

S.C. Low Country Chapter



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

February 2009 Newsletter

"Your Safety.....Our Profession"

<http://www.lowcountryasse.org/>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, a huge "THANK YOU" to NUCOR Steel – Berkeley for hosting us for our January 2009 Chapter meeting! Randy Cooper and Mike Furr did a fantastic job of coordinating this event! We had a record number of attendees (over 50!) and the hospitality was great! They even thought to provide a little snow along with tour.

Please don't forget to mark your calendars for **Friday, March 20th**, which is our **Annual Chapter Safety, Health and Environmental Conference**.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!! This is our Chapter's main fundraising event, so we'll need everyone's support. See Jayne Carswell with any questions. Attendee and Vendor Registration is fast and easy and can be completed via the link on our Chapter website, www.lowcountryasse.org. Register now to take advantage of the Early Bird discount until February 20, 2009.

A special thanks to our members who have recently responded to our call for volunteers. Joel Rogers of KapStone Paper has agreed to represent us on the South Carolina Fire Academy Advisory Committee and Justin Reese of HITT Contracting Inc. will represent us on the Charleston Engineers Joint Council.

Just a reminder that if you're interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please let me know.

As always, be safe!

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

February 2009 Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 - 11:30am

Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces: ANSI/ASSE Z117.1-2003

By Meredith Bohler, Northern Safety Co., Inc.

Location:

Sticky Fingers Rib House
7690 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Treasurer's Report as of February 1, 2009: \$ 7042.17

OSHA publishes proposed rulemaking to establish revised procedures for fit testing respirators

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has proposed revised fit tests for determining the effectiveness of respiratory protection facemasks.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published today in the [Federal Register](#). The rule proposes two revised fit test procedures under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard.

In 1998, OSHA issued the revised OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard, 29 CFR 1910.134, which incorporated two categories of respirator fit tests. Some tests expose wearers to airborne agents to determine if they can detect them and other tests use a machine to measure how much of a test agent leaks into a respirator. The proposed revisions would allow certain machine-based fit tests to be conducted more quickly and increase the required score for passing them.

The Safety Professionals Handbook

"We set out to ensure that this book was first a collection of tried-and-true information." - Joel Haight, Editor

With nearly 8 years in the making, this is ASSE's most expansive publishing endeavor. "It has a bit of the feel of an encyclopedia, but with more of a story -- and filled with applied and real examples of the points made," says Dr. Haight.

- [Visit the Safety Professionals Handbook mini-site for more details and to place your order!](#)



“Beyond Compliance . . .”

Annual Safety, Health & Environmental Conference

Sponsored by the
Low Country Chapter of ASSE
and the *Low Country Safety Council*

Friday, March 20, 2009
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Low Country Safety Council Suite
1930 Hanahan Road, Suite 600
North Charleston

2009 Annual Safety and Environmental Conference “Beyond Compliance”

The electronic invitations have been sent and registration is now available online. We are well on our way to having a successful local PDC in Charleston, SC.

We are honored to have Dottie Ison, SC OSHA’s Administrator, as our Keynote Speaker. OSHA Administration has changed in Washington. Ms. Ison will discuss how these changes affect our state, our employers and our employees.

In addition, we will have presentations on many other timely topics: 2009 NFPA 70E directive, the New Fall Protection Standard- Z-359, Going Green, Safety Leadership, and Giving and Accepting Constructive Safety Feedback. For a full list of speakers and their synopses, log on to our website at www.lowcountryASSE.org

We are also pleased to announce that we have reduced the registration fees for this conference to hopefully allow companies to send more attendees including safety committee members. Early-bird registration extends from now through February 20 - \$65 for ASSE members and \$75 for non-members. If you have more than 5 attendees from your company, the 6th attendee can be registered for FREE. CEUs will also be awarded.

Register soon as space is limited for this conference. [Click here](#) or go to <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=40cf2a95-dfc5-4429-a158-505f158a1bab> to register online.

Call Jayne Carswell at 843-740-4568 with any questions.



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Occupational Safety & Health Services

SC NSC is proud to offer a new line of consulting services with discounts for members. We offer a broad range of services to meet all your safety and health needs and our consultants are Certified Safety Professionals and Certified Industrial Hygienists.

Some of these services include:

- ✓ Mock OSHA Audits
- ✓ Industrial Hygiene Sampling
- ✓ Indoor Air Quality and Mold Testing
- ✓ Safety Program Review and Preparation
- ✓ Onsite Training
- ✓ Ergonomics Assessments
- ✓ Off-Site Safety Director for Small Businesses:
 - Choose one service quarterly such as training, mock OSHA audit, IH monitoring, or safety program review

For questions on these services please contact Colleen Eubanks, OSH Program Director at ceubanks@scnsc.org or (803) 260-3202.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4, 2009: INTRODUCTION TO OSHA 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

FEBRUARY 4, 2009: HAZARD COMMUNICATION 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 9-12, 2009: OSHA 500 (TRAINER COURSE FOR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY) 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

MARCH 2-6, 2009: FIRST RESPONDER 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

MARCH 4, 2009: LOCKOUT TAGOUT 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

MARCH 4, 2009: CONFINED SPACE 1:00 PM-4:30 PM

MARCH 10-11, 2009: DDC4 INSTRUCTOR COURSE 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

MARCH 18, 2009: INDOOR AIR QUALITY & MOLD 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

APRIL 1-2, 2009: OSHA 10 HOUR PROGRAM FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM

APRIL 13-16, 2009: OSHA 511 PROGRAM FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM

APRIL 21-23, 2009: EMERGENCY CARE INSTRUCTOR COURSE 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM
For more information or to register, please call (803) 732-6778 or visit our website www.scnsc.org. ASSE

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