



## MEDIA ADVISORY

March 2, 2010

**U.S. Chemical Safety and  
Hazard Investigation Board**

**CSB TO RELEASE NATIONAL SAFETY BULLETIN ON HAZARDS  
OF WELDING AND OTHER HOT WORK AT NEWS CONFERENCE  
IN WAUSAU, WISCONSIN THURSDAY MARCH 4, 2010**

**ACTION FOLLOWS 2008 TRAGEDY AT PACKAGING  
CORPORATION OF AMERICA PLANT IN TOMAHAWK, WI**

**Who:** U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) – an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents.

**What:** CSB Investigations Supervisor **Donald Holmstrom** and CSB Board Member **William Wark** will hold a news conference to release a nationally-targeted **CSB Safety Bulletin** on the **hazards of welding** and other hot work. They will also discuss the ongoing CSB investigation into the **2008 fatal accident at Packaging Corporation of America** in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, caused by welding around flammable vapor in a tank.

**When:** **Thursday**, March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. CST / 11 a.m. EST

**Where:** Fairfield Inn & Suites Wausau  
7100 Stone Ridge Dr.  
Weston, Wisconsin 54476

**Dial-In:** The news conference will be available on a telephone conference call. Media participants may ask questions.

Dial: 1.800.868.1837

Conference Code: 326818#

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