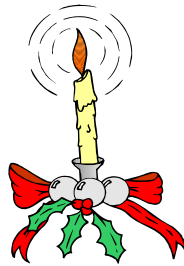


Low Country Chapter
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY
ENGINEERS



Season's Greetings from the Low Country Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. We wish all of you a Safe and Happy holiday season.

We hope you all have marked your calendars for December 16, our holiday meeting. We will meet at Sticky Fingers @ 6:00. If you need additional information contact Jane Lyons. The Chinese Gift Exchange will be lots of fun, so bring a wrapped gift and plan to have a great time.

I will be in Greenville, NC for the Regional Operating Committee meeting December 3-5. I hope to bring back to the group some new ideas and improvements for our chapter.

I would like to thank all of the ASSE executive committee members that have helped me throughout the year. Our chapter could not have been so successful with you. A very special thanks to Jane Lyons. Jane has jumped in and given 100%. Please take the time to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the chapter. I also want to thank some of the Past Presidents who are always there to lend a helping hand, Stephen Haynesworth, Ron Puckett, Willie Brown and Tony Burke. This chapter has had some truly dedicated past presidents.

Thanks again to the entire executive committee.

If you would like your input in our chapter, please speak up! We are interested in what you want. Our Chapter is here to serve our members and our community so I encourage all of you to GET INVOLVED.

[Diana Potts](#)

Treasurer's Corner

As of November 30, 2003, the Chapter's bank account continues to operate with a balance of \$4638.20. There were 45 people present at the November 18, 2003 meeting.

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Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2003

Time: 6:00 pm "evening meeting"

6:00 pm - social time

6:30 pm dinner/speaker/activities

\$15 members, \$20 non-members/quests

Location:

Sticky Fingers Restaurant
7690 Northwoods Blvd.
Back Meeting Room
North Charleston, SC

Our speaker will be Van Henson from the Office of SC-OSHA Voluntary Programs. He will give us an OSHA Update.

We must have a head count, so please email Jane Lyons or me by 12/9, if you are going to attend.

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Future Meetings

January 20 - 11:30 AM - AGFA Plant Tour

1658 Bushy Park Road, Goose Creek, SC. Hosted by our very own Dana M. Fisher!

February 17 - 11:30 AM

North Town Restaurant & Grill

Host - TE 21 (Training & Education in the 21st Century) - potential new members

Topic - (Training & Education in the 21st Century) Adult Training and Education and OSHA required training.

March 16 - 11:30 AM

North Town Restaurant & Grill

Topic - *OSHA Legal Issues (Workman's Comp issues/Temporary Workers Issues) pending*

Looking for a Meeting Host

Would you consider being a host for a monthly ASSE meeting? When you host a meeting, we request that you provide a door prize for a drawing and/or supply the attendees with a company promo such as pens, hats, or other items with your logo.

In exchange for hosting a meeting, there will be a space for advertisement provided to you at no charge in that month's newsletter. Just let me know when you would like to host a meeting.

Diana Potts

Oral Arguments Set In Metalworking Fluids Suit

Two big dates are looming in the lawsuit filed by the United Auto Workers and United Steelworkers' unions this fall to force OSHA to issue new controls on exposure to metalworking fluids. OSHA's response is due Dec. 19, and the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has scheduled oral arguments on the case for Jan. 9, according to plaintiffs' attorney Randy S. Rabinowitz of Washington, D.C.

The unions filed their suit in October, saying OSHA had delayed an MWF rule for so long that judicial intervention is required to move it. OSHA's Metalworking Fluids Standards Advisory Committee in July 1999 recommended an 8-hour time-weighted

average PEL of 0.5 mg/m³ for total particulate mass — one-tenth of OSHA's current PEL (5 mg/m³ TWA for mineral oil mist and 15 mg/m³ for other particulates). But OSHA has not acted on its advisory committee's recommendation and has dropped MWF from its regulatory priority list, according to the lawsuit.

Safety Conferences

December 7-10 , 2003

AFL-CIO National Safety and Health Conference, Detroit, MI.

www.aflcio.org/yourjobeconomy/safety/nshc.cfm.

December 8-10

Eighth Conference on Infectious Diseases Roswell, GA

<http://www.aorn.org/events>

December 9-11, 2003

National Ergonomics Conference and Exposition

Las Vegas, NV

www.ergoexpo.com.

February 10-12, 2004

14th Annual Construction Safety Conference Rosemont, IL.

www.buildsafe.org.

NEW OSHA FORMS FOR RECORDING WORK-RELATED INJURIES AND ILLNESSES NOW AVAILABLE ON OSHA WEBSITE

The revised OSHA Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses is now available on OSHA's website at:

<http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/new-osh300form1-1-04.pdf>.

The forms, which are required for employers to use in recording injuries and illnesses, have changed in several important ways for 2004.

Z490.1 Standard, "Accepted Practices for Safety, Health, and Environmental Training"

ASSE is hosting a conference call program featuring this standard on December 9, 2003 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CST. This program is only \$75 for members.

<http://www.asse.org/fr3380c.htm>

Hunting for SPYs

Your chapter is looking for SPYs. No, not the Homeland Security variety, but the **Safety Professional of the Year** kind. We want to get an early start on finding our next SPY award winner. In the next couple of months you will see more information in the newsletter and at the monthly meeting about who and how to nominate someone for this prestigious award. If you already have someone in mind to nominate for this award, begin thinking about what you would want the Chapter to know about him or her that would convince us that he or she is THE candidate. As you know, with the wealth of knowledge skills and abilities, we are blessed with in our organization, the competition will be fierce, so your candidate will have to stand head and shoulders above the rest to win out. So start building your case!

Egregious Policy

ASSE President James 'Skipper' Kendrick applauds the decision by Assistant Secretary of Labor, John Henshaw, and OSHA to appeal the independent OSHRC recent decision in Secretary of Labor v. Ho. If allowed to stand, the Ho decision would limit OSHA's ability to crack down on employers that willfully fail to protect workers from known safety and health risks.

"ASSE's members are concerned that the Ho decision improperly limits OSHA's ability to continue enforcement actions under the egregious conduct policy, a necessary tool for OSHA to make the worst employers accountable for their willful failure to protect workers from known safety and health risks," Kendrick stated in a letter sent to Assistant Secretary Henshaw today. "If allowed to stand, this decision would be an unacceptable step backwards in the Federal Government's ability to enforce this nation's occupational safety and health standards against those who deserve enforcement attention the most."

The Secretary of Labor v. Ho case concerned OSHA's multiple issuance of willful citations to Eric K. Ho and two companies he controlled for allegedly violating the asbestos standard in construction, and for failing to

provide respiratory protection and asbestos training to 11 workers. The workers were hired to remove asbestos-containing materials from a hospital.

The OSHRC ruled September 29, 2003 that OSHA's imposition of per-employee citations of the asbestos standard was not reasonable and rejected OSHA's egregious policy.

Donate Unused Safety Equipment or Supplies

Anyone wanting to donate obsolete or unused safety equipment or supplies may donate it to the Low Country Safety Council. The equipment will be used in safety training for demonstration purposes only.

Please notify Jane Lyons at 760-8367 or jane.lyons@us.bosch.com.

DHS Transfers Federal Air Marshal Service To ICE

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced the official transfer of the Federal Air Marshal Service from the Transportation Security Administration to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The transfer fuses all of the investigative resources within the Border and Transportation Security Directorate at ICE, the largest investigative arm of Homeland Security. The move also expands DHS's ability to respond to air security threats by creating a vastly larger surge potential of trained federal agents who can respond during times of crisis.

November Meeting a Huge SUCCESS!

The November 2003 meeting was a unique joint meeting with the newly established Low Country Safety Council. Sam Lewis of LCSC gave an overview of LCSC and the benefits that will be offered to the Low Country Area with improved contractor training.

A special guest was Jim Knight of the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations. He is the Government Relations and Communications Director. He talked about safety in SC and the number of serious injuries and fatalities in SC. He spoke about the

challenge to assist the Hispanic population with safety since they seem to be increasing in the number of SC fatality victims. Forty-five people attended the presentation!

Following the regular ASSE monthly meeting, the LCSC had an open house visited by many manufacturers and contractors.



Sam Lewis gives an overview of the Low Country Contractor Safety Council



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ASSE National Society Newsletter

The ASSE National Society Newsletter is now available online at:

<http://www.asse.org/su03.htm>

Articles from our Professional Safety magazine are also available at:

<http://www.electronicipc.com/JournalEZ/toc.cfm?code=0427001>

Member Directory & Job Line

Jane Lyons will continue to update the member directory as needed. If you have not sent her your updated information, please email her at:

Jane.Lyons@us.bosch.com

Jane also maintains a Job Line by email notification. Please email her if you would like to be on the distribution.

If you are a member of ASSE, you may want to update your information at:

www.asse.org/format_frames_main.asp?bannerframe2=professional_safety_banner.html&mainframe2=contact2.htm

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