The New York Center for Agricultural Health and Medicine has created a Web site about the OSHA Local Compliance Program

http://www.nycamh.com/osha-ny-dairy-lep/

The Web site has important material to assist farmers to prepare for an Occupational Health and Safety (OSHA) inspection. The site includes details about the OSHA Local Emphasis Program (LEP). LEP will include random, unannounced compliance inspections at New York State dairy farms starting in 2014.

Downloadable documents on the Web site include:

- OSHA LEP Regional Notice for New York
- OSHA LEP Training Binder
- Farm Safety Checklist
- OSHA Record Keeping and Reporting Standard
- OSHA Record Keeping and Reporting Standard 29 CFR 1904
- Template Safety Training Roster
OSHA can inspect certain businesses based on four priorities:

1. Imminent danger
2. Catastrophes and fatal accidents
3. Complaints and referrals
4. Programmed inspections

While farms subject to regulation can be inspected under any one of these OSHA priorities, the upcoming focus on New York State dairy farms is related to item 4: Programmed inspections. Farms that fit at least one or both of the following criteria could be subject to a LEP inspection:

- Farms that have had more than 10 total employees, not including immediate family members, at any time in the past 12 months preceding the day an inspector shows up (1 part time employee is equal to 1 full-time employee); and/or
- Farms that have provided housing on the farm to temporary labor at any time in the past 12 months preceding the day an inspector shows up, even if the housing was only for just one person.

NYCAMH is part of the New York OSHA Work Group which was formed in the fall of 2013. Other members of the work group include Cornell PRO-DAIRY, Northeast Dairy Producers Association (NEDPA), New York Farm Bureau, and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). The work group has created a set of materials to assist producers in becoming more compliant with OSHA regulations. Links to the downloadable PDF documents are available on the Web site.