

Non-Union Southeastern Automotive Parts Manufacturers Targeted By OSHA



Alabama Congresswoman Martha Roby (R) charges foul against OSHA program that targets Region 4 non-union auto parts manufacturers. The shift of automobile manufacturing from the Midwest to the Southeast might partly be attributed to lower wage and benefit cost, and it may be that worker safety may not have yet achieved the levels of the more mature Midwestern plants, which is debatable.

Ms. Roby's complaint is that OSHA is targeting southeastern non-union plants for inspections under standards differing from those applied elsewhere.

She makes a good point when she notes that union representatives are allowed to accompany OSHA inspectors under the guidelines of the *Regional Emphasis Program*. Additional information is available At [youtube.com/watch?v=pwkcQ1rLpp4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwkcQ1rLpp4).

Our reason for posting this information is to make our manufacturing customers in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi aware of these targeted inspections and ways that we can assist in meeting the new inspection standards as defined by OHSAS 18001. In summary, the new standards add increased focus on worker involvement in providing improved safety whereas the older ISO 9001 reflects a primary emphasis on quality and environmental issues as applicable at the plant management level. A copy of the slides used at a recent training session on the subject of [OHSAS 18001](#) by representatives of the Alabama Technology Network (ATN) is available at info4u.us/ATN-Slides.pdf.

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