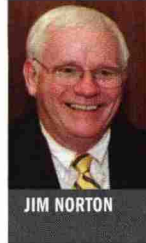


New on the Web

CableOrganizer.com

(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), a provider of cable, wire, and equipment management-related products, announced that Jim Norton, a 25-year veteran of the machine guarding industry, is now moderating its OSHA Safety Standards blog located at <http://cableorganizer.com/OSHA-regulations>. As the leader of the national OSHA/AHTD alliance and president of the risk-assessment consulting firm JHN Group, Norton has worked extensively within OSHA, having trained its senior staff and frequently advising it in the selection of technologies for employee safety and machine guarding.



JIM NORTON

Prograde Series of gloves. Visitors to the site (www.progradegloves.com) can learn about the variety of gloves in each construction category, use the Find-A-Glove application, and access information about cut protection, glove sizing, safety news, and more.

QuickFitWeb is a new online tool developed by researchers at NIOSH's Pittsburgh Research Laboratory that allows users to check their hearing protection in a minute or less. The site's sound player allows users to assess whether they are getting at least a minimal 15 decibel level of protection. To use it, visit www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining/topics/hearingloss/quickfitweb.htm. **OSHS**

Ansell (Red Bank, N.J.), a provider of personal protective clothing, has launched an interactive Web site to go along with its new

FHWA Initiates 'Long-Term Bridge Performance' Program

A 20-year research effort to collect data on bridges nationwide will lead to better investment decisions on those structures, Acting Federal Highway Administration head Jim Ray has announced. "Bringing a strategic and national perspective to bridge research will offer tremendous benefits," he said, noting the approach will give bridge owners information for making sound investment decisions.

Ray added that the Long-Term Bridge Performance program represents a flagship initiative to collect and analyze performance data on selected bridges around the country to understand how they react under given conditions. The data will be used for a variety of purposes, including study of deterioration and durability of bridges and the impacts of maintenance and repair. Researchers expect the program to provide a better understanding of the effects of corrosion, fatigue, environmental conditions, and loadings.

The Rutgers University Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation has been awarded a contract, worth up to \$25.5 million, to carry out the program through fiscal year 2012. A team representing state, local, and federal agencies, industry, and academia will conduct the work.

