

## NYCOSH NEWS UPDATE April 8, 2009

U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis has appointed Jordan Barab, a long-time worker health and safety activist, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA and Acting Assistant Secretary. The appointment is effective Monday, April 13.

Barab is currently the Senior Labor Policy Advisor for Health and Safety on the House Education and Labor Committee. He came to the committee in 2007 after serving four years at the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. From 1998 to 2001, he served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Director of Labor for OSHA and previously directed the safety and health program for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees from 1982 to 1998.

Barab is the creator and author of the award-winning blog, *Confined Space*, which covered worker health and safety and labor issues. He has also written the "View from the Hill" column for NYCOSH's quarterly newsletter, *Safety Rep.*

"Jordan will be a strong advocate for workers. He understands what needs to be done to strengthen standard setting, enforcement, training programs and research to ensure that all workers have a safe and healthful workplace," said NYCOSH Board Chairman Bill Henning.