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### **SEI Adopts New Industrial Head Protection Standard**

McLean, VA . . . August 26, 2014. With unanimous approval by its Board of Directors, the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce the recent adoption of ANSI/ISEA Z89.1-2014, *American National Standard for Industrial Head Protection* standard for use in its certification program.

SEI will now utilize the updated ANSI/ISEA Z89.1-2014 for industrial head protection for testing industrial hard hats submitted for certification. This standard is a revision to the 2009 edition, and the core performance requirements contained in the previous edition remain the same. An option was added to the 2014 edition to allow for higher temperature pre-conditioning of hard hats prior to undergoing performance testing.

In addition to initial compliance testing of all industrial hard hat models, manufacturers who participate in the SEI certification program must pass a rigorous quality assurance audit of their manufacturing facility. Also, all products carrying the SEI label are required to be re-certified annually. This means that all products must be re-tested annually, and the manufacturing facility must continue to successfully meet all SEI quality assurance requirements during follow-up audits.

In addition to certifying hard hats, SEI certifies eye & face protection, emergency eyewash & safety showers; fall protection equipment; fire service SCBA and rescue tools, fire fighters' helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural fire fighting; gas detector tube units; hazardous materials protective ensembles; protective clothing for emergency medical operations; personal alert safety systems (PASS) and thermal imaging cameras for fire fighters; fire service life safety rope, equestrian helmets & vests and other sports and athletic equipment.

Information about SEI's certification programs and the most current version of the SEI **Certified Product List** can be accessed on SEI's web site, [www.SEInet.org](http://www.SEInet.org). The SEI home page includes the SEI **Certified Product List** which provides certified product model names and numbers, manufacturer's names, and contact information.

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