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IS DRUG TESTING A BUST?

When it comes to preventing accidents, a company claims it has a better answer.

Alameda, CA, Jan 24 – A small company in Alameda, CA has announced a new solution to the growing problem of industrial accidents caused by human error.

In 1986, an Executive Order by President Reagan mandated drug testing for all federal workers and since then it has spread to many other industries. In practice, drug testing involves taking urine samples from randomly selected workers and then having the sample analyzed in a lab for drug metabolites. It is an unpopular program that is widely evaded and is generally regarded as an invasion of privacy. But drug testing is now a billion dollar industry that has become part of the fabric of the work world.

The problem with the program from a safety stand point is that it does not detect impairment of workers at the time they enter the workplace. For example, testing a worker for drug metabolites may show the use of marijuana several weeks prior, but gives no indication of alcohol use immediately before arriving at work. And, worker impairment from fatigue or illness, which is far more common as a cause of accidents, is not examined. Accidents caused by exhaustion or personal illness continue to happen

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partly because real impairment tests are not commonly used. As more industries move to 24/7 schedules, this problem will grow. Corporate safety managers are beginning to look for new approaches.

An effective impairment test designed by Bowles-Langley Technology, Inc. “BLT”, of Alameda, California has just been made available on the web. Funded by private investors and NIOSH grants, the company previously offered its system only through dedicated special testers. Through its web portal, AlertnessCentral.com, BLT can offer a complete administration system of alertness testing for any number of workers.

The world has become much less tolerant of human error, particularly in certain critical professions such as tanker captains, baggage checkers and airline pilots. BLT claims that simply doing random urine checks for drugs is not enough to insure the safety of the American public.

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