

Low Country Chapter

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY
ENGINEERS**



**Today is the Deadline for your
Sponsored Memberships**

**The 2004-2005
Member-Get-A-Member
Challenge**

Prizes

*** Individual Prizes**

1st Place: \$1,000

2nd Place: \$500

3rd Place: \$250

*** Region Prize: \$1,000**

*** Chapter Prize: \$500**

*** Plasma Television – everyone
that recruits at least one new
member will be entered into a
drawing to win a plasma
television**

*(ASSE reserves the right to substitute prizes of
equal value)*

**The winners will be announced in
May 2005**

**Email your colleagues directly through
our refer a friend email tool.**

**If you have not registered yet for the
Spring PDC on April 15th, do it today
to get the Discount.**

**We will not be meeting on Tuesday,
the 19th, instead, we will get together
at the PDC on Friday the 15th.**

**We look forward to seeing our monthly
regulars there on Friday along some
new faces!**

Next Meeting



Date: Tuesday, May 17th, 2005

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

Time: 11:30 am

**Details of our guest speaker will be indicated in
April's Newsletter.**

Treasurer's Corner

As of February 28th, 2005, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$7,873.46. There were 35 members and guests present at the February 15th, 2005 meeting.

Michele

OSHA to Provide Basic Workplace Safety, Health Training Course in Spanish Beginning May 24 in Chicago

CHICAGO -- Training in basic workplace safety and health will soon be offered in Spanish through a project co-sponsored by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and participating state agencies and universities in the Chicago area, the U.S. Labor Department announced today.

"This is a significant opportunity for employers who discover that portions of their workforce might respond better to instruction provided in Spanish," said Gary Anderson, OSHA area director in Calumet City. "It matters because we need to leave no stone unturned in combating the problem of workplace injuries among Hispanic workers." Anderson noted that while injury and illness rates in the private sector dropped by over one-third in the decade between 1992 and 2001, the rates increased for Hispanic workers.

The training is a Spanish-language version of OSHA's successful ten hour general industry course, and will be offered beginning on May 24-25 and August 2-3, 2005. The two day course in May will be held at the UIC School of Public Health, 2121 West Taylor Street, Chicago. Additional information on the course can be found in English at www.businessandindustrieservices.com/business/CourseDetail.aspx?courseID=192 and in Spanish at www.businessandindustrieservices.com/business/programDetail.aspx?programID=29 Information is also available by telephone in English or Spanish at (773) 907-4367.

The course will cover a variety of safety and health instruction, including: an introduction to OSHA; walking, working surfaces; means of egress and fire protection, electrical safety and personal protective equipment; machine safeguarding; lockout/tagout issues; introduction to industrial hygiene; blood borne pathogens; confined space hazards and many others. Cooperating with OSHA in offering the training are: the National Safety Education Center at northern Illinois University; the Great Lakes NIOSH Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago; Harry S. Truman College of Chicago; and, the On-Site Safety and Health Consultation Program of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Security.

OSHA Identifies 14,000 Workplaces with High Injury and Illness Rates

WASHINGTON -- Approximately 14,000 employers have been notified that injury and illness rates at their worksites are higher than average and that assistance is available to help them fix safety and health hazards, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today.

In a letter this month to those employers, Jonathan L. Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, explained that the notification was a proactive step to encourage employers to take steps now to reduce those rates and improve the safety and health environment in their workplaces.

"This identification process is meant to raise awareness that injuries and illnesses are high at these facilities," Snare said. "Injuries and illnesses are costly to employers in both personal and financial terms. Our goal is to identify workplaces where injury and illness rates are high, and to offer assistance to employers so they can address the hazards and reduce occupational injuries and illnesses."

Establishments with the nation's high workplace injury and illness rates were identified by OSHA through employer-reported data from a 2004 survey of 80,000 worksites (the survey consisted of data from calendar year 2003). The workplaces identified had 6.5 or more injuries or illnesses

resulting in days away from work, restricted work activity, or job transfer (DART) for every 100 full-time workers. The national average during 2003 was 2.6 DART instances for every 100 workers.

Employers receiving the letters were also provided copies of their injury and illness data, along with a list of the most frequently violated OSHA standard for their specific industry. Snare also offered the agency's assistance in helping turn the numbers around, suggesting, among other things, the use of free safety and health consultation services provided by OSHA through the states, state workers' compensation agencies, insurance carriers, or outside safety and health consultants.

The 14,000 sites are listed alphabetically, by state, on OSHA's web site at: http://www.osha.gov/as/opa/foia/hot_11.html.

The list does not designate those earmarked for any future inspections. An announcement of targeted inspections will be made later this year. Also, the sites listed are establishments in states covered by federal OSHA; the list does not include employers in the 21 states and one territory (Puerto Rico) that operate OSHA-approved state plans covering the private sector.

OSHA's data collection initiative is conducted each year to provide the agency with a clearer picture of those establishments with higher than average injury and illness rates. Snare said that information obtained from the survey "gives OSHA the opportunity to place inspection resources where they're needed most" and also "helps us plan outreach and compliance assistance programs where they will benefit most."

Do You Know a Meeting Host....

For a monthly ASSE meeting? When one hosts a meeting, we request that they provide a door prize for a drawing and/or supply the attendees with a company promo such as pens, hats, or other items with their logo. There will be a space for free advertisement provided to them at no charge in that month's newsletter. If you know a host, let Jane know.

Federal Inspections - Fiscal Year 2004

39,167 Inspections

Number	Percent	Reason for Inspection
9,176	(23.4%)	Complaint/accident related
21,576	(55.1%)	High hazard targeted
8,415	(21.5%)	Referrals, follow-ups, etc.

Number	Percent	Industry Sector
22,360	(57.1%)	Construction
8,755	(22.4%)	Manufacturing
378	(1%)	Maritime
7,674	(19.6%)	Other industries

In the inspections categorized above, OSHA identified the following violations:

Violations	Percent	Type
462	(0.5%)	Willful ⁱ
61,666	(71.1%)	Serious ⁱⁱ
2,360	(2.7%)	Repeat ⁱⁱⁱ
301	(0.3%)	Failure to Abate ^{iv}
21,705	(25%)	Other ^v
214	(0.2%)	Unclassified
86,708		TOTAL

State^{vi} Inspections Fiscal Year 2004

57,866 Inspections

Number	Percent	Reason for Inspection
14,449	(25%)	Complaint/accident-related
34,116	(59%)	High hazard targeted
9,301	(16%)	Referrals, follow-ups, etc.

Number	Percent	Industry Sector
27,308	(47%)	Construction
10,524	(18%)	Manufacturing
25	(0%)	Maritime
20,009	(34.6%)	Other industries

State Violations	Percent	Type	Current Penalties
232	(0.2%)	Willful	\$6,733,425
59,877	(44.7%)	Serious	53,082,058
2,219	(1.6%)	Repeat	4,535,345
514	(0.4%)	Failure to Abate	2,796,591
71,018	(53%)	Other	6,836,640
13	(0%)	Unclassified	74,9400
133,873		TOTAL	\$74,058,959

Region VI PDC
September 20-23rd, 2005
Myrtle Beach, SC

FUTURE ASSE ROC MEETINGS

July 26-28, 2005
Tarheel Chapter (Officer Training)
Charlotte, NC

November 16-18, 2005
SC Low Country Chapter
Charleston, SC

Toxic Mold Seminar
April 29th, 2005
 Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA
www.cle.com

I want to thank everyone who attended the March Bridge Tour Meeting. Everyone seemed to be pleased and that makes us here on the Bridge crew know we did a good job with our presentation.

I just returned from a nine day trip to see my family, and even on the plane(s), the first thing they address is safety. It's a pleasure and a comfort to know that some organizations definitely do put safety first and label it just that.

Maureen.

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

Just a reminder – as of
March 29th, only 7
members registered with
Michele for the
April 15th PDC. Come
on, we can do better than
that!

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