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NEMA'S FEBRUARY ELECTROINDUSTRY (EI) MAGAZINE FEATURES ARTICLE FROM CLARION SAFETY SYSTEMS ON HISTORY OF THE ANSI Z535 STANDARDS

Clarion's article, featured in the National Electrical Manufacturers Association's (NEMA) latest electroindustry (ei) Magazine, explores the need for and history behind the ANSI Z535 standards

Milford, PA – February 16, 2016 – Safety label standards expertise from [Clarion Safety Systems](#), a leading designer and manufacturer of [safety signs](#) and [safety labels](#), has been featured in the National Electrical Manufacturers Association's (NEMA) latest electroindustry (*ei*) Magazine.

NEMA, an association of electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers, publishes its *ei* magazine monthly, featuring the latest reports from Capitol Hill, what's happening in the world of standards, and industry news. Each issue features an in-depth look at technical issues, international developments, and information about various new technologies and projects.

In the February 2016 issue, Clarion's CEO, Geoffrey Peckham, contributes a [featured column](#) on safety label standards, "A Brief History of the ANSI Z535 Standards."

"The ANSI Z535 standards were developed to provide much-needed guidance to those responsible for communicating visual safety messages in a way that makes them 'stand out' from all the other types of information people see on a daily basis," says Peckham. "The overall goal of the six standards that make up ANSI Z535 is to define best practices for communicating safety so that accidents are avoided and people are better protected from harm."

The article goes on to explain the history of the series of six ANSI Z535 standards – which stretches back many decades – and how the standards have developed to establish today's current best practices in the field of safety communication in the United States.

Peckham serves as chair of both the ANSI Z535 Committee for Safety Signs and Colors and the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 145 – Graphical Symbols. His credentials also include being selected as a member of the U.S. TAG to ISO/PC 283, an ISO committee writing a new standard, ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, which will, when finished, define global best practices for workplace safety. In addition, he is an active member of many industry-specific standards committees related to safety signs and labels for buildings, ships, machinery and products.

To learn more about ANSI Z535 and latest developments in product safety labeling, Clarion has a [video](#) available on how the ANSI Z535 standards use colors and signal words to convey severity levels on safety signs, labels, tags and markings. The company also has an online [Learning Center](#) for more key topics that effect today's product safety labels.

ABOUT NEMA

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) is the association of electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers. Founded in 1926 and headquartered in Rosslyn, Virginia, its 400-plus member companies manufacture a diverse set of products used in the generation, transmission, distribution, and end use of electricity as well as medical diagnostic imaging.

ABOUT CLARION SAFETY SYSTEMS

Clarion Safety Systems, LLC, is the leading designer and manufacturer of visual safety solutions that help customers in more than 180 industries worldwide to make their products and premises safer. Clarion offers a full range of standard and custom products including machinery safety labels, environmental and facility safety signs, pipe and valve identification markings, lockout/tagout products, and safety-grade photoluminescent egress path-marking escape systems. Founded in 1990, the company continues to play a leading role in the development and writing of international and national standards for safety signs, labels, and markings. Clarion is headquartered at 190 Old Milford Road in Milford, PA, 18337, and online at www.clarionsafety.com.

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