

# S.C. Low Country Chapter



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

## October 2008 Newsletter

*"Your Safety.....Our Profession"*

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Region VI Professional Development Conference at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach was another great success! My first time at the conference was very positive experience. Every aspect of the event, from the energetic vendors and speakers to the interactions with my fellow safety professionals all made it well worth it. If you missed this year, they are already making plans for next year's conference scheduled for September 23-25, 2009.

As you know, I represented our chapter at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Regional Operating Committee (ROC) meeting in Myrtle Beach. I am pleased to report that all chapters in Region VI are functioning well. Dana Fisher and Terri Sherrill are representing our chapter at the 2008 Leadership Conference and will surely return with lots of information and best practices that will further serve our chapter.

Again, please mark your calendars for **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. This will be our annual holiday evening meeting where spouses and significant others are welcome to attend. We will meet at the Harborview Restaurant atop the Round Holiday Inn in West Ashley from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a night of fun, food and education. This year's guest speaker is ASSE Region VI Vice President, Jim Morris. Please RSVP with Terri Sherrill no later than November 17th. The cost is \$10/person.

Please see the announcement regarding our annual Toys for Tots bicycle helmet donation. Information regarding this is also posted on our website

**As always, be safe!**

Michele P. McCutchen, MSPH, CSP  
President, ASSE Low Country Chapter

### ***NEXT CHAPTER MEETING***

**October 21, 2008**

**11:30am**

**North Towne Grill & Seafood Restaurant**

**2093 Eagle Landing Blvd**

### **SPEAKER AND TOPIC**

**Michael Giuffreda  
Regional Sales Manager, TSI**

**The Latest Products in Dust and  
Particle Monitors**

***Planning for the 2009 Chapter PDC  
is Underway...***

We are getting close to firming up a date and location for the ASSE Low Country Chapter's Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC). If you are interested in serving on a subcommittee to help plan and execute the PDC, please contact Jayne Carswell, 1st Vice President/PDC Chair, at 740-4568. ***WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!*** Even if you are unavailable to serve on a subcommittee, please contact Jayne with any suggestions for topics or ideas for speakers. We will also be looking for 8-10 vendors to display safety paraphernalia and offer services to our attendees. Also, if you have any marketing ideas or input on how to increase attendance, please let us know. Remember, this is our chapter's main source of fundraising, so we need your support!

***It's time to get involved....***

***SPEAKER CALLOUT !!***

***We have had a  
request for a meeting  
topic and speaker to  
discuss the Medical  
Surveillance  
requirements of the  
2006 modification to  
the OSHA Cadmium  
Standard,  
1926.1127.***

***Please Help us Out!!***

***September Meeting Presentation Summary  
"OSHA Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program"***

Ken Warren, CIH,  
Senior Industrial Hygienist, S&ME

***For more information or a printed handout of his slides contact :kwarren@smeinc.com***

*Ken presented a slide presentation on the dust emphasis program currently being utilized by OSHA. This program was in process since 2007 but was recently personalized to us by the nearby Imperial Sugar Company explosion in Savannah. Following that explosion, OSHA did reissue the notice of national emphasis.*

*Interesting to note that back in 2005 OSHA issued a bulleting on combustibile dust in industry.*

*Ken reviewed the various dust generating industries and dust generating materials within those industries. The emphasis program recommends that hazard evaluations be conducted on dust generating processes including visual evaluation of the problem, sampling and analysis of the potential material dust by a lab that could identify the combustibility, and, the development and application of dust and ignition control measures within a facility. OSHA has emphasized that there are certain current standards that already address potential hazards and controls and should be used by industries. Citing the following standards as guidance for compliance, OSHA has encouraged an aggressive approach to corrective actions: Grain Handling(1910.272), Ventilation (1910.94), Housekeeping (1910.22), General Duty Clause (Section 5(a)(1), Hazard Communication (1910.1200), Electrical Safety (1910.307, and 399). Process Safety Management (1910.119, Fire Protection (1910.156), Sawmills (1910.265), NFPA 654, NFPA Life Safety Code(NFPA 101).*

*Ken used examples of different historical dust fires or explosions to demonstrate that the problem is not just restricted to one type of industry.*

## **Report from the Region VI PDC at Myrtle Beach**

**The report from the September Myrtle Beach PDC was not available in time for this edition and will be included next month.**



### **NAOSH 2009**

North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week takes place May 3-9, 2009. Occupational Safety & Health Professional's Day is May 6, 2009.

'Safety Means Always Coming Home' is the theme for the 2009 NAOSH Week. Please join the thousands of ASSE members in celebrating NAOSH Week as we work to reach everyone on how important it is to be safe on the job.

This year's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest opened on September 19, 2008 and runs through February 14, 2009. The contest is open to ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or those who attend chapter-sponsored schools. The posters that best illustrate job safety will be selected as winners. Before the children begin drawing, we urge you to talk to them about your job and workplace safety and provide examples of what risks occupational safety, health and environmental professionals address every day on the job, and if possible, provide them with examples of workplace situations.

**Look here for future details on how the Low Country Chapter will be recognizing NAOSH Week and OSHP Day.**

## ***Position Available***

Holcim (US) currently has an opportunity for an experienced Safety Manager at its Holly Hill, SC plant conveniently located near Charleston and the beautiful South Carolina coast. This is a high profile position that will challenge you to work effectively with operating personnel as well as senior executives to lead change and further influence our culture of safety.

As the Safety Manager reporting to the Plant Manager, you will actively participate in the corporate safety network and have a personally rewarding career with the opportunity for professional advancement in a high performing, team-oriented environment. Help us meet our commitment to SAFETY FIRST.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide subject matter expertise; develop practical solutions to resolve safety issues
- Implement and maintain existing behavior based safety programs and a safety management system
- Manage workers' compensation claims and costs to completion
- Lead the Holly Hill Safety Committee
- Interface with MSHA during plant inspections
- Analyze data and conduct risk assessments

### **Key Requirements:**

- A minimum of 5 years safety management experience in a manufacturing environment (preferable heavy industry)
- A Bachelors degree required – ideally in safety or engineering
- Experience with behavior based safety and safety management systems, working knowledge of basic industrial hygiene principles, experience with root cause / failure analysis methodology and experience with ISO and OSHA
- MSHA experience preferred, but not required
- Strong change management and project implementation skills, demonstrated ability to influence all levels of the organization and ability to build consensus will lead to success.

***To be considered for this position, qualified candidates can submit their resume on-line at <http://www.holcim.us> (People & Jobs page) or by emailing your resume to [careers-us@holcim.com](mailto:careers-us@holcim.com) and reference CAAR566699 in the subject line***



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**ASSE Low Country Chapter Holiday Meeting/Meal**

Make sure you reserve your spot for our December 1, 2008 Evening meeting atop the Round Holiday Inn in the Harborview Restaurant.

Our speaker will be:  
Jim Morris, our Region VI Vice President.

We will be having  
Heavy Hors D' Oeuvres and a cash bar.

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please RSVP no later than November 17, 2008 to  
[tsherrill@smeinc.com](mailto:tsherrill@smeinc.com).

*Date: 12/01/08*

*Time: 6:00 PM*

Holiday Inn Riverview  
Harborview Restaurant  
301 Savannah Hwy  
Charleston, SC 29407  
1-843-556-7100



The ASSE Low Country Chapter will again be making a donation of bicycle helmets  
to  
The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

Helmets can be brought to the October and November chapter meetings.  
There will be a \$5 discount off the price of lunch for all donators.  
Thank you for your continued support!