Dear Fellow San Diego Safety Professionals,

Welcome to the November issue of Safety Net! Fall is upon us, but the weather is not quite reflective of the season. It is still warm out and some of us are still implementing heat related illness prevention procedures! In other parts of the nation and world, people are dealing with the aftermath of severe weather events – they are in our thoughts. Some of you have contributed financially and/or physically in aid or relief efforts – a great big “Thank You” to all of you!

Nineteen ready, able and willing volunteers reported to the CAVO fall event benefitting the San Diego Youth Services’ Spring Valley Campus on Saturday, October 17th. They rolled up their sleeves and enthusiastically dug into the projects of building raised garden beds, staining and refinishing the arbor structure, weeding, adding new soil and planting new plants and trees.

Speaking about participation of our members...It is thrilling to see how many of you have stepped forward to help with the planning of our PDC for March! Our esteemed President-elect Chris Malicki has been leading the charge with the PDC Planning Committee. The next meeting will be at the Admiral Baker Club on November 10th immediately following the breakfast meeting. Please stay after and join in if you are able. The more the merrier!

On the subject of merriment, don’t forget that we will have a holiday luncheon in lieu of a breakfast meeting in December. It will be at the Admiral Baker Club on Tuesday,
December 8th at 11am. We will be collecting gift cards for the SDYS transitional program for young adults. Gift cards will assist young adults in the process of establishing their own home and independence.

This month’s breakfast meeting on the 10th brings us to, did I hear right? Hearing conservation programs. Dr. Colleen Moore will be sharing with us of when and how to implement a hearing conservation program in the workplace. She will also talk about the costs and effects of not having a program as well as how to address barriers to compliance.

North County’s Section Luncheon Meeting will be on Thursday, November 19th at 11:30am at the DEA Lab in Vista. This meeting’s topic will be on NFPA 70E, Electrical Risk Evaluations.

Remember you can go to our chapter website to sign up and RSVP. It is not necessary to make an electronic payment at that time; you can pay at the door later. By signing up in advance, it helps us with headcounts for planning for items such as seating and food. It is greatly appreciated if you can do this!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season!

Regards,

Amy

EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

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

Study links California regulations, dramatic declines in cancer risk from exposure to air toxics

September 23, 2015

An Air Resources Board (ARB) study, published in the scientific journal "Environmental Science & Technology," shows that the cancer risk from exposure to California’s most significant air toxics declined 76 percent over a 23-year period in California, a direct result of regulations targeting unhealthful emissions from these air pollutants.

The study quantifies emission trends for the period from 1990 through 2012 for seven toxic air contaminants (TACs) that are responsible for most of the known cancer risks associated with airborne exposure in California. Significant findings of the study, "Ambient and Emission Trends of Toxic Air Contaminants in California," include:

- Emissions from perchloroethylene from dry cleaners and hexavalent chromium from chrome plating each dropped by more than 90 percent, and regulations already in place are expected to eliminate the remaining emissions of perchloroethylene and greatly reduce hexavalent chromium.
- Diesel particulate matter, which is emitted mainly from trucks and buses and is responsible for most of the airborne cancer risk in California, declined 68 percent, as a result of the state's regulatory efforts to clean up diesel exhaust. This reduction took place even while the state’s population increased 31 percent, diesel vehicle-miles-traveled increased 81 percent, and the gross state product increased 74 percent. The implementation of ARB’s recent diesel engine retrofit and replacement requirements has accelerated fleet turnover to cleaner trucks, and significant additional reductions are projected statewide.
  - Benzene and 1,3-butadiene, two other toxic air contaminants emitted mainly from mobile sources, declined by nearly 90 percent. This was largely the result of California gasoline reformulation in 1996.
  - The aggregated collective cancer risk from exposure to these seven air toxics declined 76 percent over the 23-year period.

The paper makes clear that further significant reduction in cancer risk to California residents is expected to continue as a result of continued implementation of air toxic controls. Such controls are part of broader statewide transportation initiatives, including the Truck and Bus Rule and more than a dozen rules focused on diesel equipment serving ports and rail yards. Neighborhoods in freight corridors, including those near ports, will especially benefit.

(See Government Affairs, Page 3...)
The nearly 70 percent drop in harmful diesel particle pollution coincided with actions taken over the years, beginning in the 1990s, to reduce diesel emissions. In the 1990s, California adopted a reformulated diesel fuel program, started a heavy-duty diesel truck roadside inspection program, implemented particle pollution standards for urban transit buses, and established standards for off-road diesel engines. In 2006, California began requiring ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel. Following the establishment of California’s statewide Truck and Bus Rule in 2008, the state began requiring diesel particulate filters on trucks, dramatically reducing diesel particulate matter, or soot, from the exhaust gas of diesel engines.

ARB regulations have reduced air toxics emissions from vehicles and their fuels from stationary sources and from consumer products since the mid-1980s. In response to public concern, the California Legislature passed the Toxic Air Contaminant Identification and Control Act in 1984. Since then, ARB has implemented regulations to limit TAC emissions. In 1987, the California Legislature passed the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act, which requires businesses to reduce risks from exposure to emitted TACs.

**GAO reports on development of regulatory guidance documents at OSHA and other agencies September 29, 2015**

Says agencies could benefit from stronger internal control practices

Regulatory guidance is an important tool agencies use to communicate timely information about regulatory and grant programs to regulated parties, grantees, and the public. Guidance provides agencies flexibility to articulate their interpretations of regulations, clarify policies, and address new issues more quickly than may be possible using rulemaking. The potential effects of guidance and risks of legal challenges underscore the need for consistent processes for the development, review, dissemination, and evaluation of guidance. To review the development of guidance documents the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reviewed relevant requirements, written procedures, guidance, and websites, and interviewed agency officials.

In the absence of specific government standards for non-significant guidance - the majority of issued guidance - the application of internal controls is particularly important. The 25 agencies GAO reviewed addressed some control standards more regularly than others. Few agencies had written procedures to ensure consistent application of guidance processes. However, all agencies could describe standard review practices and most used tools to document management approval of guidance. Not all agencies conferred with external nonfederal stakeholders when developing guidance. Finally, nearly half of the components GAO reviewed did not regularly evaluate whether issued guidance was effective and up to date.

OSHA regularly issues guidance to assist with regulatory compliance, and could easily produce 100 new or updated products each year to provide guidance to stakeholders. The agency often initiates guidance in response to findings resulting from their investigatory or monitoring efforts, among other things.

OSHA officials reported that their written procedures for guidance documents are designed to ensure that the program director considers feedback and obtains appropriate concurrence. The Deputy Assistant Secretary resolves any disagreements about substance, potential policy implications, or assigned priority of the document. At OSHA external stakeholders are not involved in developing directives or issuing policy, but assist with developing educational, non-policy guidance, such as hazard alerts.

Despite the general distinctions between regulations and guidance documents, legal scholars and federal courts have at times noted that it is not always easy to determine whether an agency action should be issued as a regulation subject to the Administrative Procedure Act's (APA) notice and comment requirements, or is guidance or a policy statement, and therefore exempt from these requirements. Among the reasons agency guidance may be legally challenged are procedural concerns that the agency inappropriately used guidance rather than the rulemaking process or concerns that the agency has issued guidance that goes beyond its authority.

On March 9, 2015, the Supreme Court held that an agency could make substantive changes to an interpretive rule without going through notice and comment under the APA. This decision overturned prior federal court rulings that had held that an agency is precluded from substantively changing its interpretation of a regulation through issuance of a new interpretive rule without notice and comment. Other concerns raised about agency use of guidance include consistency of the information being provided, currency of guidance, and whether the documents are effectively communicated to affected parties.

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OSHA publishes enforcement policy for PSM retail exemption

October 22, 2015

On October 20, 2015, OSHA published an interpretation letter regarding the Process Safety Management (PSM) retail exemption. The enforcement policy reads as follows:

Employer(s) with employee(s) exposed to PSM-covered processes formerly exempted under OSHA’s 1992 interpretation of “retail facility” now must comply with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.119 if the facility, or portion of the facility processing the highly hazardous chemical, does not fall into the North American Industrial Classification System definition of retail trade (NAICS 44 and 45). OSHA understands that these facilities, although currently regulated by the EPA under the Risk Management Program (RMP) regulation 40 CFR 68, must undertake some new activities to become PSM-compliant. OSHA also understands that the actions involve initiating administrative programs and undertaking hazard identification and corrective actions that may require some lead time. With these factors in mind, OSHA offers this additional guidance when inspecting facilities formerly exempted from PSM because of the 1992 retail interpretation.

On July 22, 2015, OSHA issued a revised interpretation to the PSM retail exemption at 29 CFR 1910.119(a)(2)(i). In essence, the revised interpretation states that only facilities in NAICS codes 44 and 45, the retail trade, are eligible for the retail exemption. OSHA believes that nearly all affected facilities are currently regulated by EPA as RMP program level 2 facilities. RMP 2 requires employers develop and execute a safety management system that addresses eight of the 13 OSHA PSM elements. Activities necessary to comply with PSM may be minimal, but individual employers must ensure that they have addressed all OSHA PSM elements and sub-elements.

For the first 12 months following the issuance of the Retail Exemption Memorandum on July 22, 2015, OSHA will focus its resources on providing compliance assistance to affected employers, engage key industry stakeholders, and will inform its State On-Site Consultation Projects that during this period, requests from newly covered employers should be their highest priority for receiving an on-site visit. OSHA, in consultation with regulated stakeholders, believes 12 months (as opposed to six originally proposed) is appropriate because online compliance tools were not available until mid-October and other compliance resources are limited.

OSHA will also exercise its enforcement discretion during this period and refrain from citing employers for violations of the PSM standard at facilities that it would not have cited under the former PSM retail exemption policy. The only exception to this policy will be if OSHA discovers conditions at such a facility that expose workers to an immediate and severe danger, and OSHA determines that the employer has not made a reasonable good faith effort to eliminate or substantially control the hazard. In this rare circumstance, the agency may consider enforcement action to address the immediate and severe danger. Any enforcement action in this situation must be approved by OSHA’s National Office.

Membership Chair:
By Brian Vernetti, CSP

Welcome to our new members!

New Members San Diego Chapter:
- Lisa Tucker, EDCO Disposal

New Members North County Section:
- Brian Willey, UTC Aerospace Systems
2016 PDC

Notes from our Professional Development Conference Committee Chair

ASSE San Diego Chapter Members

Please mark your calendars to attend the 2016 PDC on March 8, 2016. Details and registration opportunity shall be forthcoming.

Please contact Chris Malicki at cmalicki@smatrtsafetygroup.com for more information.

We look forward to seeing you all at the event!

Chris Malicki

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

This is a great opportunity our Chapter appreciates. Call today!

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: Workers Compensation Loss Control Consultant; Safety Administrator; Risk Control Consultant II; Sr. Risk Engineer; EHS Manager (Dairy – Beverage); Commercial Construction Safety Position (Part-time); Safety Manager; Risk Control Consultant; Health & Safety Specialist; EH&S Program Specialist III; Risk Manager; Health and Safety Professional; Check out these and other great jobs today!
Calendar of Special Events:

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

Happy Thanksgiving
SAN DIEGO ASSE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The Executive Board met on Tuesday, October 6 via teleconference. Attending: Amy Leung, Chris Malicki, Allison Long, Gary Couture, Isaac Szmuilowicz, David Ferguson, Cindy Reyes.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Allison reported numbers for both August and September. Motion was made to approve treasurers reports for August and September, discussion agreed that in the future treasurers reports can be passed via email vote if the numbers are not available by the board meeting, motion was seconded and vote passed and carried. Members may view a copy of the report upon request to our President, Amy Leung.

OLD BUSINESS

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

2. Feedback on September breakfast meeting: The consensus was that the speaker was good, the food was good, and the speaker was respectful of time restrictions.

3. PDC update, Chris Malicki: Status of planning committee; The location is set at Cuyamaca College and David Ivester might be able to help with promoting the event to student members. The committee has made significant progress on getting speakers and Chris has emailed out a list of the front runners. Committee decided to focus on speakers first and to allow our speakers to dictate this year’s theme.

4. SPY Award, Chris Malicki: This year’s SPY has been selected. Board has decided not to announce this year’s SPY until the award is presented at the December luncheon. The selectee is working with Chris to complete the nominee package. Amy volunteered to send additional information from when she went through the process last year.

5. ROC Meeting / Leadership Conference Attendance – Amy attended the ROC conference in Oregon and learned a TON! There was representation from all 19 chapters and a lot of great networking. This conference really emphasized that our chapter is just a piece of the puzzle and that the ASSE is a huge organization with a lot of resources to offer chapters and individuals alike. Amy had an opportunity to review the “ASSE Guide to Hiring an OSH Professional” and was reminded that our mission is to promote this profession, and not just our organization.

6. Chapter Tax Filing Status: Amy reported that Society will handle this matter and is working with an accountant for all CA chapters.

7. December Luncheon, Cathi Marx: Cathi reported that the venue will be at Admiral Baker Club on December 8, 2015 from 11AM-2PM. The tentative cost will be $10 for members. The meeting will also be a benefit for San Diego Youth Services, and members will be asked to bring gift cards.

8. Combined Association Volunteer Organization (CAVO), Amy Leung: Community Gardening with San Diego Youth Services on October 17th. Cindy to send out additional email blast.

(See Executive Board, on page 8)
9. **Evening Social Event**: Don Brown is set to speak at social event in May at the Marriott Courtyard.

10. **Use of virtual meeting software** for educational programming and meetings: Society has virtual meeting software available to all chapters. Our region only has 1 line so scheduling might be an issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Society Web Hosting Agreement** – Same basic contract as last year. $35 investment. A motion was made to renew our webhosting agreement. Motion seconded. Motion to vote, passed and carried.

2. **Announcements of events from other community organizations** – Red Cross has a community Emergency Response program that they are training volunteers for. There is also a request for volunteers on October 10th to distribute brochures on brush clearing. Barbara is leaving the Red Cross and going to Meals on Wheels. Good luck Barbara!

**CHAIR REPORTS**

- **North County**: Cindy – Changed NC meetings to Thursday. NC to discuss accounting logistics with Allison.
- **Programs**: Valerie – Absent. Discussion on possible future meeting topic on how to find and apply for OSH jobs including society resources.
- **Membership**: Brian – Absent. No report.
- **Public Affairs**: Isaac Szmuilowicz – See item #2 in new business.
- **Governmental Affairs**: Tom – Absent. No report.
- **Newsletter**: Gary – Newsletter is out! North County would like its own section in the newsletter.
- **Website**: Cathi – Absent. Nothing to report.
- **Job line**: David Ferguson – 22 current opening on the Jobline. Society also has job listings that cost money to post, but not to look at postings. **New Agenda Items**: Open

**Next Board Meeting**: November 3, 2015 – Call in at 7am.

**Next Breakfast Meeting**: November 10, 2015 – Admiral Baker Club, 7:30 am
Hearing Conservation Programs

Dr. Colleen E. Moore, Occupational Audiologist, Synapse Advanced Audiology

In this presentation, Dr. Colleen E. Moore will address when and how to implement a Hearing Conservation Program in the workplace. She will also discuss the cost of having a hearing conservation program versus not having a hearing conservation program and how to deal with barriers to compliance.

Dr. Colleen E. Moore is the lead Occupational Audiologist at Synapse Advanced Audiology, a private practice located in Mira Mesa. As an Occupational Audiologist, Dr. Moore specializes in hearing loss prevention in the workplace and Hearing Conservation Program compliance. She received her doctorate in Audiology from Towson University in Maryland after studying Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at San Diego State University.

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 11/6/2015 by 5:00 P.M.
$20 No RSVP by 11/10/2015 and for Non-Members/Guests
*Members include: ASSE, ACWJPIA, AHMP, AIHA, IHPM, RNCN, RIMS, PARMA, CPCU, PWI, WUSMA

RSVP: Please RSVP Enrique Medina, Secretary: emedina@pulse-point.com
OR via credit card on the San Diego ASSE Chapter website events page:
http://sandiegoasse.org/events/?ee=79

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.
North County Section Quarterly Lunch Meeting – Thursday November 19

"NFPA 70E-2015 Changes and New Requirements You Need to Know"

Speaker: Tim Reed, Sr. Field Engineer, Emmerson-Electrical Reliability Services

Tim Reed is currently a Senior Field Engineer for ERS a division of Network power for Emerson Electric. He was formally trained as a Nuclear Power plant electrical operator and supervisor on a fast attack submarine in the US Navy. Mr. Reed has been a member of NETA since 1988 and a NETA Level IV since 2003. As a Senior Field Engineer for Westinghouse/Cutler Hammer he was one of seven members of the International Safety Committee and helped develop the Safety Program and Training for all field personal worldwide. Tim has served as General Manager and Vice President for Safety and Training for a privately owned IBEW NETA testing company with offices in Western United States. He was in charge of warranty work, field resolution and training over the years for Westinghouse, Cutler Hammer, Eaton, General Electric, ABB, and Square D.

Mr. Reed is also an instructor for IBEW locals 11,440,441, 477, and 47.

Meet at: DEA Lab, 2815 Scott Street, Vista, CA 92081

Meet, Greet, Network and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., presentation from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

$10 for Members and Non-Members/Guests

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

RSVP Please RSVP to Cindy Reyes, Section Chair: creyes@24hourfit.com OR via credit card on the San Diego ASSE Chapter website events page
ASSE San Diego Chapter
Holiday Lunch and SPY award Celebration

12/8/2015

Admiral Baker Club
2400 Admiral Baker Rd
San Diego, CA 92124

11:15 a.m. - Registration
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch and Chapter SPY award

Register online at http://sandiegoasse.org/events/?regevent_action=register&event_id=84

In keeping with our tradition to give back to our community; please consider bringing a gift card or item(s) that may help a homeless youth set up their first apartment.

We are once again partnering with San Diego Youth Services and specifically we are asking for donations to assist young people ages 18-25 who are aging out of the foster care system and getting their first apartments.

Many of these young people have been on the streets, or are asked to leave their foster home simply due to their age and they no longer are supported by the foster system.

Some have small children of their own. Please consider a donation of:
- cleaning supplies
- kitchen items
- bedding
- linen
- towels
- diapers
- personal grooming supplies
- Target or Walmart gift cards

Anything to make a house a home.

Maybe you will consider a small fire extinguisher, first aid kit, or child safety locks.

On behalf of your Chapter Board we thank you and look forward to seeing you at our lunch-eon to celebrate another great year, our 2015 SPY award recipient and helping youth in our community.
ASSE SOCIETY NEWS

Rand McNally Appointed to ASSE Board as Its First Public Director

Park Ridge, Illinois (Oct. 20, 2015) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is proud to announce the appointment of Rand McNally as the Board of Directors’ first Public Director.

In this newly-created volunteer role, McNally will provide more than forty years of multi-company chief executive officer and independent board director experience to ASSE. In 2014, the ASSE Board was restructured to include a public director who could offer an outside perspective on strategic issues and insight on elevating the safety profession and positioning safety professionals as valued business partners in setting organizational policy and strategy.

After a lengthy search, ASSE Board President-Elect Tom Cecich said it was clear McNally had the business acumen the board was seeking. "Rand’s background and experience will help us achieve our goals," he said. “He will bring a broad management perspective that the ASSE Board has never had before.”

“I jumped at the opportunity to join the ASSE Board in this capacity,” said McNally, a principal of Mequon, Wisconsin-based McNally & Associates, Ltd., a management consulting firm. “These board members are committed to raising the profile of the safety profession and occupational safety and health professionals at the senior management level. I can help them navigate that path by sharing how business leaders think, prioritize and make decisions; and how safety fits into that equation.”

According to a study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), employers expect to hire more than 25,000 OSH professionals in the coming years, needing to fill an average of just over 5,000 positions per year. Considering the average base salary for a full-time safety professional is $98,000 – an OSH degree or certification is something college students searching for a professional calling or adults looking to change careers should explore.

The ASSE Board wants to help attract more candidates to the OSH profession and position ASSE internally to maximize its resources by helping its 37,000 members with the tools they need to succeed.

“I’m excited that Rand will be joining ASSE’s Board of Directors,” said ASSE President Michael Belcher. “With a solid background in executive management, Rand brings a fresh, new perspective to the Board and will help us stay focused on achieving our mission.”

ASSE Applauds Two OSH Academic Programs for Receiving ABET Accreditation

Park Ridge, Illinois (Oct. 19, 2015) – Two more occupational safety and health academic programs have recently been awarded ABET accreditation. Receiving the accreditation for the first time are East Carolina University’s MS in Occupational Safety and Environmental Health and Safety and Fire Protection Technology program.

Also newly accredited and of interest to ASSE members is Eastern Kentucky University’s BS in Fire Protection and Safety.

ABET accreditation is proof that a collegiate program has met standards essential to produce graduates ready to enter the applied sciences and other STEM fields. Graduates have a solid educational foundation and are capable of leading innovation, emerging technologies, and in anticipating the welfare and safety needs of the public.

Programs accredited by ABET are considered the gold standard in occupational safety and health education. While ASSE works with Applied Science Accreditation Commission (ASAC) of ABET as the lead society for safety and similarly named applied science programs, it also works with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to jointly sponsor accreditation process for environmental health and safety and fire protection technology programs. AIHA is the lead society that works with ABET-ASAC to accredit industrial hygiene programs.

“ASSE applauds these programs for taking the next step in guaranteeing a competitive, rigorously evaluated program for their students,” said ASSE President Michael Belcher. “These students will graduate knowing they can be confident in the value of their education in the marketplace.”

Programs currently accredited by ABET in either the safety, EHS or fire protection areas include Fairmount State (BS), Indiana University of Pennsylvania (BS), Marshall University (BS), Millersville University (BS), Montana Tech (BS), Murray State (BS and MS), Oakland University (BS), Oklahoma State (BS), Southeastern Louisiana (BS), University of Findlay (BS), Trinidad State Junior College (AAS), University of Central Missouri (BS), University of Houston-Clear Lake (BS), and West Virginia University (MS). Three new safety-related programs are currently seeking initial accreditation, and if successful, will be accredited next fall.
Dr. Michaels testifies before Congress on OSHA's efforts to improve workplace safety and health

WASHINGTON - In testimony to the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections on Oct. 7, Assistant Secretary Dr. David Michaels described how, with limited resources, OSHA achieves its mission through a balanced approach of standards, compliance assistance, enforcement, outreach and whistleblower protection.

"We recognize that most employers want to keep their employees safe and make great efforts to protect them from workplace hazards," Dr. Michaels told the committee. "Our enforcement program specifically targets the most dangerous workplaces, where workers are most likely to be hurt on the job, and the most recalcitrant employers. For those employers who need technical assistance, we provide free on-site consultations to small employers, as well as other compliance assistance, educational materials and training."

Dr. Michaels also detailed challenges in addressing the changing structure of employment relationships, such as the dramatic increase in temporary workers in virtually every type of workplace. Unless properly managed, these structural employment changes greatly increase risks of injuries and illnesses among all the workers in these workplaces.

For details, see Dr. Michaels' testimony.

OSHA Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health to meet Dec. 1-2; seeks nominations for six seats

WASHINGTON - October 28, 2015. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health* will meet in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 1-2 for updates and discussions with agency officials.

Three working groups - on Health Hazards, Emerging Issues and Prevention through Design; Temporary Workers; and Training and Outreach - will meet Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 1 - 5 p.m. The full committee meets the following day from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Both meetings will be in Room N-4437, A-D, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20210. The meetings are open to the public. Comments and requests to speak may be submitted electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, by mail or facsimile. See the Federal Register notice* for requirements. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 28, 2015.

The tentative agenda includes remarks from Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health, followed by updates from the Directorate of Construction and information about OSHA data and the 2015 National Safety Stand-Down. The group will also discuss a recommendation to eliminate from OSHA standards the requirement for employee social security numbers.

Additionally, OSHA is accepting nominations for six new members to serve on the 15-member committee. Nominations are sought for members representing employees (2), employers (2), the general public (1) and state safety and health agencies (1). Nominations may be submitted at www.regulations.gov. Submissions may also be sent by mail or facsimile; see the Federal Register notice* for requirements. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 28, 2015.

The committee, established under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, advises the secretary of labor and assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health on construction standards and policy matters.
Most food industry employees work when ill, survey finds

Austin, TX – A majority of food industry employees go to work when sick, according to a new survey commissioned by training and consulting company Alchemy Systems.

In the survey of more than 1,200 workers across the food supply chain, 51 percent reported that they always or frequently go to work when ill, a stark contrast to managers’ belief that only 18 percent of workers show up when sick. Many workers said they could not afford to lose pay by staying home (45 percent) or they did not want to let their co-workers down (46 percent).

"Managers and supervisors need to better communicate why it's OK to stay home when sick," Alchemy Systems CEO Jeff Eastman said in a press release.

According to the Washington-based advocacy group National Partnership for Women & Families, 43 million U.S. workers lack paid sick leave. Supporters of paid sick leave, including the Department of Labor, claim it can reduce the spread of workplace contagions, boost productivity and lower health care costs.

Total Worker Health center to focus on 'productive aging'

Washington – NIOSH has opened a virtual center for aging as part of its Total Worker Health initiative.

Launched Oct. 13, the National Center for Productive Aging and Work aims to improve the health of workers through research and by focusing on best practices for “aging-friendly” workplaces, according to a press release.

The center also will assist NIOSH in furthering "national policies related to aging-friendly work" as well as work to cultivate the notion of "productive aging," which means providing a safe workplace that allows all employees to be productive throughout their entire careers.

James Grosch, senior research psychologist, and Health Communication Fellow Juliann Scholl are codirectors of the center. The center is pursuing partnerships with other organizations and researchers. For more information, contact Grosch at jkg9@cdc.gov or Scholl at xhn3@cdc.gov.

The Total Worker Health initiative uses different approaches to prevent worker injuries and illnesses while promoting health and wellness.

New study contradicts previous research that says prolonged sitting bad for health

Exeter, England – Lengthy sitting at work or at home is not connected to a greater risk of early death, according to a study from the University of Exeter that disputes findings from other recent studies.

Researchers tracked more than 5,000 participants – including nearly 4,000 men – for 16 years. They gathered information on participants’ overall time spent sitting, as well as their time sitting at work, during free time, while watching TV, and during leisure time outside of watching TV. The researchers also logged information about their daily walking and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, and accounted for age, gender, health and other factors.

None of the five sitting activities had an effect on risk of death, the study states. The findings call into question other research that has concluded lengthy sitting can have a detrimental effect on health, even for those who exercise.

"Our study overturns current thinking on the health risks of sitting and indicates that the problem lies in the absence of movement rather than the time spent sitting itself," Dr. Melvyn Hillsdon, of the University of Exeter, said in a press release. "Any stationary posture where energy expenditure is low may be detrimental to health, be it sitting or standing."

The study was published online Oct. 9 in the International Journal of Epidemiology.
Attention PSW-AHMP Members and Friends

Mark your calendars for this upcoming event!

San Diego Zoo Backstage Tour and Luncheon

Friday, November 20, 2015 at 9:00AM

We will be holding the Annual luncheon following the tour (11:00 am—1:00 pm) at Albert's located in the San Diego Zoo. We are planning to hold our voting for new PSW-AHMP Board members at the luncheon. Please contact Joseph M. Murtaugh, Chapter Secretary, if you are interested in serving on the 2016 Board-of-Directors and/or other supporting Chair roles for the PSW-AHMP.

Contact joseph.murtaugh@usmc.mil for more information and to sign up. (PSW-AHMP membership not required to participate in this event.)

Additional information for the PSW-AHMP Chapter are provided at the following website: http://www.pswahmp.org/.
PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS:


6. Pier 1 Imports Recalls Outdoor Patio Swivel Armchairs Due to Fall Hazard [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/Pier-One-Imports-Recalls-Outdoor-Patio-Swivel-Armchairs/]


14. Big Game Recalls Tree Stands Due to Fall Hazard [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/Big-Game-Recalls-Tree-Stands/]


17. Innopower Recalls Hawk Climbing Sticks Due to Fall Hazard [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/Innopower-Recalls-Hawk-Climbing-Sticks/]


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U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Recalls

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V486
Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : NISSAN / 2013-2016
Subject : Fuel Sending Unit may Leak Fuel

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V628
Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag May not Deploy Properly

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V636
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Make / Model Years : CHEVROLET / 2014
Subject : Seat Position Identifier may have been Omitted

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V637
Manufacturer : Ducati North America
Make / Model Years : DUCATI / 2015-2016
Subject : Side-Stand may Break

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V640
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Subject : Ignition Lock Actuator may Bind

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V647
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES-BENZ / 2015
Subject : Insufficient Fuel Pump Output causing Engine Stall

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V657
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES BENZ / 2015 MERCEDES-BENZ / 2015
Subject : Incorrect Seat Belt Position/FMVSS 208, 209

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V674
Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
Make / Model Years : MAZDA / 1989-1998
Subject : Ignition Switch may Overheat

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V686
Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MASERATI / 2014
Subject : Starter Motor Cable may Short to Ground

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V689
Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
Make / Model Years : PONTIAC / 2009-2010 TOYOTA / 2006-2011
Subject : Power Window Master Switch may Melt

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V626
Manufacturer : Kia Motors America
Make / Model Years : KIA / 2011-2013
Subject : Brake-Shift Interlock Mechanism Can Chip or Crack

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V679
Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MITSUBISHI / 2011
Subject : Incorrect VINs on Certification Labels/Part 567

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V569
Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
Make / Model Years : JAGUAR / 2016
Subject : Incorrect Electric Power Steering Software Setting

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V571
Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
Make / Model Years : LAND ROVER / 2014
Subject : Incorrect Air Bag Information in Manual/FMVSS 208

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V579
Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MITSUBISHI / 2011
Subject : Incorrect Vin(s) on Certification Labels/Part 567
U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Recalls

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V590
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : FIAT / 2015
Subject : Passenger Air Bag may Deploy Improperly/FMVSS 208

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V591
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : RAM / 2016
Subject : Defective Engine Control Module may Cause Stall

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V593
Manufacturer : Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
Make / Model Years : YAMAHA / 2015
Subject : Upper Triple Clamp may Fracture

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V594
Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Make / Model Years : MITSUBISHI / 2012,2014
Subject : Delayed Air Bag Deployment due to Impact Sensor

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V595
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Make / Model Years : CHRYSLER / 2016 DODGE / 2016
Subject : Hood may Open Unexpectedly

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V599
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Subject : Driver’s Master Power Window Switch may Short

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V600
Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
Make / Model Years : LAND ROVER / 2015
Subject : Second Row Seat Back may not Latch Properly

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V602
Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Make / Model Years : HONDA / 2014-2015
Subject : Hybrid System may go into Fail Safe Mode

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V605
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2015-2016 LINCOLN / 2015
Subject : Fuel Tank Mounting Bolts may be Loose

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V606
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2001-2008 MERCURY / 2001-2008
Subject : Rebuilt Transmission Shift Lever May Disengage

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V608
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 1998-2003
Subject : Axle Recall Remedy may been Performed Improperly

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V609
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
Make / Model Years : BUICK / 2016 CHEVROLET / 2016; GMC / 2016
Subject : Front Windshield Wiper Motor may Overheat

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V611
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2016
Subject : Transmission can Shift Without Pressing Brake

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V614
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2016; LINCOLN / 2016
Subject : Unexpected Braking using Adaptive Cruise Control

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V618
Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
Make / Model Years : MAZDA / 2015-2016
Subject : Fuel Shut Off Valve may cause Fuel Leak

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V621
Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
Make / Model Years : BMW / 2013-2015
Subject : Engine Control Unit Software may cause Low Idle

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V537
Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
Make / Model Years : BMW / 2013-2015
Subject : Fuel Shut Off Valve may cause Fuel Leak

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V559
Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Make / Model Years : HONDA / 2015
Subject : Plug Top Ignition Coil Damage
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.centershhs.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/

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.