

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



Newsletter Editor Needed

It has been my pleasure to prepare the newsletter for the last few years, but it's time for someone else to step up and take over the responsibilities. I want to thank all of the members who sent me articles for the newsletters or provided feedback.

Please contact one of the current officers to volunteer for the Newsletter Editor position.

Ed Arms

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Time: 11:30 a.m. for networking
12 noon for lunch

North Towne Seafood and Grill
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
Phone: (843) 863-1001

Speaker: Cathy S. Haynes

Deputy Director, Charleston County EPD

Topic: Community Emergency Response Team

Treasurer's Corner

As of June 30, 2004, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$7531.34. There were 18 members and guests present at the June 15, 2004 meeting.

Michele

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.

Jane Lyons

Safety Conferences

September 10-17
92nd Annual National Safety Congress & Expo, New Orleans, LA
www.nsc.org

September 21-24
ASSE Region 6 PDC
Myrtle Beach, SC
<http://www.asse-region6.org/>

November 30 - December 3
10th Annual National Ergonomics Conference and Exposition, Las Vegas, NV
www.ergoexpo.com

GROCERS GET ERGO GUIDELINES

On May 28, OSHA published voluntary ergonomic guidelines for retail grocery stores. OSHA Administrator John Henshaw announced the publication of [Guidelines for Retail Grocery Stores](#). He described the guidelines as "practical tools that have been shown to reduce work related injuries in retail stores."

To develop the guidelines, OSHA worked with trade associations, labor organizations and individual grocery stores. The guidelines include sections outlining corrective actions and offering examples of solutions that have been used successfully to control exposure to ergonomic risk factors in grocery stores.

SC Enacts Title Protection Legislation

South Carolina recently enacted professional recognition/title protection legislation for those in the industrial hygiene and safety profession. The legislation:

- defines titles and definitions used by the profession
- establishes legal recognition for the profession
- legally protects the titles.

Only those who meet the criteria outlined in the definitions that are part of title protection legislation may use these titles.

Home Injuries Cost U.S. Employers \$38 Billion Annually

According to a new study, "The State of Home Safety in America 2004," employers are spending an average of \$280 per employee for injuries suffered at home, which equates to \$38 billion a year total.

According to the study, which was conducted by the Home Safety Council, factors of the severe economic impact of home injuries on employers include rising health insurance, life insurance, sick leave and disability costs, as well as the cost of hiring and training new employees. In fact, the study found that an injury that results in a hospital stay costs nearly \$20,000, and a fatal injury costs an employer nearly \$30,000.

Specific employer costs associated with this public health issue include:

- Employer health care (medical) spending: \$15.8 billion per year.
- Sick leave and disability insurance: \$11.8 billion per year
- Production slowdowns and training and hiring of new employees or retraining existing employees: \$9.6 billion

"The enormous cost of unintentional home injuries may surprise U.S. employers," said Meri-K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council. "Home injuries affect worker morale as well as the company's bottom line. By arming the workforce with guidance and information to reduce preventable injuries at home, companies protect their most valued resource: their employees."

For more information and resources for home safety education, visit www.homesafetycouncil.org.

OSHA Moves Closer to Completing PPE Rule

In the agency's most recent regulatory agenda, released June 28, OSHA has promoted the PPE rule to the "final rule" stage; the standard had previously been designated a "long-term action."

Since the late 1990's, OSHA has been working on a standard that would clarify when employers are required to pay for their workers' personal protective equipment (PPE). OSHA indicated that it would re-open the record on the PPE rule only to obtain input on issues considered to be "tools of the trade." A source familiar with the rulemaking explained that this phrase refers to those items that certain workers may be expected to buy for themselves.

Other notable developments in OSHA's most recent rulemaking agenda include:

- Cranes and Derricks negotiated rulemaking is to be completed by September, and the standard, formerly designated a long-term action, is now in the pre-rule stage;
- Hearing Conservation for Construction Workers, previously a proposed rule, has slipped to the pre-rule stage as an additional stakeholder meeting is now scheduled for July 21;
- Assigned Protection Factors, an amendment to the respiratory protection rule (29 CFR 1910.134) remains in the final rule stage, although after extending the comment period following a January public hearing, OSHA is now predicting final action will not take place until December;
- OSHA appears to be on schedule to meet a court deadline of promulgating a proposed

standard for hexavalent chromium by Oct. 4, as the most recent agenda has upgraded the standard to the proposed rule stage;

- The agenda reveals no progress in the effort to update OSHA standards based on national consensus standards;
- OSHA is now conceding increased delays for rules regulating occupational exposures to beryllium and ionizing radiation.

Source: Occupational Hazards E-News

ASSE Conference Call

ASSE will be hosting their next technical conference call on Wednesday July 21, 2004 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Central Time. This call will focus on floor and wall openings, slips, trips, falls and the question of slip resistance.

Details are at <http://www.asse.org/fr501c.htm>

New Safety Permit Mandated For Some Hazmat Carriers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will make the 3,100 trucking companies that haul certain highly hazardous materials obtain a special safety permit beginning Jan. 1, 2005. FMCSA said the permit is necessary because those cargoes would be more dangerous in crashes or if used by terrorists.

The safety permit will be required for carriers hauling certain types and amounts of radioactive materials, explosives, toxic inhalant materials and compressed or refrigerated liquid methane or natural gas. Annual safety benefits to the U.S. economy (from fewer accidental releases) will be \$3.7 million, the agency estimated.

"This regulation will promote the safe and secure transportation of the most dangerous hazardous materials," said FMCSA Administrator Annette Sandberg. "We all have a part to play in protecting the nation's transportation systems."

The final rule says the carriers must meet all federal safety and security standards and must communicate regularly with their drivers by phone or another electronic device. Carriers with unsatisfactory safety ratings will be barred from transporting these hazmats

until they obtain the permit. Temporary permits will be issued for 180 days, to prevent disruptions of commerce.

The final rule was published in the June 30 *Federal Register* and is available online at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

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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