staff remaining on the job to respond to serious emergencies. It is difficult to assess the impact that the 16-day shutdown has had on occupational safety and health, but AIHA is thankful and relieved that there were no major problems, as far as we know. We applaud the efforts of the private sector, industrial hygienists and safety officers who stepped forward during the shutdown to ensure that workers were not harmed.”

To learn more about the effects of the shutdown on worker health and safety, read AIHA’s latest industry [news article](#).

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### About AIHA®

Founded in 1939, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is the premier association of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals. AIHA’s 10,000 members play a crucial role on the front line of worker health and safety every day. Members represent a cross-section of industry, private business, labor, government and academia.