Top Stories

Revised Demolition Safety Standard Available

The newly revised ANSI/ASSE A10.6-2006 standard, Safety and Health Program Requirements for Demolition Operations, has been released in three additional content versions. The standard provides minimum requirements to protect and safeguard employees and the public from injury or death during demolition operations. The standard complements the previously referenced ANSI/ASSE A10.6-1988 standard, which was replaced in 1998 by the new edition.

Lookout/Tagout Audioconference: Dec. 13

On Dec. 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CST, ASSE will host a technical audioconference on ANSI/ASSE A10.44, Lookout/Tagout Standard for Construction and Demolition Sites. This standard specifies requirements to prevent the release of energy sources that could cause fatality, injury or property damage. In his presentation, speaker Jim Lindsay, M.S., P.E., C.C.O., vice president of the A10.44 subgroup, will:
- Discuss the history of A10.44;
- Review the standard's contents and requirements;
- Address how regulatory agencies can use voluntary national consensus standards; and
- Provide a guided tour of an excerpt from the A10.44 document.

The audioconference, which is recognized for COC credit, includes a copy of the A10.44 and 2244.1 standards, a collection of papers, a website of technical materials, PowerPoint presentation and a CD recording of the call.

Professional Development Opportunities

In the coming months, ASSE will offer three special venues to help you give your edge at work.

SeminarFest

This special event, Jan. 21-27, in Las Vegas NV, is your chance to earn up to 5.0 CEUs/Cocs or 7.0 CPE points in just 1 week. With 45 seminars ranging in length from 1.5 to 3 days, SeminarFest offers fundamentals, technical management and skills development topics for the SH&E professional. This event is sure to satisfy your continuing education requirements.

Measuring Performance for Safety Success

Join ASSE March 29-30 in Costa Mesa, CA, for Measuring Performance for Safety Success. The symposium will feature 20 concurrent sessions on topics such as balanced scorecards, six sigma, safety indexing, performance tracking, safety metrics and transformational performance metrics, digital dashboard and using risk management performance indicators.

Safety 2007 Networking, advancement and knowledge-discover it all at Safety 2007, June 24-27 in Orlando, FL. Check out our mailbox for an advance brochure with the details.

More News

Northwest Tennessee Chapter Holds Pandemic Symposium

ASSE’s Northwest Tennessee Chapter and the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Pandemic Symposium. The event was designed for businesses in the area to prepare for an avian flu pandemic. Keynote speakers included Deborah Lovensdale, emergency volunteer coordinator for the West Tennessee Health Department, and ASSE member John Wells, CSp, safety manager for ERMC. Lovensdale shared her knowledge of avian flu while Wells discussed how she and her team created a pandemic response checklist created by CDC for businesses to follow in the event of a pandemic.

"We were excited to see such a diverse group of attendees at the symposium working toward a common goal and their interest in this topic," says President of the Tennessee Health Department, "in case of a pandemic, it is essential to have a contingency plan in place that is accepted both by government and industry."

The avian flu virus tends to mutate and evolve quickly. In recent years, the H5N1 highly infectious strain of the avian flu has appeared in poultry across Asia, parts of Europe, the Near East and Africa. The spread of the virus in birds, especially poultry, increases the chances for direct infection in humans. The more humans are infected, the greater the chance of the strain mutating to transmit more easily from human-to-human.

To prevent the spread of flu viruses, employers should promote good hygiene, encourage sick employees to stay home and require the use of necessary PPE to limit exposure to contaminated surfaces.

Georgia

Director & Pamela Fisher Recognized for Safety Efforts

ASSE recently recognized the Georgia Chapter for its efforts to increase trenching safety for workers. The Atlanta Trench Safety Task Force works to reduce incidents and injuries by increasing trenching safety in the state. The past president Pamela Fisher, CTS, CSHM, was recognized for her role on the task force. The task force provides prevention materials and resource information to contractors and other employers involved in trenching excavation operations and brings interested groups together to generate innovative solutions to reduce related hazards.

TCC Committee Member Earnings Recognition

Jeff Bonorden of ASSE’s Gulf Coast Chapter recently received Texas Chemical Council’s Gift of Giving Service Award. The award is presented to individuals who have volunteered in their service to the Texas Chemical Council as represented by TCC, Bonorden, chemical manager for Powell Chemical Co. in Houston, TX. He serves on TCC’s Occupational Safety Committee.

Member’s Efforts Lead to Statewide Program

ASSE member Allan Barrington and his efforts to protect employees of the New Hampshire Bureau of Tumples have caught the attention of the state’s transportation officials—and will soon lead to a statewide effort to eliminate exposure to hazardous New Hampshire roadways.

Barrington, safety and environment coordinator for the Bureau of Tumples and a member of ASSE’s Granite State Chapter, learned that tumples employees who work at a state train and rail station were being exposed to improperly discarded used needles. After researching the problem, he purchased sharps containers and made suggestions to the department to reduce exposure. The state will purchase more sharps containers, and in five maintenance sheds and administration buildings at the toll plazas. Program costs are minimal, Barrington reports, because they are part of the cost of supplies, but the benefit is a safer workplace for employees. "Although Barrington reports that no tumples workers have been stuck with a dirty needle in the last 6 years, the whole issue could mean a big risk," he adds. "This just goes along the lines of proper precautionary-to prevent anything before it comes about."

Member News

Recent Recipients of the Executive Program

ASSE’s Executive Program in Safety Management is designed to help SH&E professionals demonstrate safety system success and experience career advancement. Participants are required to complete the successful completion of 7.5 CEUs for completing three required seminars (4.9 CEUs) and additional ASSE national seminars or symposiums (at least 2.6 CEUs). ASSE congratulates its recent graduates of the program.

Recent Recipients of Certificate in Safety Management

ASSE’s Certificate in Safety Management program consists of three courses and various electives. To receive the certificate, participants must earn a total of 24 CEUs, and all courses must be completed within a 5-year period. ASSE congratulates its recent recipients of the certificate.

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll

The latest additions to ASSE’s Honor Roll.