NDA Participates in OSHA Stakeholder Roundtable on Proposed Heat Rule

Recently, NDA participated in a stakeholder roundtable with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and other industry associations to discuss OSHA's newly <u>proposed rule</u> for employers to protect workers from heat injuries and illnesses. Officials from OSHA gave a detailed presentation on the heat rule and discussed the proposed requirements for employers.

NDA is currently reviewing the proposed rule with its Government Affairs Committee and will be submitting comments to OSHA on the views of the demolition industry by the Dec. 30, 2024 deadline. Given the comment period timeline, OSHA will not be finalizing their proposed heat rule until 2025. A fact sheet from OSHA on the proposed rule can be <u>found here</u>.

Congress Passes Legislation to Avert Government Shutdown

On Wednesday, Congress passed a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government at current levels through Dec. 20, 2024. President Biden signed the legislation into law yesterday. Funding for the federal government was set to expire at the end of this month without action from Congress. Lawmakers in Congress will now have three months to negotiate a long-term appropriations bill to fund the government through the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 2025. NDA is currently working with Congress to ensure the demolition industry's legislative priorities are included in any long-term funding bill.