Fellow Safety Professionals:

As many of you know, Fed OSHA recently released the latest and greatest of the most frequently cited regulations which include the following as published by the National Safety Council:

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It should of course come as no surprise to any of us that three of the ten involve falls (Fall Protection, Scaffolding, Ladders) and three involve machinery related hazards (LOTO, Powered Industrial Trucks, and Machine Guarding).

Concerning machinery, I was recently involved in an employee injury case whereby the worker placed his hand where it didn’t belong, and it was summarily crushed by a moving component of the machine.

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Upon investigation and discussion with the injured worker, he made a statement I find all too common in this and similar cases:

“I knew better than to do that. When I realized my hand was in harm’s way, everything went into slow motion, and I just could not believe how stupid I was…”

Also, during the course of my life I have occasionally overheard someone to say:

“You can’t fix stupid. There’s not a pill you can take, or a class you can attend”.

I don’t necessarily believe that workers are stupid, but rather just misinformed or better yet, under-informed. While there is no magic pill or Engineering Control for lack of intelligence, in our performance based safety world, Employers must realize that they have an obligation to provide regular and routine effective training to its workers, which in the case above, most likely would have prevented the worker injury.

In this case, the Employer has recognized the flaws and weaknesses in its safety program, realized they were unprepared, and they are taking corrective action.

As Safety Professionals, we must continue to coach proactivity and not reactivity, and always challenge our clients, customers, and employers to set the bar higher and create not just an effective safety program, but one that is world class.

Have a safe day!

Warm regards,

Chris Malicki
ASSE San Diego Chapter President

Government Affairs Committee:

by Gary Couture, MS-OSH, COSS

Donald Trump’s selection of Andrew Puzder as secretary of labor draws positive, negative reactions

Washington – President-elect Donald Trump’s plan to nominate fast-food executive Andrew Puzder as secretary of labor is eliciting strong reactions – both positive and negative.

Puzder is chief executive of CKE Restaurants Holdings, the parent company of Carl’s Jr., Hardee’s and other regional fast-food chains, and co-author of the 2010 book “Job Creation: How it Really Works and Why Government Doesn’t Understand It.” Puzder has criticized minimum-wage increases, the Fair Labor Standards Act overtime rule, paid sick leave and other recent government regulations.

Trump said Puzder will help both workers and small-business owners.

“Andy will fight to make American workers safer and more prosperous by enforcing fair occupational safety standards and ensuring workers receive the benefits they deserve, and he will save small businesses from the crushing burdens of unnecessary regulations that are stunting job growth and suppressing wages,” Trump said in a statement.

The National Council for Occupational Safety and Health called on Puzder to elaborate on his plans for protecting workers. National COSH cited a 2015 survey in which 87 percent of fast-food workers said they had been injured at work during the past year, including 78 percent who said they experienced multiple injuries.

“President-elect Trump has identified protecting U.S. jobs as one of his top priorities,” Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, co-executive director of National COSH, said in a Dec. 8 press release. “We believe safety on the job is also crucial, so that every worker can go home safely at the end of his or her shift. If Andrew Puzder is nominated as secretary of labor, it’s important that Americans hear about his plans to reduce workplace illnesses, injuries and fatalities.”

Reps. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) and John Kline (R-MN) praised the selection.

“Andrew Puzder is a terrific choice to serve as the next secretary of labor,” Foxx, the incoming chair of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, said in a Dec. 8 press release. “Through a long, distinguished career in the private sector, Mr. Puzder has a deep understanding of what it takes to create good-paying jobs and how federal policies can affect the ability of workers and employers to succeed.”

(See Government Affairs, page 3)
Added Kline, the committee’s current chairman: “His impressive record in the private sector will be extremely valuable as Congress continues to tackle the challenges facing working families and small businesses.”

But Janet Murguía, president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza, expressed deep skepticism over Puzder’s ability to lead.

“His company and its franchisees have been riddled with violations of labor laws covering their workers, many of whom are Latino and Latina,” she said in a Dec. 9 press release. “Much has been made of the president-elect’s support among working-class Americans, yet he has nominated someone who has repeatedly called into question the value of those workers.”

Inspector General Empowerment Act unanimously passes in Congress

Washington – Congress has unanimously passed the Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2016 (H.R. 6450), legislation intended to strengthen the authority of the more than 70 Inspectors General across the federal government.

Provisions of the act, passed by the House on Dec. 8 and approved by the Senate on Dec. 10, include:

- Confirming that federal IGs are entitled to full and prompt access to agency records, ensuring effective and independent audits, reviews and investigations
- Allowing IGs to match data across agencies, helping to uncover wasteful spending while boosting public access to information on potential government misconduct

The act, which amends the Inspector General Act of 1978, was proposed after a July 2015 opinion from the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel stated that the original act did not permit IGs access to all records available to agencies.

“Passage of the IG Empowerment Act enhances the IGs’ ability to fight waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct, protects whistleblowers who share information with IGs, increases government transparency, and bolsters the public’s confidence in the independence of IGs,” Michael Horowitz, DOJ IG and chair of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, said in a Dec. 12 press release. “For these reasons, the Act is an important milestone for good government.”

The bill now heads to President Barack Obama’s desk for his signature.

Washington – OSHA has released a compliance guide meant to help small businesses in the construction industry adhere to a final rule regarding exposure to crystalline silica in the workplace.

The guide is intended as an advisory tool and does not create or change any obligations for employers, according to the agency. Resources for small business highlighted in the guide include specified exposure control methods, respiratory protection, housekeeping and a written exposure control plan.

Crystalline silica is a mineral found in sand, concrete, brick, stone, mortar and other common items used at construction sites. High-energy operations such as cutting, drilling or crushing rock may create small particles of respirable crystalline silica that are 100 times smaller than sand, the document states.

In March, OSHA issued a final rule lowering the permissible exposure limit to 50 micrograms of respirable crystalline silica per cubic meter of air during an eight-hour period for all industries.

OSHA releases safety and health program guidelines for the construction industry


The agency released recommended practices for general industry employers in October, the first such update in nearly 30 years. The separate resource for construction, released Dec. 1, is intended to addresses unique issues in the industry, OSHA administrator David Michaels said.

The practices are advisory and do not establish legal obligations, OSHA states. They are derived from “best-in-class programs” and emphasize worker involvement and continuous improvement. Developing a safety program with worker involvement can provide additional benefits, such as greater productivity, improved morale and a better professional reputation, according to the agency.

The practices also account for modern conditions in the industry, including new materials, equipment and techniques; more diversity among workers; more temporary and contract workers; and an increased risk for occupational musculoskeletal disorders resulting from a sedentary lifestyle and aging workers.

“The recommendations outlined in this document will help contractors prevent injuries and illnesses on their construction sites and make their companies more profitable,” Michaels said in a press release.

Dec. 1 enforcement deadline for recordkeeping anti-retaliation provisions remains on track

Washington – A Dec. 1 deadline remains in effect for OSHA’s enforcement of anti-retaliation provisions in its injury and illness tracking rule, after the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas denied a motion that challenged the new provisions.

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Eight industry groups, including the National Association of Manufacturers, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, and Associated Builders and Contractors, filed a lawsuit in July in an attempt to block the rule. According to the groups, the anti-retaliation provisions unlawfully ban or limit safety incentive programs and post-incident drug testing.

The court ruled against the motion Nov. 28.

The provisions, announced in May, initially were scheduled to go into effect Aug. 10, but OSHA delayed the enforcement date until Nov. 10 to allow time for additional outreach to the regulated community. The agency delayed the provisions a second time on Oct. 14 after the district court asked for extra time to weigh the motion.

The provisions require employers to inform workers about their rights to report work-related injuries and illnesses without the threat of retaliation. The agency states that employers’ reporting systems also “must be reasonable and not deter or discourage employees from reporting.”

**Beryllium standard moves to final rule stage on fall regulatory agenda**

OSHA’s final rule on occupational exposure to beryllium is scheduled for publication in January, according to the Department of Labor’s fall regulatory agenda, released Nov. 17.

The semiannual agenda is the final agenda under the Obama administration. It lists projected dates and steps for all OSHA regulatory actions, although such deadlines frequently are missed.

OSHA administrator David Michaels told [National Safety Council’s monthly magazine] *Safety/Health* in May that he was “personally very committed” to issuing a beryllium rule. “When I was at the Energy Department, I issued a final rule that is 10 times stronger than the OSHA standard, currently,” Michaels said “It will be a big challenge to get this out during the Obama administration. We would like to do it, we’re committed to trying to do it, but I can’t promise that we’ll do it.”

Also listed as being in the “final rule stage,” and slated for publication in November, is a rule – proposed in July 2015 – intended to clarify that employers have an “ongoing obligation” to maintain records for the year in which an injury or illness became recordable. This includes entering every recordable case on their injury log, and updating that log to include cases not previously recorded. These obligations remain for the five years employers are required to keep and maintain the records.

The rule was proposed in response to a 2012 case in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that OSHA citations for recordkeeping violations must be issued within six months of an alleged failure to record the injury or illness. The ruling overturned OSHA’s stance that the agency had five-and-a-half years to issue such a citation – five years covering the time period in which the injury’s record must be maintained, plus a six-month statute of limitations. The agenda lists 10 items as being in the “proposed rule stage.” Among them is pending approval of Puerto Rico as a State Plan state. The other proposed rules, and their projected publication dates, are:

- **Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Exemption Expansions for Railroad Roadway Work** (proposed rule and direct final rule in December 2016)
- **Technical Corrections to 16 OSHA Standards** (proposed rule and direct final rule in January 2017)
- **Amendments to the Cranes and Derricks in Construction Standard** (February 2017)
- **Crane Operator Qualification in Construction** (February 2017)
- **Quantitative Fit Testing Protocol: Amendment to the Final Rule on Respiratory Protection** (analysis of comments in June 2017)
- **Standards Improvement Project IV** (analysis of comments in June 2017)
- **Infectious Diseases** (October 2017)
- **Tree Care Standard** (October 2017)
- **Update to the Hazard Communication Standard** (October 2017)

**OSHA extends comment period for proposal to streamline standards**

Washington – OSHA is extending by 30 days the comment period for its proposed rule aimed at revising provisions in the agency’s recordkeeping, general industry, maritime and construction standards.

The comment period initially was set to end Dec. 5, but OSHA pushed the deadline to Jan. 4 to give stakeholders additional time to analyze the rule and collect information to help shape their feedback. In a press release, the agency stated that the proposed rule would streamline standards “that may be confusing, outdated or unnecessary.”

To submit a comment, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter “OSHA-2012-0007-0031” in the search bar. As of press time, the agency had received 570 comments regarding the proposed rule.

**Standards Improvement Project – Phase IV** was issued in response to [Executive Order 13563](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/06/30/executive-order-13563)(February 2017)

The 2011 order calls for regulations that are “accessible, consistent, written in plain language, and easy to understand.”

OSHA administrator David Michaels said the proposed revisions could help save lives and prevent injuries. (See Government Affairs, page 5)
Bill to improve rail hazmat response training clears House

Washington – A bill intended to improve training for workers who engage in emergency response to rail incidents involving hazardous materials was approved by the House on Nov. 29.

The RESPONSE Act of 2016 (S. 546) modifies the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to create a temporary subcommittee under FEMA’s National Advisory Council. According to a press release from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the act will improve availability of training to emergency responders, update training content about incidents involving hazardous materials on railroads and develop strategies for using relevant data.

The bill states that members of the subcommittee will come from various government agencies – including FEMA, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration – as well as people outside of government, such as technical experts and providers of emergency responder training.

“Rail safety is critical to the transport of goods and services through our country,” Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA), chairman of the Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, said in the release. “I believe the RESPONSE Act will succeed in improving the safety of our nation’s rail network.”

The committee approved the legislation with an amendment in September. The bill will return to the Senate for additional consideration.

Road safety advocates look to keep hours-of-service restart rule intact

Washington – At least one advocacy group and two truck safety advocates are calling for the federal government to maintain current hours-of-service regulations for commercial motor vehicle drivers as a way to combat fatigued driving.

At press time, the outlook for the HOS rule for CMV drivers remained uncertain as Congress weighed the Omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2017. Language in the bill could repeal a requirement for drivers to take a 34-hour break once a week – including two stints between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

The Arlington, VA-based Truck Safety Coalition states that if such language is approved, CMV drivers would see their working and driving hours increase to 82 hours from 70 and the elimination of a required “weekend” off.

In a letter sent Nov. 10 to Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, Jackie Novak of the Truck Safety Coalition and Jennifer Tierney of Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways wrote that “if this anti-safety measure is enacted, it will result in more over-tired and overworked truck drivers driving alongside our loved ones, which will inevitably lead to more crashes, injuries and fatalities. … Clearly, the solution to this pervasive problem is not to add more driving and working time, but rather to consider ways to address and prevent fatigue.”

The Department of Transportation originally issued the restart rule in 2011 after considering material from about 21,000 formal docket comments, six public listening sessions, a review of 80 sources of scientific research and approximately 10 years of rule-making, according to the Truck Safety Coalition. Any policy rider attached to the fiscal 2017 omnibus appropriations bill will not have been subject to public scrutiny, committee hearings or safety reviews, the coalition states.

On May 19, the Senate approved a transportation funding bill that would preserve the HOS rule, with specific details hinging on the results of a study conducted by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association. FMCSA aimed to determine if the weekly break improves safety or creates additional crash risks during the morning rush hour. The rule was suspended, pending further research into its safety effects, as part of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015.

When is exercise recordable? OSHA letter aims to clarify

Washington – A recent letter of interpretation from OSHA offers clarification on when the recommendation or use of exercise should be recorded on the OSHA 300 log.

The letter is in response to an inquiry from Scott Ege of Rockton, IL-based Ege WorkSmart Solutions. Ege asked OSHA to elaborate on the safety effects, as part of the Act.

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aware that if a treatment is administered as a purely precautionary measure to an employee who does not exhibit any signs or symptoms of an injury or illness, the case is not recordable. For a case to be recordable, an injury or illness must exist.”

New OSHA Rule Could Extend Citation Period

December 22nd, 2016 by Trey Barrineau

The Labor Department’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a “clarification” to its reporting rules for workplace injuries and illnesses that some experts say is an attempt to circumvent a legal precedent.

On December 19, OSHA published a final rule that says an employer can be issued citations for workplace injuries or illnesses within five years of the date of the incident. It becomes effective on January 18, 2017. However, the rule appears to contradict a 2012 decision in the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia that said OSHA had no authority to issue citations against an employer after six months from the date of a workplace injury or illness.

“This rule simply returns us to the standard practice of the last 40 years,” said David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. “It is important to keep in mind that accurate records are not just paperwork; they have a valuable and potentially life-saving purpose.”

However, labor attorneys with the Sherman & Howard law firm in Denver disagree.

“The new rule attempts to override the court’s decision ... by saying that employers may be cited any time during the five-year retention period if injury and illness records are found to be out of compliance,” a group of lawyers with the firm writes on the JD Supra website.

Attorneys Darren A. Crook and Michael T. Taylor of the Baker Hostelter law firm say the rule might not last long.

“The U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Executive Director of Labor Law Policy, Mark Freedman, stated that ‘[t]he court ... was unequivocal that the statute of limitations for issuing citations on recordkeeping violations is six months despite OSHA’s attempts to say six months means five years,’” the attorneys write in a blog post on their firm’s website. “As a result, the rule currently stands on tenuous grounds.”

Crook and Taylor say the rule could be overturned by Congress through the Congressional Review Act. It could also be challenged in federal court or before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Finally, the Trump administration, which takes office two days after the rule goes into effect, could simply delay enforcement of the rule.

However, the attorneys warn that employers must be prepared for the rule’s implementation.

“If the rule goes unchallenged, employers could be subject to numerous, years-old citations that they would have to defend with stale evidence,” the lawyers write.

2016 has been an active year for OSHA when it comes to rules for employers reporting injuries.

In May, the agency issued a new rule that requires companies to make all of their injury and illness data public under the “Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses” rule, which revises OSHA’s “Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses” regulation. Under the new rule, employers in high-hazard industries will send OSHA injury and illness data that the employers are already required to collect, and it will be posted on the agency’s website.


ATTENTION SD ASSE MEMBERS! Tom Bernitt, CSP, CHMM, CMQ/OE, CQA, our illustrious and long-time Government Affairs Chairperson has stepped down from his position. The Executive Committee is seeking an interested volunteer to fill this interesting, cutting edge position. If you like staying informed on the latest news from Sacramento and Washington DC concerning safety-related legislation, then this is the ideal opportunity for you! Get involved, stay informed, make a difference to the chapter and the profession. If interested, please contact our Chapter President, Chris Malicki, at President@sandiego.asse.org.
Did You Resolve to Get Your ASP/CSP This Year?

Thinking about working on your ASP/CSP? If so, that’s outstanding and we are pulling for you! If you’d like to participate in an ASP/CSP study group, contact our Chapter Secretary, Enrique Medina, CIH, CSP to start the ball rolling.

A Virtual ASP/CSP Study Group meets twice a month via GoToMeeting to assist those studying for their ASP/CSP professional certification exams. It’s free and open to all Chapter members, and you can join at anytime from the comfort of your home or office.

Enrique can be reached at: (619) 297-1469. Or emedina@pulse-point.com

This is a great opportunity our Chapter appreciates. Call today for dates and times of our next meeting!

Job-Line

By David Ferguson, CSP

Looking for a new job? Visit our job-line at http://sandiego.asse.org/current-openings/ to see current opportunities such as: Industrial Hygienist/Chemical Hygiene Officer; Cal/OSHA Compliance Safety and Health Officer (Inspector); Manager, Employee Safety; Risk Engineer; Associate Safety Engineer. Check out these and other great jobs today!

Membership Chair:

by Steve Workman, CEAS

Welcome to our new members!

Angela Martinez AT&T
Stephen Richardson Toro Company

New Members North County Section:

Jason Brown General Atomics Electromagnetics
Andres Orozco Novartis Pharmaceuticals
Craig Welence

Call for Program Topics, Speakers, Events and Ideas

As your programs chair for this new chapter year, I am pleased to report that we have some great topics and events lined up for the remainder of 2016, but we still need your input and ideas on what you would like to see, hear or participate in at future meetings or events (dinner social, cookout or ??). Please send your ideas and comments to: Past-President@sandiego.asse.org

Remember, it’s your input and your chapter!
Editor’s Note: Do you have an item of interest, safety-related event, sister-organization meeting, special accomplishment or other newsworthy article that you would like to share with your fellow San Diego ASSE members? Send it to me via email no later than the 15th of the month and I will do my best to get it published. Here are some conditions: news articles, reports and other text-based submissions should be limited to a maximum of two pages, 10—12 pitch font. Artwork or graphics (flyers or posters) should be single-page, preferably in MS Word or MS Publisher format. Acrobat PDF files are sometimes difficult to import into MS Publisher (the program used to create this newsletter) and may need a lot of time and effort to convert. Please remember, this is not my full-time job. If you are “borrowing” a news item previously published somewhere else (i.e., not your own original work), please provide the source and whether or not you have permission to reprint it. All submissions should be emailed to gcouture@san.org. Please also provide your contact information, including name, email address and phone number.

SD ASSE Peer-to-Peer Resource Directory Coming Soon

The Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Resource Directory is a directory of Chapter members who are willing to share their expertise with other members as a professional courtesy on a voluntary, no-fee basis. Interested members fill out a P2P Resource Directory Registration Form, and send it to the Chapter Secretary. The information is entered into the P2P Matrix and uploaded onto Society’s members only website. Members can access the directory through the password-protected section of the ASSE website. Any member with a question on a particular safety area can consult the directory matrix and contact peers of their choice to get information or coaching. The P2P has 45 safety categories based on the ASSE Body of Knowledge disciplines. Participation is voluntary and the level of involvement is determined case-by-case by the individual member. SD ASSE does not determine qualifications or endorse members in the P2P directory. To register, simply download the P2P Resource Directory Registration Form on our Chapter Website at: http://sandiego.asse.org/news/, fill it out, and email the form to secretary@sandiego.asse.org. We will compile the P2P Matrix and let you know when it’s available for download by members.

Calendar of Special Events:

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On March 25, 2016, OSHA published two new standards regulating worker’s exposures to crystalline silica for construction and general industry, including the establishment of a new Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for inhalation exposures to respirable crystalline silica (RCS). Although some in industry argue the rule is not needed or that the new PEL is not feasible, these federal regulations will be adopted by Cal/OSHA prior to the June 23, 2017 effective date of the federal standards, they will affect thousands of contractors, landscapers, stone fabricators and other construction and general industry employers and they will help protect millions of California workers. The new standards require a range of control measures depending on the level of exposures to RCS. This presentation will review the hazards of airborne particulate materials (including RCS), tools and techniques to evaluate exposures to particulate materials as well as effective control measures and will outline the specific provisions of the new RCS standards.

James Kapin has over 25 years of experience providing health, safety and environmental consulting and regulatory compliance services. His specialties include: safety and environmental program management; OSHA, Cal/OSHA, EPA, Cal/EPA compliance; hazardous materials and hazardous waste management; exposure assessment; microbial and moisture consulting; indoor air quality; expert witness testimony. Mr. Kapin is an experienced Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) who manages the Environmental Management Services program for ACTenviro.

Admiral Baker Clubhouse
3604 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Registration and Breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m.
Welcome and Speaker begins at 7:30 a.m.

$15 Members* with RSVP by 1/6/2017 by 5:00 P.M.
$20 No RSVP by 1/6/2017 and for Non-Members/Guests

*Members include: ASSE, ACWPIA, AHMP, AIHA, IHPM, RNCN, RIMS, PARMA, CPCU, PWI, WUSMA

RSVP: Please RSVP Allison Long, President-elect: President-elect@sandiego.asse.org
OR via credit card on the San Diego ASSE Chapter website events page:

Directions: Interstate 15 to Friars Road East; left onto Santo Road (traffic light); immediate right on Admiral Baker Road; go STRAIGHT at STOP sign; pass the recreation area and part of the golf course; road curves to right at the driving range; keep going all the way to the club-house parking lot—a total of .9 miles from Santo Road.
San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers

Professional Development Conference

March 14, 2017,
Handlery Hotel Mission Valley

7:30 am Registration   Presentations: 8:00am –1:30pm

Immunity Challenge 1:45pm –2:15pm;   Tribal Council 2:30pm -3:00pm

“Nourishment Rewards” provided throughout the day, including continental breakfast & lunch

Vendors will display tools required to maintain your “survival” as a safety professional

“Survivor San Diego, Building Successful Safety Alliances”

• Outwit -Motivate employees who may take shortcuts to become actively engaged in a workplace culture that “celebrates safety”

• Outplay -Influence various levels of management to improve cross departmental synergy

• Outlast –Establish internal and external teams to ensure your long term safety success

Keynote Lunch Speaker: Kevin D. Bland Esq. Ogletree Deakins –

“The Story Behind Bumble Bee Tuna; The 6 million Dollar Settlement and Successful Felony Prosecution of the Leadership Team Resulting From An Employee Fatality”

Morning Presentations by:

• Challenge #1 -Dan Pollard, Treasury and Risk Management and Dan Brown, Safety & Health Manager - “Kyocera’s journey to a world class safety program”

• Challenge #2 -Sandee Rugg SPHR, PHRca, SHRM-SCP; Human Resources and safety. “The ultimate internal partners in creating a safe and healthy workplace”

• Challenge #3 –Cathi L. Marx ALCM, COSS, COSM, CHS-V and Steve Thompson ARM, COSS; Aspen Risk Management Group; “The importance of building external alliances with your broker and insurer loss control support teams”

Investment:

• Individual Attendee includes conference, continental breakfast, lunch buffet and parking) $150.00

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Thedell Tapped as SD ASSE SPY, Dodson Honored at Annual Luncheon

Terry Thedell, PhD, CSP, CIH, FAIHA, was named Safety Professional of the Year for the San Diego chapter of ASSE at the chapter’s annual holiday luncheon. He was selected by the Executive Committee from among multiple nominees submitted by the chapter membership. An excerpt from his nomination letter says, “Terry Thedell has devoted both his personal and professional life to improving the safety and wellbeing of workers and his community.”

Dr. Thedell is a Certified Safety Professional, a Certified Industrial Hygienist, and a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygienist Association. During his career as an EHS professional spanning more than 30 years, Terry has worked in many critical and important positions and efforts. He served as the Chair of the American Lung Association Board of Environmental Health and Safety and spearheaded the clean up of a contaminated manufacturing site along the California coast. He was a professor at San Diego State University, educating and inspiring many aspiring safety professionals, including members of our chapter.

Terry is also a published researcher and author, most recently presenting an article in the September issue of the ASSE Professional Safety peer-reviewed journal, entitled, “Nudging Towards Safety Progress.” The article was republished in the October edition of this newsletter.

We wish to congratulate Dr. Terry Thedell in his most deserving selection as San Diego ASSE’s 2016-2017 Safety Professional of the Year!

In his acceptance speech, Terry read the poem “The Ambulance Down in the Valley.” It is reprinted on the next page.

Also honored at the luncheon was two-time chapter president Don Dodson, who was recognized for his 40 years as an active member of ASSE.

In keeping with the chapter’s tradition of community involvement and support, chapter members donated over $700 in cash, gift cards and household goods to San Diego Youth Services, the non-profit organization dedicated to serving local homeless youth, particularly those who have transitioned out of the foster care system. A “Thank you” note from SDYS can be seen on page 13 of this newsletter.
The Ambulance Down in the Valley

Joseph Malins (1895)

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be done,
But their projects did not at all tally;
Some said, "Put a fence 'round the edge of the cliff,"
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighboring city;
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart became full of pity
For those who slipped over the dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave pounds and gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right, if you're careful," they said,
"And, if folks even slip and are dropping,
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping."
So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,
Quick forth would those rescuers sally
To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff,
With their ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me
That people give far more attention
To repairing results than to stopping the cause,
When they'd much better aim at prevention.
Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he,
"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally;
If the cliff we will fence, we might almost dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley."

"Oh he's a fanatic," the others rejoined,
"Dispense with the ambulance? Never!
He'd dispense with all charities, too, if he could;
No! No! We'll support them forever.
Aren't we picking up folks just as fast as they fall?
And shall this man dictate to us? Shall he?
Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence,
While the ambulance works in the valley?"

But the sensible few, who are practical too,
Will not bear with such nonsense much longer;
They believe that prevention is better than cure,
And their party will soon be the stronger.
Encourage them then, with your purse, voice, and pen,
And while other philanthropists dally,
They will scorn all pretense, and put up a stout fence
On the cliff that hangs over the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old,
For the voice of true wisdom is calling.
"To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best
To prevent other people from falling."
Better close up the source of temptation and crime
Than deliver from dungeon or galley;
Better put a strong fence 'round the top of the cliff
Than an ambulance down in the valley.
ASSE Holiday Drive

brings $700 in gift cards, household items and cash for our transition age youth!

From our youth and all of us at San Diego Youth Services, THANK YOU for bringing much joy this holiday season. SDYS is proud to have your continuous support!
The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, December 6. Attending: Chris Malicki, Allison Long, David Ferguson, Amy Leung, Isaac Szmuiłowicz, Gary Couture, Cathi Marx and Enrique Medina.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Brian was absent but sent the financial report to all members of the Executive Committee for review and approval. A motion to approve the financials was made, seconded, and approved. Members may view a copy of the report upon request to our President, Chris Malicki.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Review / Approve Minutes from November 1, 2016:** Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion to vote, passed and carried.

2. **Feedback on October breakfast meeting:** Interesting presentation with good information. The speaker was not polished. Well attended by Navy AIHA members. It’s good to expand attendance and to give speakers a chance to develop their skills. Overall, a good meeting.

3. **Peer to Peer Coaching Matrix:** Enrique has developed a P2P registration form, and Cathi posted it on the SD ASSE website under the News tab. Society agreed to host the P2P directory in the members only section accessible to SD ASSE members. Enrique will make a power point to show on the screen before the meeting and bring entry forms to the meeting. He will make a brief announcement to encourage members to fill out the form and turn it back in to him.

4. **Survey Monkey member survey:** Cindy distributed a draft template on 11/17/16 for a test. Cindy was not in attendance to report on results.

5. **Contributions to the community:** Laughing Pony volunteer event 11/19/16. Chris and his son attended with about 12 others. They cleaned a drainage ditch on a hilly property and learned about how the animals get there. It was a very positive experience and his son enjoyed the horses. It is worth doing to give back to the community.

6. **EC members to review current by-laws and make suggestions for changes / updates** – Chris made an announcement at the last meeting seeking volunteers. None came forward. We will keep this in the “back burner” and bring it up periodically.

7. **SPY Award:** Terry Thedell accepted the nomination for the Chapter SPY award, and will give a thank you presentation at the meeting.

8. **ASP Study Group:** Enrique presented the statistical results of this year’s ASP/CSP Study group. Out of 19 study sessions and 18 people signed up, the average attendance has been about 3.5 people/session. Two people obtained their ASP and one went on to get her CSP as well. Enrique would like the group’s input to decide if the study group should continue, and if so, what changes should be made to improve attendance. It takes about 3 hours to prepare a one hour session. Enrique is sending out a survey to the participants to get their opinions on the study group. Several Ex Com members made suggestions and offered to help. (See **Executive Committee**, on page 15)
(Executive Committee, continued from page 14)

Enrique will report on the results of the survey at the January meeting and will make a proposal for how to restructure the study group.

PDC March 15 2017: Allison is committee chair. “Survivor” themed event to be conducted at Handlery 03/15/17. Speaker list has been narrowed down to:

- Dan Brown and Dan Pollard of Kyocera on safety and risk management
- Sandee Rugg of SHRM-SCP on HR
- Rafael Fernandez, on insurance broker side *
- Kevin Bland – keynote speaker.

Cathi will contact the speakers to get descriptions of their talks and bios, and will work on the flyer for marketing the event. Isaac commented that ASSE no longer accepts free listing in Professional Safety journal. The next PDC planning meeting will be on Thursday, December 8.

* Editor’s note: After the EC meeting, it was learned that Rafael Fernandez would not be able to participate in the PDC. See the PDC flyer on page 10 for the current line-up of speakers and events.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Admiral Baker Clubhouse contract: The contract for the monthly meetings with ABC has been finalized by Cathi.

Preventing violence in health care: OSHA seeks comment on possible standard

Washington – OSHA has announced a Request for Information on whether the agency should propose a standard aimed at preventing workplace violence in the health care and social assistance sectors.

The RFI follows a report from the Government Accountability Office that found rates of workplace violence in those industries are “substantially higher” than in private industry overall. The full extent of the issue is unknown, GAO stated, but the most recent available data from 2013 showed that health care workers at in-patient facilities, including hospitals and nursing and residential care facilities, experienced a rate of workplace violence five to 12 times greater than the general private-sector worker population.

The most common types of reported assaults are hitting, kicking and beating, according to GAO, and incidents likely are underreported.

The deadline to submit comments is April 6.

In addition, a public meeting on the matter is scheduled for Jan. 10 in Washington.

In July, a coalition of labor unions sent a petition to Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez, calling for a standard on preventing workplace violence in health care. That same month, Silver Spring, MD-based National Nurses United sent its own petition to Perez and OSHA administrator David Michaels, detailing proposed elements of a standard.
OSHA Highlights Importance of Worker Sustainability in New White Paper

OSHA’s new white paper, "Sustainability in the Workplace: A New Approach for Protecting Worker Safety and Health," advances the idea that the sustainability framework presents as "a unique opportunity to advance OSH." OSHA’s recognition of this idea adds further support to the work of the Center for Safety and Health Sustainability (CSHS).

Among other issues, the white paper examines lessons learned in areas of sustainability activity, and makes note of CSHS’s work to focus greater attention on establishing common metrics, standardized reporting practices and the emergence of OSH as a material issue for organizations and their investors. ASSE and its partners, AIHA, Canadian Society of Safety Engineering and Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, founded CSHS to encourage organizations to consider the safety, health and well-being of workers, customers and the community as part of their sustainable business practice.

OSHA’s recognition that sustainability can provide a platform from which to improve worker safety and health will help advance those efforts. "There is much untapped potential to leverage other movements that are big, proactive, diverse in audience and stakeholders, future-thinking and innovative to advance worker safety and health," the agency states in the preface. "Sustainability is one such movement that provides the potential to go beyond the agency’s traditional role and become a transformative force."

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OSHA Trade News Release

WASHINGTON - The US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration today released a white paper, *Sustainability in the Workplace: A New Approach for Protecting Worker Safety and Health*, highlighting the importance of including worker safety and health in the growing movement toward sustainability and corporate responsibility.

Sustainability strives to balance social, environmental, and economic considerations to achieve long term success and viability. Responsible firms currently embrace the triple bottom line of people, planet, and profit to achieve sustainability goals. While these efforts have mostly focused on environmental issues, such as resource usage and emissions reductions, attention is now turning to other aspects of sustainability, including occupational safety and health (OSH).

"It is clear that more and more businesses are building the concept of sustainability into their operations," said Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. "We believe the next innovation is integrating worker safety and health into these sustainability strategies."

The paper highlights ways in which sustainability can be leveraged to reimagine and identify innovative approaches for advancing safety and health, which include:

- Creating new partnerships to support integrated OSH and sustainability activities;
- Enhancing interdisciplinary training and education for workers, the OSH community and business professionals;
- Measuring the impact of safety and health performance on business outcomes;
- Recognizing employers that successfully integrate OSH into sustainability efforts; and
- Improving access to data on safety and health for sustainability reporting.

These are only a small fraction of the opportunities that exist. Further engagement between OSHA, the OSH community, and the sustainability community can help identify new pathways for promoting a culture of safety and achieving a workplace that is truly sustainable.

For more information, to engage with us, and to download the paper, please visit [http://www.osha.gov/sustainability](http://www.osha.gov/sustainability).

OSHA issues final rule clarifying the ongoing obligation to make and maintain accurate records of work-related injuries and illnesses

WASHINGTON -. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Monday will issue a final rule that clarifies an employer's continuing obligation to make and maintain an accurate record of each recordable injury and illness. The final rule becomes effective Jan. 18, 2017.

OSHA's longstanding position has been that an employer's duty to record an injury or illness continues for the full five-year record-retention period, and this position has been upheld by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission in cases dating back to 1993. In 2012, the D.C. Circuit issued a decision in *AKM LLC v. Secretary of Labor (Volks)* reversing the Commission and rejecting OSHA's position on the continuing nature of its prior recordkeeping regulations.

The new final rule more clearly states employers' obligations. "This rule simply returns us to the standard practice of the last 40 years," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "It is important to keep in mind that accurate records are not just paperwork; they have a valuable and potentially life-saving purpose."

The amendments in the final rule add no new compliance obligations and do not require employers to make records of any injuries or illnesses for which records are not already required.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).
EPA NEWS RELEASE

EPA proposes ban on trichloroethylene use in dry cleaning

Washington – The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to ban certain uses of the chemical trichloroethylene because of health risks associated with the toxic chemical when used as a degreaser and spot removal agent in dry cleaning.

TCE is among the first 10 chemicals EPA is evaluating for potential health and environmental risks under the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. In 2014, EPA found TCE may cause cancer, developmental and neurotoxicological effects, and toxicity to the liver, among other adverse health effects.

The proposed rule would prohibit all manufacturing, processing and commercial distribution of TCE for use as an aerosol degreaser and as a spot cleaner in dry cleaning facilities. It also would require manufacturers, processors and distributors to notify retailers and others in the supply chain about the ban.

EPA is seeking separate regulatory action to address TCE’s risks when used in vapor degreasing.

“For the first time in a generation, we are able to restrict chemicals already in commerce that pose risks to public health and the environment,” Jim Jones, assistant administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, said in a Dec. 7 press release. “Once finalized, today’s action will help protect consumers and workers from cancer and other serious health risks when they are exposed to aerosol degreasing, and when dry cleaners use spotting agents.”

Comments on the proposed rule will be due 60 days after its publication in the Federal Register.

Asbestos among first 10 chemicals EPA to analyze under updated TSCA

Washington – Asbestos is one of the first 10 chemicals to be evaluated for potential health and environmental risks under the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, the Environmental Protection Agency announced on Nov. 29.

The act amended the Toxic Substances Control Act by mandating that EPA evaluate existing chemicals under specific deadlines. The legislation establishes specific protections for “potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations ... such as infants, children, pregnant women, workers, or the elderly.”

The chemicals were part of a list of 90 in the 2014 Update to the TSCA Work Plan. Those chemicals were chosen based on hazard and potential exposure to the public and other factors, including persistence and bioaccumulation.

Asbestos, a known human carcinogen, is used in chlor-alkali production; consumer products; coatings and compounds and roofing products. The other chemicals to be evaluated are:

- 1,4-Dioxane – used in consumer products
- 1-Bromopropane – used in consumer products
- Carbon Tetrachloride – used in commercial and industrial products
- Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster [HBCD] – used as a flame retardant in extruded polystyrene foam, textiles and electrical and electronic appliances
- Methylene Chloride [MC] – used in consumer products
- N-methylpyrrolidone [NMP] – used in consumer products
- Pigment Violet 29 – used in consumer products
- Tetrachloroethylene [perchloroethylene or TCE] – used in consumer products
- Trichloroethylene – used in consumer products and dry cleaning

EPA must release a scoping document for each chemical within six months, outlining hazards, exposures, conditions of use, and potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations.

TSCA reform requires EPA to begin a new risk evaluation upon completion of one. By the end of 2019, the agency must be conducting at least 20 evaluations at any time.

“Under the new law, we now have the power to require safety reviews of all chemicals in the marketplace,” Jim Jones, assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, said in a press release. “We can ensure the public that we will deliver on the promise to better protect public health and the environment.”
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- 2016 DOT Emergency Response Guide Book
- Is There An App For That?
- Personal Protective Equipment - Plans
  Medical Surveillance
  Respiratory Protection
  Fit testing

SCHEDULE DAY 2
- Personal Protective Equipment - Plans
  Proper Suit Selection and Donning/Doffing
- Decontamination
- There Has Been An Accident
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PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS:

1. Door Locksets Recalled Due to Risk of Entrapment in an Emergency; Manufactured by Stanley Security Solutions Taiwan: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Door-Locksets-Recalled


3. IMUSA Recalls Espresso Makers Due to Impact and Burn Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/IMUSA-Recalls-Espresso-Makers

4. Summit Recalls Climbing Treestands Due to Fall Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Summit-Recalls-Climbing-Treestands


8. Target Reannounces Recall of Menorahs Due to Fire Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Target-Reannounces-Recall-of-Menorahs


19. Aria Child Recalls Strollers Due to Laceration and Fall Hazards: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Aria-Child-Recalls-Strollers


21. 4 Sizzle Recalls Promotional Charcoal Grills Due to Fire Hazard: https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/4-Sizzle-Recalls-Promotional-Charcoal-Grills
U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Recalls

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V842
Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America
Make / Model Years : HYUNDAI / 2016-2017
Subject : Trailer Brakes May Stay Illuminated

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V862
Manufacturer : Kia Motors America
Make / Model Years : KIA / 2016-2017
Subject : Trailer Brakes May Stay Illuminated/FMVSS 108

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V870
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Make / Model Years : CHEVROLET / 2017
Subject : Insufficient Welds On Rear Side Air Bag Inflator

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V878
Manufacturer : Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : SUZUKI / 2012-2016
Subject : Alternator may not Charge Battery

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V906
Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
Make / Model Years : TOYOTA / 2016-2017
Subject : Air Bag Fasteners May Loosen Affecting Deployment

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V907
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : DODGE / 2016, JEEP / 2016
Subject : Crankshaft Sensor May Fail Causing Engine Stall

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V910
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : RAM / 2017
Subject : Seat Mounted Air Bag Non-Deployment

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V852
Manufacturer : Autocar, LLC
Make / Model Years : AUTOCAR / 2012-2016
Subject : Hybrid Drive Mounting Bolts Improperly Torqued

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V853
Manufacturer : Midwest Automotive Designs, LLC
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES BENZ / 2016
Subject : Seats may Unexpectedly Move/FMVSS 207, 210

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V854
Manufacturer : KTM North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : KTM / 2013-2016
Subject : Wiring Harness could Fray and Brake Line may Melt

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V855
Manufacturer : Autocar, LLC
Make / Model Years : AUTOCAR / 2013-2017
Subject : Ignition Relay may Open causing Engine Stall

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V856
Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MASERATI / 2017
Subject : Rear Differential Pinion Nut Improperly Torqued

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V864
Manufacturer : csc Motorcycles, LLC
Make / Model Years : CSC / 2015-2016
Subject : Brake Fluid Label Missing/FMVSS 122

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V867
Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Subject : Lift Gate Supports may Fail and Lift Gate may Fall

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V877
Manufacturer : Indian Motorcycle Company
Make / Model Years : INDIAN / 2014-2017
Subject : Fuel Rail may Chafe and Leak

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V831
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES BENZ / 2017
Subject : Underbody Panel may Melt from Catalyst Heat

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V832
Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
Make / Model Years : BMW / 2011
Subject : Supplemental Restraints may not Deploy as Needed
U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Recalls

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V839
Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MASERATI / 2017
Subject : Back-Up Camera Disabled in Very Cold Temperatures

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V840
Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MASERATI / 2016-2017
Subject : Tire Sidewalls may Crack

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V843
Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America
Make / Model Years : HYUNDAI / 2007-2008
Subject : Secondary Hood Latch may Bind and not Latch

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V868
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Make / Model Years : CHEVROLET / 2010-2014
Subject : Cooling Fan Corrosion may cause Electrical Short

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V875
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2013-2016 LINCOLN / 2013-2015
Subject : Front Seat Belts May Not Restrain Occupants

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V829
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES BENZ / 2016-2017 MERCEDES-BENZ / 2016-2017
Subject : Seat Belt Extender may not Retract as Intended

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 16V858
Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
Make / Model Years : TOYOTA / 2011-2016
Subject : Power Sliding Door May Open while Driving

Workplace weight loss programs lower health care costs, improve quality of life: study

Omaha, NE – People who participate in a weight management program at work experience lower health care costs and better quality of life, according to a study from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Researchers examined data on 1,500 University of Minnesota workers who attended group meetings about weight management over a three-year period. Participants typically were older women who had a higher body mass index and were more likely to have a chronic disease.

Results showed that workers who participated in the program had lower health care costs than non-participants. The average annual savings was $876 per participant, while participants, their spouses and dependents collectively saved $838 per year.

Participants – including those who did not lose weight – also experienced a “significant improvement” in health-related quality of life, the researchers concluded.

Annually, direct costs of the program were about $164,000. The program saved about $3.7 million over three years – and as much as $4.65 million when quality of life was taken into account.

The researchers recommend employers also consider wellness programs that can yield results other than weight loss, such as productivity or worker engagement. “Benefits of a workplace weight management program may go beyond monetary values, as evidenced by an improvement of employees’ health-related quality of life,” they wrote.

The study was published in the November issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.
HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association: http://www.aiha.org/
American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org/
American Society of Safety Engineers Main Website: http://www.asse.org/
ASSE Body of Knowledge: http://www.safetybok.org/
ASSE Risk Assessment Institute http://www.oshrisk.org/
ASSE Center for Safety and Health Sustainability http://www.centershs.org/
California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), (Cal/OSHA): http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): http://www.cdc.gov/
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): http://www.epa.gov/
FEMA “Be Ready” Website: http://www.ready.gov/
Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA): http://www.msha.gov/
National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH): http://www.niehs.nih.gov/
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Main Website: https://www.osha.gov/
San Diego ASSE Website: http://sandiegoasse.org/
US Chemical Safety Board (CSB): http://www.csb.gov/