

S.C. Low Country Chapter



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

April 2009 Newsletter

"Your Safety.....Our Profession"

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If I was only allowed one word to describe the ASSE Low Country Chapter's 2009 Safety & Environmental Conference, it would be FANTASTIC! Jayne Carswell did an outstanding job of coordinating an all around excellent event! We believe we set Chapter records for the number of attendees AND vendors. Thanks to everyone who served on the Planning Committee and another special thanks to Jayne for a job well done!

Again, we are looking for members who are ready, willing and able to serve our chapter as officers. If you interested, please let any member of the Executive Committee know asap as we are looking to finalize our slate of 2009-10 Chapter Officers very soon.

Please review the article about NAOSH 2009. We are planning a very special May 2009 meeting in recognition of NAOSH Week and Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day, so please plan on joining us.

As always, be safe!

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

NAOSH WEEK MAY 3-9, 2009 + OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S DAY MAY 6



NAOSH 2009

Safety Means Always Coming Home





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your safety training department

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 [Hceubanks@scnsc.orgH](mailto:ceubanks@scnsc.org) or (803) 260-3202.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MAY 11-14, 2009: SAFETY TRAINING METHODS 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

MAY 13, 2009: FORK LIFT INSTRUCTOR 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

MAY 19, 2009: PREVENTING SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

JUNE 8-11, 2009: CERTIFIED INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST EXAM PREP 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

JUNE 15-18, 2009: SAFETY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

JUNE 16-18, 2009: DDC8 INSTRUCTOR 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

JUNE 23-25, 2009: OSHA 503 UPDATE FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY TRAINERS 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

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NAOSH 2009
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North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week takes place May 3-9, 2009. Occupational Safety & Health Professionals (OSHP) 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.

In recognition of NAOSH Week and OSHP Day, the Low Country Chapter will join the Tri-County Human Resource Management Association for a meeting featuring U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Review Commission Chairman Horace "Topper" Thompson as the guest speaker. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (our regular monthly meeting date), at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, International Blvd.

Registration will begin promptly at 11:15 a.m. and the cost will be the regular fee of \$11.50 for members and \$13.50 for guests.

We would like to get an accurate headcount, so please RSVP via the link posted on our website (www.lowcountryasse.org).

Safety 2010 Call for Speakers & Presenters

Submissions Due: July 31, 2009

ASSE invites those interested in presenting at its 2010 Professional Development Conference to submit a proposal for review by the Conference Planning Committee. Safety 2010 will provide a forum for attendees to learn the profession's best practices and to:

- Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals
- Expand their knowledge to improve their professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the SH&E fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession

The committee is particularly interested in advanced, technically oriented and practical presentations.

Go to the ASSE.org website for application information.



Thank you to the following organizations or vendors that helped this year's Low Country Safety and Environmental Conference:

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To chock or not to chock? That is a safety question*

As a safety manager, Randy often took walks through the facility looking for safety issues or possible violations. He sometimes had to remind employees to use personal protective equipment (PPE) or about safe ways to perform a specific job. Being the safety person was a full-time job, after all. More than full-time, many would say.

One day while in the loading dock area, he noticed a forklift working in a semi-trailer. What concerned him was that the trailer wheels were not chocked, even though the company had a policy that trailers positioned at the loading docks were to have their wheels chocked before the forklifts could load or unload them. There were also signs prominently displayed to remind employees of this.

Randy stopped the forklift operator to talk about the apparent violation of safety policy, when Don, the loading dock supervisor, came over to see what was going on.

"The forklift operator says they were all told they didn't have to chock the trailer wheels," Randy said. "That's right. I read that [OSHA](#) doesn't enforce that anymore," Don said. "It takes time to chock trailer wheels."

Randy explained that the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration \(FMCSA\)](#) brake regulations does take precedence over OSHA's wheel chocking requirements as they apply to commercial motor vehicles at loading docks, and that, in fact, OSHA was not enforcing the chocking requirement.

However, Randy explained, OSHA rules and regulations are considered the minimum that an employer must do for workplace safety. The [company's written policy](#) states that trailer wheels must be chocked prior to the loading or unloading operations, and that the drivers were expected to follow that requirement.

What the agencies say

In a letter to OSHA, FMCSA stated that the subject is covered under an FMCSA regulation, [49 CFR 393.41\(a\)](#), which requires the availability and use of a parking brake system. Further, FMCSA said that the regulation was written specifically to protect truck drivers and anyone else who might be injured by inadvertent movement of a parked vehicle, including individuals whose occupations bring them into contact with trailers. The regulation implies that, while agricultural commodity trailers, heavy haulers, and pulpwood trailers must use chocks, all other trailers need not do so.

OSHA issued a letter of interpretation which states: "In a November 8, 2005, [Letter of Interpretation](#), the Agency clarifies that while it will not enforce its wheel chocking requirements in [1910.178](#) for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) trailers, it will enforce its chocking requirements if the trailer is not considered a CMV.

*J.J. Keller & Associates Inc., "To chock or not to chock? That is a safety question". *Reliable Plant Magazine*.

Next Chapter Meeting

April 21, 2009

**LEED and Indoor Air Quality
Management**

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