The top stories in this edition of Society Update are devoted to the relief efforts and stories that have developed as a result of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. It is important that we all realize that many others are involved with providing aid to our neighbors in the south. To share your story, send an email to jukula@asse.org.

Top Stories
ASSE Responds to Hurricane Katrina, Provides Links to Resources
In the midst of Hurricane Katrina’s destruction, ASSE has remained in close contact with various federal and state agencies, seeking ways for the Society and its members to help in the recovery efforts. Over that time, many members have provided financial support, offered their professional services, and provided much-needed expertise to those areas devastated by the storm. As Jack H. Dobson, Jr., CSP, said following the Society’s donation of $10,000 to the American Red Cross in early September, “In tragic times such as these, Americans have always come to one another’s aid and that is where we can. For 94 years, ASSE has been committed to protecting people, property and the environment. In light of the recent disaster, our members have rallied around the country and individuals and chapters to donate time, goods and money. We applaud those efforts that will continue for weeks to come.”

Please take a few moments to visit ASSE’s home page at ASSE.org. The Society newsroom and Government Affairs updates in particular-tear more about these ongoing efforts and support initiatives.

To learn more about the recovery efforts, as well as about ongoing needs in the hurricane-ravaged areas, ASSE’s home page also features links to charitable organizations, sites for SH&E professionals who want to volunteer, FEMA resources for home owners, and resources for SH&E professionals, for employees and the state health departments in affected areas.

ASSE Members & Chapters Support Hurricane Relief Efforts
ASSE members are acting individually and collectively to greatly benefit the hurricane relief efforts. Click here to read some of their stories.

ASSE Offers Direct Relief for Hurricane Katrina Survivors
To support ASSE members who are struggling as a result of Hurricane Katrina, the Society is offering a direct relief program for all members who are in financial need in the US/受影响的地区 (e.g., where postal service has been discontinued indefinitely). The offer also extends to members in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama who are facing temporary hardship, (significant personal loss or loss of employment). For more information, contact Customer Service at 847-999-2299.

Based on the individual member’s renewal schedule, this program will automatically extend the affected members’ dues renewal date to December 31, 2005.

The extension period will be re-evaluated in the future to determine whether an extension will be needed. There will be no change to reinstate dates for those affected during this financial relief period.

ASSE’s intent with implementation of this program is to be as generous as possible to the members impacted in these areas. As more information is received and the rebuild process in the areas is better known, the program will be adjusted as needed.

ASSE Offers Free Web Job Posting to Those Affected by Hurricane Katrina
Via its online job board, HotJobs.com, ASSE is offering free job postings through Oct. 24, 2005, to employers and employees of companies affected by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

“We are doing this to assist those seeking employment due to the loss of jobs in the Gulf and to help companies in the affected regions return to full capacity,” says ASSE President Jack H. Dobson, Jr., CSP. “This will help in the rebuilding and recovery efforts.”

More News
Fourth Annual Kids’ Safety Poster Contest
As part of its ongoing effort to educate children about the life importance of workplace safety and health, ASSE has launched its fourth annual Safety-on-the-job poster contest. Open to ASSE members’ children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, the contest is open to ages 5 to 9; ages 10 to 14; ages 7 to 8; 3 ages 9 to 10; 4 ages 11 to 12; and 5 ages 13 to 14. The winning poster in each age group will be featured on the cover of a 2006 SH&E student calendar. The contest is open to members’ children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, from ages 5 to 14.

Professional Development Opportunities: Manufacturing Symposium & Seminarist
Join ASSE Nov. 17-18 in Atlanta for the Manufacturing Safety Symposium. The event will provide an excellent opportunity to learn effective strategies for assessing and reducing, increasing employee participation, managing contractor safety and improving hazard communication in a manufacturing environment. Other topics will include designing effective training and conducting manufacturing safety audits. The program covers safety certifications and operational excellence. Attendees will earn 1.2 CEUS/COCs; 2.0 DH credits; 0.25 CCMSP CHPS.

Seminarist 2006-Jan.-22-28 will feature 45 seminars in one location-the Flamingo Las Vegas. Depending on the number of people attending, attendees can earn up to 3.00 CEUS/COCs or 7.0 CHWPs. Prices are based on what you pay, and discounts increase the more seminars you attend. Topics in this year will include retention, balanced scorecard approach to safety measurement, noise control, statistical analysis of safety data, nanotechnology, incident investigation and root-cause analysis, entrepreneurship, strategic planning and auditing.

Expert Addresses Nanotechnology Challenges Facing SH&E Professionals
During a recent audience audience, ASSE member Robert Adams, CSP, CHS, addressed the challenges SH&E professionals are facing with regard to nanotechnology. Adams, a class of SH&E professionals in the nanotechnology industry proactively develop safety practices to protect workers from nanoparticle exposure.

As the number of nanotechnology businesses grow, more research and data is needed to understand potential health effects to workers. Adams advised that nanoparticles could be absorbed into the bloodstream and brain through skin contact or inhalation through the lungs, but the specific health effects are not yet known. For more information about nanotechnology, click here.

Member News
ASSE Members Join Coast Guard’s Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Advisory Committee
Focusing on workplace safety in the fishing industry, the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security recently appointed ASSE member Dana Koestler, CPSP, to the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Advisory Committee. Serving a two-year term, Davis will work with the committee to reduce injuries and enhance safety efforts in the commercial fishing industry. Davis is safety and compliance manager for American Seafoods Co. and is a member of the ASSE's Puget Sound Chapter.

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll
The latest additions to ASSE’s Honor Roll.

In Memoriam
In Memoriam remembers the following members who passed away in recent months. Our thoughts are with their families, friends and colleagues.

Louis D. Chauvier, Baton Rouge, LA, 14 years of service
Fay A. Hunt, Decatur, TX, 18 years of service
Stanley E. Laska, Odessa, TX, 18 years of service
Roderick M. McLeod, Kansas City, KS, 24 years of service

Long-Service Recognition
Members recognized for 25, 40 and 50 years of service to ASSE.

ASSE Staff Resources

Get to Know the ASSE Foundation Staff
To help you get to know who does what at ASSE-and who you might need to call about a specific question-we have highlighted sections on the ASSE website called "ASSE Staff Resources." In our second installment, you’ll meet the staff of the ASSE Foundation and learn more about what they do and how it benefits you as an ASSE member as well as the profession.