Dear Fellow San Diego Safety Professionals,

The calendar year may be half over, but the Chapter year has only just begun. Happy Chapter New Year! As you may recall, we celebrated the Chapter’s 50th Anniversary at a fabulous May evening event and July 2015 was the beginning of year 51 (but who’s counting?). So here’s to our journey towards a 75th anniversary as we embark on year 51!

I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2014-2015 outgoing board members for their dedication and hard work to make this chapter the best ever. I would also extend gratitude to the members who are continuing their service to the chapter in new capacities. Each and every one of you has given your time and resources selflessly in serving the best interests of our chapter and membership. Thank you! Thank you!

Some of the highlights of what was accomplished this past year:

- Breakfast venue changed back to Admiral Baker Club from Souplantation (Biscuits and Gravy are back!)
- Great speakers at monthly breakfast meetings and continued high attendance
- Another successful PDC held at Cuyamaca College in March on “Decision-Making: The Distinguishing Factor in Successful Safety Management?” with top notch speakers and phenomenal attendance
- Gold-level award for chapter achievement for the 2013-2014 year
- Donation towards purchase of batteries for community smoke detector drive facilitated by the San Diego Chapter of the Red Cross
- Participation in CAVO (Combined Association of Volunteer Organizations – ASSE, RIMS, IICF, PWI) on a community service project for the San Diego Youth Services Urban Food Forest on the Spring Valley Campus

It is my pleasure to introduce this year’s incoming board.

Executive Board:
Amy Leung – President
Chris Malicki – President Elect
Our new board recently convened for a transition and planning meeting and have set sights on working towards another meaningful and successful year of activities that best reflect the mission, vision and goals of your membership and support of our local community.

Happy 4th of July and here’s to us furthering our efforts on helping others gain independence from harmful exposures and conditions everywhere!

Regards,

Amy
Executive Board Chair Updates

Government Affairs Committee:
By Tom Bernitt, CSP, CHMM, CMQ/OE, CQA

PSM coverage: OSHA changes policy on concentration of chemicals
June 10, 2015

On June 8, 2015, OSHA enforcement staff issued a memorandum for regional administrators and state plan designees that revised the enforcement policy on the concentration of a chemical that must be present in a process for the purpose of determining whether the chemical is at or above the threshold quantity listed in Appendix A of the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals (PSM) standard (29 CFR §1910.119).

OSHA will now use a "one percent test" similar to that adopted by EPA for enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments. This means that, for purposes of OSHA PSM, when an employer is determining whether a process involves a chemical (whether pure or in a mixture) at or above the specified threshold quantities listed in §1910.119 Appendix A, they must calculate:

- The total weight of any chemical in the process at a concentration that meets or exceeds the concentration listed for that chemical in Appendix A, and
- With respect to chemicals for which no concentration is specified in Appendix A, the total weight of the chemical in the process at a concentration of one percent or greater. However, the employer need not include the weight of such chemicals in any portion of the process in which the partial pressure of the chemical in the vapor space under handling or storage conditions is less than 10 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). The employer shall document this partial pressure determination. In determining the weight of a chemical present in a mixture, only the weight of the chemical itself, exclusive of any solvent, solution, or carrier is counted.

The prior OSHA policy, which is no longer valid, used maximum commercial grade or pure (chemical) grade as a determining factor for coverage. OSHA was concerned that this policy did not adequately account for the potential of some chemicals listed in Appendix A without specified concentrations to retain their hazardous characteristics even at relatively low concentrations. EPA had concluded years ago that even one-percent solutions of regulated substances may "reasonably be anticipated" to cause effects of concern in an accidental release. OSHA's prior maximum commercial grade policy provided no clear threshold above which a chemical mixture was covered, and could permit dangerous concentrations of hazardous chemicals in mixtures to be exempted from PSM coverage, OSHA now says.

The change in policy is in accordance with the President's August 1, 2013, Executive Order 13650, Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security.

In a separate PSM memorandum, OSHA also provided guidance on the enforcement of the standard’s recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices (RAGAGEP) requirements, including how to interpret "shall" and "should" language in published codes, standards, published technical reports, recommended practices (RP) or similar documents, and on the use of internal employer documents as RAGAGEP. Employers covered under PSM should review the document in light of their current RAGAGEP.


Adult film performers, regulators clash over safety standards on porn sets
By Susan Abram, Los Angeles Daily News

After five years of public hearings and heated debates, a proposed set of safety standards for all California porn production sets is edging closer to being finalized, but adult film performers say if passed, the new regulations would make sex scenes look like medical dramas.

The 21-page draft, proposed by the state’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health, blends thick regulatory definitions with graphic language as it outlines how adult film performers and others on set can protect themselves from bloodborne pathogens and other bodily fluids. It underscores the use of (See Government Affairs, Page 4...)

condoms as a way to protect against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. It also calls for producers to pay for medical visits and hepatitis B vaccines.

During a hearing and public comment period that ended Thursday in San Diego, adult film performers and their supporters said the regulations — which include wearing protective eye gear — go too far.

“These are regulations designed for medical settings, and are unworkable on an adult film set — or even a Hollywood film set,” Diane Duke, CEO of the Canoga Park-based Free Speech Coalition, said in a statement.

The proposed regulations are the result of a letter filed to the Cal/OSHA standards board in late 2009 by Michael Weinstein, executive director of AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Condom use in adult film production in California has been required under Cal/OSHA as part of protecting against bloodborne pathogens, but Weinstein said the adult industry has largely skirted the law and has gotten away with it because of a lack of effective enforcement by the state agency. The new regulation would specifically refer to condoms as a way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

Weinstein had been critical of the agency for taking so long in drafting the proposal but said Friday he was pleased with the way the public hearing was conducted.

“Getting to this point is a necessary part of the process, and we’re pleased that this has been completed,” he said. “The process is designed to give everybody a say. I think it was conducted fairly.”

Duke said her organization and several other groups would prefer to see the proposed regulation amended with input from both performers and public health officials, “in ways that protect adult film performers without stigmatizing and shutting down an entire industry.”

The public hearing was just one part of the condom debate between AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the adult film industry. In 2012, AHF supported and saw passage of Measure B, a Los Angeles County law that makes condoms mandatory on all adult film shoots, saying that performers deserve to be protected while working. But the organization is also working to get a statewide measure on next year’s ballot to strengthen mandates under Cal/OSHA.

But many performers and executives continue to say that tougher regulations would simply drive the multibillion-dollar industry out of state or underground. The Free Speech Coalition has said the testing protocols for sexually transmitted diseases are effective. On most sites, performers are tested every 14 days and are not supposed to work until they receive a clean bill of health. The industry also has said that while condoms are available if requested, using them is impractical because they break and they ruin the aesthetics of sexual fantasy.

Weinstein has said since he sent the letter more than five years to Cal/OSHA to amend existing regulations, four performers have contracted HIV on California sets. The Free Speech Coalition has disputed that.

Some film production has moved to Nevada, but state officials there have said they are considering enforcing the same regulations required of sex workers in brothels on the adult film industry.

The advisory committee assigned to composing the new Cal/OSHA regulations said they don’t believe the industry will leave the Golden State.

“The regulated community has a unique legal status nationally, resulting in no states suitable to the relocation of the industry,” concluded members of the committee in their recommendation. “Certain portions of the regulated community have threatened to leave the state; however, this is unlikely because the regulated conduct is illegal in every state except New Hampshire.”

Almost 40 people testified to the standards board in San Diego, while the board received about two dozen written comments, said Peter Melton, spokesman for the Department of Industrial Relations. Cal/OSHA is a division within that department.

“There are comments that support the proposal, comments that oppose the proposal, and comments that request modifications to the proposal,” Melton said.

Comments will be reviewed and the Standards Board will determine if modifications to the proposal are needed, Melton said.

The board will take action on the proposal no later than March, he said.

Airlines Ban Shipments of Lithium-Ion Batteries Following Cargo Fires

Homeland Security News Wire (05/20/15)

At least 19 airlines have banned shipments of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries this year following cargo fires. Pilots have been calling for the batteries to be taken off of all passenger flights until there is a better method to transport them. Some state that removing lithium-ion batteries from major air freight could disrupt the global supply chains for the technology, which is used to power products such as Apple iPhones, Lenovo Group laptops, and defibrillator power units. About 30 percent of the 5.5 billion cell batteries produced each year are shipped by plane. In 2005 and 2006, tests conducted by the U.S. Federal (See Government Affairs, Page 5...
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Aviation Administration found that batteries were able to burst open and spray highly flammable liquid which could ignite adjacent cells and lead to fire. Last year, incidents of “fire, smoke, extreme heat and explosions” involving the batteries were reported 11 times.

**Chemicals shipped after June 1 must use 16-section GHS-style format**

*May 29, 2015*

Effective June 1, 2015, several years after the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published the final rule modifying the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS), chemical manufacturers and importers are required to provide Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) in place of MSDSs for all shipments of hazardous chemicals to all downstream customers.

Any shipment of chemicals after the June 1 effective date must be accompanied with an SDS that uses the 16-section GHS-style format.

**Employer responsibilities**

OSHA states that all employers must have, maintain, and make available to employees the most recent MSDS or SDS received from a chemical manufacturer, importer, or distributor for each hazardous chemical in the workplace, regardless of the format.

If the employer is not maintaining the most current MSDS or SDS received, then enforcement action may occur.

However, OSHA says it will not be issuing citations for maintenance of MSDSs when SDSs have not yet been received. Employers may, but are not required to, contact manufacturers or distributors of products they have previously ordered to request new SDSs, and the SDSs must be provided.

If a chemical manufacturer has gone out of business, the employer’s responsibility is to maintain the most recent MSDS for that product. OSHA will not cite companies for maintaining MSDSs when these products were received prior to June 1, 2015.

While the employer is under no obligation to create an SDS for a hazardous chemical in situations where the manufacturer or importer has gone out of business, if it chooses to generate a new SDS, the employer will become the responsible party for its content. However, OSHA still requires employers to maintain the most recently received version of the MSDS or SDS.

Where an employer is maintaining MSDSs in addition to SDSs, the employer’s Hazard Communication program and information and training program must reflect this. This ensures that employees are aware of potential differences between MSDSs and SDSs and how to utilize both the MSDSs and the SDSs.

**OSHA publishes interim guidance on Hazard Communication 2012**

*June 3, 2015*

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published an interim enforcement guidance to provide additional information on the Hazard Communication 2012 June 1, 2015, effective date.

OSHA is in the process of completing the revised Hazard Communication directive and it is expected to be completed soon. OSHA says the minor delay is due to ensuring that additional clarification is incorporated in the revised directive. The directive will include explanations for numerous questions OSHA received on its a February 9, 2015, memorandum which described the Agency's enforcement position for manufacturers, importers, and distributors that have not received classification and SDS information from upstream suppliers on which it intends to rely for classification of its product before June 1, 2015. The February 9th memo explained that in this situation, enforcement discretion would allow for limited continued use of HCS 1994-compliant MSDSs and labels provided that the manufacturer or importer exercised reasonable diligence and made good faith efforts to comply with HCS 2012 prior to June 1st. Since issuing the memo, OSHA has received an overwhelming number of additional questions and requests for further clarification on behalf of manufacturers, importers, and distributors. Many of the questions relate to the use of HCS 1994-compliant labels on containers packaged for shipment.

In the meantime the interim policy is being provided as guidance, and will be cancelled upon the issuance of the directive. The temporary document includes guidance for:

- Manufacturers and importers of hazardous chemicals;
- Businesses that repackage, blend, or mix hazardous chemicals;
- Distributors of hazardous chemicals; and
- Determining what is reasonable diligence and good faith efforts.

The interim policy can be viewed at [www.osha.gov/dep/enforcement/hcs_guide_052015.html](http://www.osha.gov/dep/enforcement/hcs_guide_052015.html).
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, call Enrique Medina, CSP to start the ball rolling.

As a member of our Chapter, Enrique has volunteered his time (thank you Enrique!) to assist those interested in pursuing their ASP/CSP professional certification. Once Enrique hears from those that are interested, timeframes and locations can be identified.

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:
By Brian Vernetti, CSP

Welcome to our new members!

· Kevin McGee
· Devin Wheeler
· Mercedes O’Brien, BD Biosciences

I’m looking forward to serving as Membership Chair for this amazing chapter that has been such a key factor in my career development. I welcome fresh ideas for reaching out to both seasoned professionals and students who may desire to become members of our group. If anyone has any input regarding this please contact me.

I hope to sustain the positive momentum generated by my Membership Chair predecessors and am appreciative of the opportunity.

See you at the next breakfast meeting!

Regards,
Brian

Job-Line
By David Ferguson

Looking for a new job? Visit our job-line at http://sandiegoasse.org/jobs/ to see current opportunities such as: Risk Management Advisor – Safety and Loss Control; Senior Risk Control Consultant, Commercial Insurance; Sr. Risk Engineering Consultant, Southern CA; Safety and Health Engineer; Loss Control Specialist for NonProfits’ United; Construction Site Safety Officer/Consultant; Staff Health & Safety Engineer; EHS Engineer; Environmental Health & Safety Specialist R& D Labs; Health and Safety Consultant. Check out these and other great jobs today!
SAN DIEGO ASSE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Board met on Tuesday, June 2 via teleconference. Attending: Cathi Marx, Dan Hopwood, Amy Leung, Gary Couture, Allison Long, Isaac Szymulowicz, Rick Kaullin, Valerie Stakes, David Ferguson, Vaughn Osterhout, Chris Malicki, Suzanne May.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Rick read the financial report dated May 31st. Motion made to approve report, seconded, and passed.

Members may view a copy of the report upon request to our President, Cathi Marx.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review / Approve Minutes from May 2015: Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion to vote and passed.

2. Feedback on May Breakfast Meeting and May Dinner Social: Positive feedback on the May meeting, members got a lot of valuable information about blood borne pathogens. The social event was a ton of fun with good food and a great speaker. Discussion about the possibility of skipping the May breakfast meeting and only have a dinner social in 2016, considering inviting AIHA members but giving ASSE members a discounted rate.

3. Board positions voting update: Chapter completed 4/14/2015
   1. President Amy Leung
   2. President – Elect Chris Malicki
   3. Treasurer – Allison Long
   4. Secretary – Enrique Medina

5. Past- President Cathi Marx
   Section voting 5/20/2015

   Transition in June

4. 2015-2016 Board Update: Transition meeting 7:00 am June 23rd, 2015 at Zenith. There are still a few open positions on the board. Discussion on bank cards and which (past and current) board members should have financial access.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cathi, Dan and Gary will be at PDC during June 9 breakfast.
   - Bill Early unable to attend next week’s breakfast. Red Cross offered two alternate speakers. Valerie to reach out to Heather at the Red Cross and get bios today.

2. Items identified for collection of items for SDYS summer survival kits.
   - On website
   - On email confirmation for online registration
   - Cash okay made out to SDYS
   - Donations include: hats, sunscreen, water, flip/flops, clean T-shirts (male and female), bottled water, lip balm, tube socks, body lotion, aloe Vera lotion. Flyer will be handed out at June breakfast.

3. Red Cross Shelter of hope donation?
   - Transition in June

4. Speaker of the year nominations to be emailed to Cathi.

CHAIR REPORTS

North County: Vaughn – Speaker for May meeting backed out at the last minute (see Exec Board, page 8...)

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
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nute, fill-in speaker spoke about water conservation and
did a fantastic job.

**Programs:** Valerie – Schedule is set for the next several
months.

**Membership:** Suzanne – Completed the new mailing list
for Cindy, we need to remind members to update information
such as changes of physical and email addresses
on ASSE website.

**Public Affairs:** Isaac Szmuilowicz – Planning on visiting
the Shelter of Hope on Friday.

**Governmental Affairs:** Tom – Nothing new.

**Newsletter:** Gary – Full page flyer about SDYS dona-
tions? Cathi to update.

**Website:** Cathi – Updated

**Job line:** David Ferguson – 20 current job openings on
job-line.

**New Agenda Items:** Open

**Next Board Meeting:** July 7, 2015 - Board Meeting –
Phone Meeting

**Next Breakfast Meeting:** July 14, 2015 Admiral Baker Club,
7:30am

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**Calendar of Special Events:**

### July 2015

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Please join us as we honor and recognize the board and volunteers who have helped our chapter succeed in the last year. Activities will include the presentation of the Sam Cahan award, board recognition and the installation of the new 2015-2016 executive board and committees.

We will also be accepting donations for San Diego Youth Services homeless youth project: "Summer Survival Kits". (Please see next page.) Please bring in hats, sunscreen, water, flip/flops, clean T-shirts (male and female), bottled water, lip balm, tube socks, body lotion, Aloe Vera lotion. These items are critical for the survival for young people left homeless on the streets of San Diego. Your small donation may save a life.

All donations will be presented to San Diego Youth Services at our event.

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 7/10/2015 by 5:00 P.M.
$20 No RSVP by 7/10/2015 and for Non-Members/Guests

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

RSVP: Please RSVP to Allison Long, Secretary: allison@deccocastings.com OR via credit card on the San Diego ASSE Chapter website events page: http://sandiegoasse.org/events/?ee=52

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.
Collection Items for San Diego Homeless Youth

July 14, 2015

Officer Transition Breakfast meeting

Dear San Diego Chapter Members:

As we did last year through your generous donations to help homeless youth, once again our chapter leadership has committed to assisting San Diego Youth Services in collecting items that will be put into “summer survival kits” for homeless youth on the streets of San Diego.

The following items have been requested. Please begin collecting items now. Maybe your workplace would like to do a special drive and put a collection bin in the lobby, or your place of worship or even your neighbors!

We have an anonymous donor who will be donating 500 chap-stick tubes with the emergency number of the SDYS on the tube. Here are more ideas:

- Water;
- Hats;
- Flip/Flops;
- Sunblock,
- Clean T-Shirts (Male and Female);
- Tube Socks;
- Body lotion;
- Aloe Vera Lotion;
ASSE and OSHA SIGN FIVE-YEAR ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS - (June 16, 2015) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently renewed its alliance, signing a five-year agreement that will focus on construction safety, temporary workers and hazards within general industry.

Through the alliance, ASSE and OSHA will work to provide members and others with guidance and training resources on protecting worker safety and health, and understanding workers’ rights and employers’ responsibilities under the OSH Act.

“AsSE is dedicated to working with OSHA to promote workplace safety and health across all industries,” said ASSE President Trish Ennis. “We are looking forward to continuing to collaborate with OSHA on finding effective ways to help employers and employees better understand how to remain safe while on the job.”

The alliance’s concentration on construction safety and temporary workers is timely. In 2013, there were 817 fatal on-the-job injuries on construction sites – more than any other industry. While construction is inherently a high-risk industry, it is even more so for Hispanic immigrants who account for 82 percent of the 2 million foreign-born immigrants working construction in the U.S., many as temporary workers.

ASSE Foundation Awards $300,000 Grant to Study Workplace Fatigue

DALLAS - (June 8, 2015) – The American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation awarded a three-year, $300,000 grant to a University of Buffalo researcher who proposes the development of a sensor-based, real-time assessment system that will enable safety practitioners to better monitor workplace fatigue.

Working with the Foundation Research Committee, ASSE Foundation Trustees selected Lora Cavuoto’s “Advancing Safety Surveillance using Individualized Sensor Technology,” for its wide-spread applicability and potential to help solve a business problem for a broad range of industries. Studies have shown that fatigue is about four times more likely to contribute to workplace impairment than drugs or alcohol, said ASSE Foundation Chair Alexi Carli.

Cavuoto’s proposal takes an innovative approach, combining the technology of FitBits and the big data analytics of Pandora radio to identify and quantify the moment when fatigue sets in for each individual worker. “Current methods do not account for many personal factors,” said Cavuoto. “Our approach will result in one objective number. Once a worker hits his “too tired” number, he will know it and can use one of our proven interventions.”

The grant represents the largest dollar amount given for a research project by the ASSE Foundation. The primary goal of this research program is to support the development of knowledge and innovative methods, systems and other appropriate interventions for advancing safety and health in the workplace. The secondary goal is to help develop and grow research talent in the safety and health field.

“Fatigue is an area that needs further investigation within business, particularly given the multi-shift and alternate work environments of today,” said Foundation Trustee James Merendino. “The true value of this research is less in the wearable technology and more in the ability to recognize and quantify the onset of fatigue and provide interventions.”

“We are proud to make this significant step, inquiring after new knowledge and investing in the future of our profession, and we look forward to sharing the impact with you as the results come in,” Carli said. “Not only will this research add to the knowledge base of our field, it will help create a business case for how to manage fatigue. Our goal is to connect our members to best practices.”

The Foundation is proud to award this landmark $300,000 grant during its 25th year, an opportunity for the Foundation community to celebrate the past 25 years of success and imagine the possibilities for the next 25 years of growth and investment in the safety profession.
Dustin Richartz Named 2015 Safety Professional of the Year

Dustin G. Richartz, CSP, received ASSE’s 2015 Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year for his work in developing safety and health programs throughout his career. Richartz, senior loss control consultant with Denver-based Lockton Companies, has developed OSH processes that have helped clients reduce recordable incidents and lost-time incident rates. An active ASSE volunteer, Richartz serves on ASSE’s Professional Development Conference Planning Committee and is an Area Director in Region II. He is a professional member of ASSE’s Colorado Chapter, of which he was president in 2011-12, and a member of the Oil and Gas Practice Specialty. In accepting the award during ASSE’s Safety 2015 conference in Dallas, TX, in June, Richartz said, “I challenge each of you to take it upon yourselves to invest the time necessary to serve as a mentor for someone else. You may be surprised at the benefit that you receive from that relationship.”

The Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year Award is given in honor of Edgar Monsanto Queeny, who was president of Monsanto on April 16, 1947, when the explosion of a French freighter destroyed Monsanto’s Texas City plant, killing 512 people, including 145 Monsanto employees. The event moved him to place even greater emphasis on safety in the company’s operations.

Safety 2015 Recordings Available for Preorder

Missed Safety 2015 in Dallas? Attended the conference, but frustrated that you couldn’t see everything you wanted?

The good news is it is now possible to revisit Safety 2015 sessions virtually. Build your knowledge of industry trends and best practices by exploring more than 160 sessions on-demand. Videos and slides synced to audio will give you and your colleagues an opportunity to explore the education that took place at the industry’s most widely respected safety conference.

You can learn more here.

Lu Yuan Named Outstanding Educator of the Year

The William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year Award recognizes exceptional educators who show the highest level of achievement in OSH teaching, scholarship and commitment to ASSE. This year’s recipient is Lu Yuan, Sc.D., CSP.

Lu Yuan is an associate professor and coordinator of occupational safety, health and environment for Southeastern Louisiana University. ASSE recognized Yuan for his innovative approaches to teaching, providing unique student engagement opportunities through hands-on experiences and valuable internships. “If safety is about being proactive and planning ahead, this award means the same thing,” he said. “It is not the past of success that we celebrate; rather, it is the bright future that we work hard and strive for.”
Lawsuit settlement boosts enforcement of heat standards for outdoor workers in California

California OSHA has reached a settlement in two lawsuits, filed in 2009 and 2012, alleging failures to protect farm workers from heat illness and death. The lawsuits were filed against Cal/OSHA by individual farm workers, the United Farm Workers, and the UFW Foundation.

"Cal/OSHA and the United Farm Workers recently reached an amicable settlement of the Bautista lawsuit, which includes provisions for us to work cooperatively in addressing heat illness prevention at outdoor worksites throughout the state," said Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. "That spirit of cooperation is strengthening and expanding Cal/OSHA's enforcement and outreach efforts which have been ongoing since the heat illness prevention standard was made permanent in 2006."
Read the June 2015 edition issue of NFPA News

NFPA News is a free newsletter that provides detailed information on NFPA codes and standards activities, including Public Input and Public Comment closing dates, the issuance of Formal Interpretations (FIs), Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs), and Errata, agendas and minutes of Standards Council meetings, and other ways to get involved with NFPA's document development process.

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NIOSH injury database now available to public

Washington – NIOSH has made one of its injury databases available to the public, allowing users to create national estimates on a variety of non-fatal occupational injuries.

The Work-Related Injury Statistics Query System contains injury data from 1998 to 2012. The public can search by demographic, nature of the injury, and incident characteristics such as the event or source that contributed to the injury. Data from 2013 is expected to be added to the system later this year.

The injury data in Work-RISQS comes from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System and is limited to injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments.

Researchers to workers: Stand at least two hours a day for better health

Chester, England – Office workers should stand for at least two hours a day – and gradually increase that to four hours – to combat the ill effects of lengthy sitting, according to research from the University Centre Shrewsbury and the University of Chester.

Based on studies that connect prolonged sitting to increased risk of serious illness and early death, international experts offered the following guidance:

- Use adjustable sit-stand desks to decrease sitting.
- Avoid long periods of static standing, which might be as detrimental as lengthy sitting.
- Change your posture and incorporate light walking to lessen possible musculoskeletal discomfort.

Additionally, employers should caution workers about the risks of lengthy sitting and encourage healthy behavior, researchers said. They also could determine how workers take breaks and use desks and technology that employ more standing.

The study was published online June 1 in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACADEMY

REGISTRATION OPENS 7/1/15

Did you know that…?
- 74% of small businesses don’t have a disaster recovery plan
- Nearly 60% of Americans are unprepared for a disaster of any kind
- Up to 40% of businesses never reopen following a major disaster

Join Red Cross and other community experts, instructors, and speakers to gain valuable skills and insights necessary to protect your business, employees, family, and community from the potential impacts of disasters or emergencies.

- Space is limited to the first 100 registrants.
- First 25 registrations will be entered in a drawing for a deluxe Red Cross disaster preparedness kit!

Start Time: 07:30 am  End Time: 03:00 pm

LOCATION:
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SPECIAL OFFER: The first 25 registrants before July 7 will be entered to win a Red Cross deluxe emergency disaster kit (pictured below)!

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Independence Day Fire Safety

Americans will spend more than $2 billion on cookouts this July 4 holiday and will eat more than 150 million hot dogs. And they’ll cook those hot dogs on an assortment of gas, propane, and charcoal grills, which means—if they’re not careful—they could be playing with more fire than they mean to. There are nearly 9,000 grill fires every year, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and July is the peak month for them. Encourage some off-the-job safety this holiday weekend with these grill safety tips.

Safety for All Grills

Some safety rules apply to all grills:

- Grills should be used only outdoors. Indoors, they pose both a fire and a carbon monoxide hazard. “Indoors” includes garages, sheds, and other partially enclosed spaces.
- Protect children and pets. Keep them away from the grill area, and don’t let children play with matches and lighters.
- Never leave a grill unattended while it is in use.
- Don’t spray grease flares with water. Water can cause grease fires to explode.

Safety for Propane Grills

These safety requirements apply to propane grills:

- Check for leaks before using the grill. Do this by spraying hoses and connection points with soapy water solution while the propane tank is open and looking for expanding bubbles. Tighten any loose connections, or replace connectors that won’t tighten properly.
- Don’t turn the gas on and wait before lighting the grill. This can result in a buildup of gas that will create a fireball when you light the grill.
- When lighting the grill, leave the lid open, and keep your face back.

Safety for Charcoal Grills

These safety requirements apply to charcoal grills:

- If you use a flammable liquid to start your fire, use only lighter fluid—not gasoline or another flammable liquid.
- Once the fire is lit, don’t spray lighter fluid onto it. Make sure to store lighter fluid safely away from the hot grill.
- If you use an electric starter, don’t use it in wet conditions. Let the starter cool completely before putting it away.
- Don’t dispose of hot coals. Wait until the coals are completely cool.
PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS:

2. Big Lots Recalls Hanging Chairs Due to Fall Hazard [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Big-Lots-Recalls-Hanging-Chairs/]
Recall notice from NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V282
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : DODGE / 2015
Subject : Driver's Side Air Bag Mounting Bolt Loose/Missing

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V290
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : RAM / 2014-2015
Subject : Vehicle Can Exceed the Speed Rating of the Tires

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V285
Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
Subject : Passenger Side Front Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V291
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : FIAT / 2013-2015
Subject : Vehicle may Unexpectedly Shift into Neutral

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V315
Manufacturer : Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC
Make / Model Years : TOYOTA / 2015
Subject : Incorrect Tire Inflation Information/FMVSS 110

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V335
Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : PORSCHE / 2015
Subject : Wiring Harness for Cooling Fan may Short

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V358
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Make / Model Years : CADILLAC / 2015
Subject : Brake Pedal Bracket may Fracture

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V370
Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Make / Model Years : HONDA / 2001-2007
Subject : Passenger Side Front Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V337
Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MITSUBISHI / 2006-2009
Subject : Corrosion of ABS Hydraulic Unit

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V338
Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Subject : Sun Visor May Detach During Air Bag Deployment

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V339
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2015
Subject : Fuel Tank or Vapor Lines may Degrade from Heat

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V340
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Subject : Loss of Electric Power Steering Assist

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V341
Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
Make / Model Years : LEXUS / 2015
Subject : ABS Actuator may Malfunction

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V366
Manufacturer : Subaru of America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : SUBARU / 2015-2016
Subject : Collision Mitigation Braking may not Function

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V382
Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
Make / Model Years : MAZDA / 2003-2008
Subject : Driver's Frontal Air Bag May Rupture
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/