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January 2012 Presidents Message

Hello Again Chesapeake Chapter Members,

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas & New Year break and have come back to work ready to tackle the fresh year. I personally have made the obligatory resolution to lose weight and eat more... healthy. I also made a resolution to be the best Chapter President that I can be during my final 6 months in office. Being chapter president has been an amazing experience and I want to finish strong!

I have just finished reviewing the results of the 2011 ASSE Member satisfaction survey that National sent out to all members a few months back. I want to thank our chapter members that took the time and completed the survey. I am both pleased and puzzled by the survey results.

I am pleased because the chapter members that responded really seem to like what we are doing and how we are doing it. They also provided some excellent feedback on things we could do better or differently. This gives us great direction and a path forward to improve our chapter performance.

I am puzzled because out of 400+ chapter members only 39 (almost 10%) responded to the survey at all! This is about the same number of members that regularly attend chapter meetings/events. For some reason 10% is about the national average for participation in chapter events.

As chapter president I struggle with this number, what are the other 90% of our members doing? Why don't they come to any meetings?

My goal for the next six months is to get 50 or more chapter members to attend a chapter function, maybe the chapter PDC in March? Maybe a chapter meeting or a social/networking event? What would bring you out? You all have my phone number and email address – let me know...

Reminder:

We are still looking for chapter members to help us with the PDC on March 7th.

Michael Wolf
Your 2010-2012 Chesapeake Chapter President

Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Member

Bron Lackey - National Institute of Standards and Technology

We look forward to meeting you @ the next Chapter Meeting; **remember your first meeting is free!**
You can also interact with the Chesapeake Chapter ASSE on **FaceBook, Twitter and Linked In**



Chesapeake Chapter Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
February 14, 2012	“Wind Energy in Maryland” Constellation Energy	Squire’s Restaurant Dundalk, MD
March 7, 2012	Chesapeake Chapter Professional Development Conference	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Laurel, MD



During 2012, Chesapeake Chapter member **Larry Olsen**, will reach a significant years-of-service milestone—**25 years**—with ASSE. We give him special thanks for his continued support of the Society and the SH&E profession.

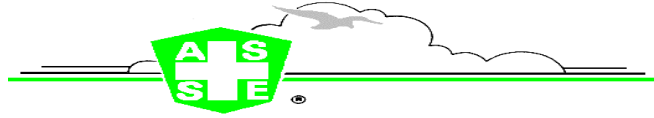
Join the New Health & Wellness Branch!

ASSE Healthcare Practice Specialty (HPS) now sponsors a new Health & Wellness Branch.

The branch's mission is to establish a knowledge base, tools and resources to help SH&E professionals influence employees to make appropriate lifestyle choices; employers to provide appropriate tools, programs and infrastructure that will facilitate appropriate employee lifestyle choices; and employers to recognize SH&E professionals' contributions as value-added to their organizations.

Health & Wellness Branch membership is free to all Healthcare Practice members. To join this new branch, e-mail ASSE customer service at customerservice@asse.org or visit www.asse.org/JoinGroups.

The Health & Wellness Branch's website is www.asse.org/practicespecialties/healthandwellness/index.php.



ASSE CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

“Wind Energy in Maryland” Challenges, Benefits and Safety Considerations

The presentation will cover the building of the Criterion Wind Site in Garrett County. Issues ranging from site preparation, transportation of wind turbine towers, nacelles, erection, wildlife concerns, safe climbing and self-rescue, and damage from natural factors such as lightning, snow and ice. It is a unique and challenging means of producing renewable energy – electricity from wind.

Speaker: Steve Wallace, CSP, Director of Safety: East Operations Constellation Energy

**This will be a lunch meeting.
Please join us for this informative presentation.**

Location:

Squire's Restaurant
6723 Holabird Avenue
Dundalk, MD 21222



Time: 11:30 a.m. Lunch and social, 12:30 p.m. Speaker's Presentation

Cost: \$ 20.00 - Checks should be addressed to Chesapeake Chapter ASSE

* \$25.00 for walk-ins

RSVP: Phone 410-729-8226 or email smcca@menv.com to reserve your place!
Must register by February 10th -- in order to get an accurate count.



“CURRENT TOPICS IN SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES”

The 2012 Chesapeake Educational Seminar

www.jhsph.edu/erc/chespcdc.html

PRESENTED BY

The American Society of Safety Engineers Chesapeake Chapter *and*
The American Industrial Hygiene Association Chesapeake Section *together with*
The Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Kossiakoff Center, Laurel, Maryland

Check-in/On-site Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. Conference will begin at 8:00 am and conclude at 4:15 pm

Morning Keynote

Radiation Protection Preparedness in Maryland

Tom Levering

Director, Emergency Preparedness Planning and
Response, Maryland Department of the Environment

Afternoon Keynote

IOM Report Climate Change Impact on the Indoor
Environment and Health

David Butler

Senior Program Officer
Institute of Medicine

12 Technical Sessions

- What EHS Professionals Need to Know in Engaging a Contractor
- Update on Revision of “White Book” of Industrial Hygiene Practices
- The Immune System in Occupational Disease
- Workplace Violence
- Safety & Health in Aging Populations
- ACGIH’s Biological Exposure Indices
- Auditing Practices for a Safety & Health Program
- Global Harmonization and Hazard Communication Standard
- Overview of Environmental Mycology and Related Microbes
- How to Evaluate Conflict of Interests to Avoid Falling into Ethic Traps
- DOT Shipping Requirements for Hazardous Materials
- Indoor Biological Agents

Vendors, Exhibitors, and Networking Opportunities
Continental Breakfast, Refreshments, and Lunch Included

Early Bird Registration deadline is March 2, 2012

Only \$95.00 for Individuals and Only \$75.00 Each for Groups of 5 or More
Walk-in Registration: \$125.00 for Individuals and for Groups

Registration Form on Reverse Side or download a copy at <http://www.jhsph.edu/erc/chespcdc.html>

Professional Recertification Points (COC, CM) have been requested.

For more information please contact AIHA: chesapeake@aiha.org or ASSE: chesapeakeasse@gmail.com

2012 Chesapeake Educational Seminar Attendee Registration Form

Early Bird Registration (through Friday, March 2, 2011)

Note: Your registration form must be postmarked by March 2nd if mailed, or faxed by 5:00PM on March 2nd. Please keep your fax transmission receipt.

___ **Individual** 1 to 4 attendees; **\$95.00 each**

___ **Group** 5 or more attendees from the same organization, one transaction; **\$75.00 each**

Walk-in Registration

___ **Individual and Groups** day of registration; **\$125.00 each**

Full-time Student Registration

___ **Individual** **\$20.00 each**

Company Name:

Street Address:

Attendee(s) Name (for name tags):

Email (for your confirmation): _____ Phone: _____

Payment Info

Check: Make checks payable to “**Johns Hopkins University**” (Please do not send cash)

Mail completed form and check to: **ATTN: Keith Choi**, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 615 N. Wolfe St., Room W7517, Baltimore, MD 21205

Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ AMEX

Name on Card (print) _____ Signature _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Fax completed form to Keith Choi at the JHU ERC secure fax line: **410- 614- 4986** or **Email** completed form to Keith Choi at kchoi@jhsph.edu

Total Amount Enclosed or Charged: \$ _____ **Total Attendees:** _____

Thank you!

Note: Chesapeake ASSE and Chesapeake AIHA reserve the right to substitute topics and speakers for this Educational Seminar. Chesapeake ASSE and Chesapeake AIHA reserve the right to cancel this Educational Seminar up to 2/01/12. If the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Kossiakoff Center is closed for any reason on 3/07/12, this Educational Seminar will be canceled. For facility information, go to www.jhuapl.edu.

A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be assessed on all registration cancellations received by 5:00 PM on Friday March 2, 2012. A \$50.00 cancellation fee will be assessed on all registration cancellations received after 5:00 PM on Friday, March 2, 2012. Refunds will not be issued for “no show” registrants. Refunds, adjusted for cancellation fees, will be issued within 60 days after this Educational Seminar.



Join us for NAOSH Week May 6-12, 2012 and OSHP Day, May 9, 2012

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week, occurs every year during the first full week of May. NAOSH Week is intended to raise awareness about occupational safety, health and the environment.

During NAOSH Week, May 6-12, 2012, and Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day, May 9, the American Society of Safety Engineers, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering and more than 50 OSHA Alliance Program participants representing thousands of businesses worldwide work to increase awareness of occupational safety and health and how important it is to make sure all workers leave work injury and illness free every day. We will also provide information and best practices showing how safety programs have a positive impact on businesses worldwide.

GET INVOLVED: During NAOSH Week 2012 and OSHP Day, we continue to help prevent workplace injuries and illnesses worldwide.

NAOSH Week 2012 KID'S POSTER CONTEST



ASSE is accepting entries for NAOSH Week's 10th annual Safety-on-the-Job kids' poster contest. Kids ages 5 - 14 may enter a poster.

NAOSH Week 2012 will be held from May 6-12. Occupational Safety and Health Professional's Day will be celebrated on May 9, 2012.

Posters are due by **February 14, 2012**

“Safety, What Every Business Needs”

More on NAOSH Week: www.asse.org/naosh

New Thoughts on an Old Standard

by

John Rekus, MS, PE, CIH, CSP

The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 also known as Employee Right To Know is, in my opinion, a good concept. Unfortunately for reasons that are not clear to me, its implementation often gets perverted. My observations suggest that many people obsess over collecting and filing material safety data sheets while missing the whole intent of the rule.

Hazard communication is not just about making lists and collecting data sheets. It is about informing employees of the hazards of chemicals to which they are exposed and of the precautions to take when handling those chemicals. Often what gets forgotten is that the real hazard may be posed by by-products of the substance rather than the substance itself or it may be encountered during physical handling rather than in actual use.

For example, during training employees may be informed that gasoline is flammable so sources of ignition must be controlled during refueling operations, but not informed of the more subtle hazard of exposure to carbon monoxide when a gasoline-powered engine runs in an enclosed space. I encourage people to think about how materials are being used and consider what potential hazards employees may encounter during use and to train on these hazards. Another example; welding rods themselves present little hazard other than dropping a box of them on your foot or poking one in your eye. But when placed in an electrode holder and striking an arc, fumes containing a host of metal oxides may be created that pose an inhalation hazard.

Similarly it is good to inform employees of the hazards posed by inhaling sulfur dioxide and chlorine stored in compressed gas cylinders. But let's not forget to inform them of the precautions to take while handling and storing the cylinders, such as keeping valve protection caps in place and securing the cylinders to prevent falling. The MSDS for the cylinders will probably focus on the inhalation hazard of the gases but as safety professionals we should also consider how these cylinders are being used and the hazards they pose during handling.

So the next time you do Employee Right to Know training, give some thought to how materials are being used. Consider what hazards employees may encounter during use and foreseeable misuse of materials and offer training that addresses those issues.

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