



News and Views of the New Mexico Chapter

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Message from the President

The American Society of Safety Engineers NM Chapter and its Sections would like to wish you, your employees and your families - a safe and happy holiday season. While the holidays are a time to gather with those we care about, it's also a time of increased accidents and injuries. Following are some tips developed by the National Safety Council on how to stay safe, including:

On the Road & Traveling

- Carry emergency supplies in your vehicle. No matter how moderate the climate is, be prepared for emergencies. Must-haves include blankets, jumper cables, flashlight, first-aid kit, shovel, flares, tow chain, nonperishable snacks, and sand or cat litter for traction.
- Check your manual for proper tire pressure and fill tires accordingly.
- Check windshield wipers and replace if needed. Keep your windshield wiper fluid full and use fluid that can withstand freezing temperatures.
- Keep a well-maintained, appropriately rated fire extinguisher in your vehicle, and know how and when to use it.
- Park in well-lit areas. Have your keys

ready before you approach the car. Lock doors immediately after entering your car and keep windows rolled up.

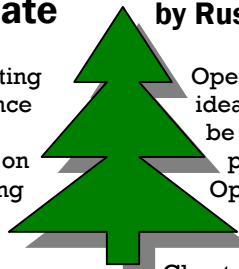
- Have a map and plan your trip ahead of time. Give yourself enough time knowing that traffic can delay your travel time.
- Take breaks if driving for long periods of time.
- Do not drive if you are drowsy.
- Never use your cell phone while driving a vehicle.
- Make sure all passengers in your vehicle are wearing their seat belts.
- Before a road trip, clean your headlights, taillights, signal lights and windows. Make sure to have your vehicle properly serviced by a mechanic. Also, check the battery, brakes, tires, belts, hoses, exhaust system and fluid levels.
- Don't sit in unattended areas in airports, train or bus stations. Stay within sight of ticket agents and other travelers.

And please remember, if you drink, don't drive. Designate a driver to ensure everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Los Alamos Section Update

The Los Alamos Section technical meeting for December has been cancelled. Since many organizations will be hosting Christmas parties for their employees on the same date that the technical meeting would normally be held, the Section Committee will spend this month working on technical meetings and other professional development opportunities to bring to you in 2008. Please contact any member for the 2007-08

by Russell Stone



Operating Committee if you have an idea for a speaker topic, would like to be a speaker, would like to participate as a member of the Section Operating Committee, or chair a sub-committee. Contact information can be found on the New Mexico Chapter website at <http://newmexico.asse.org/sectioninfo.php>. Contact Russell Stone at 505-606-0071 or (rdstone@lanl.gov) .

Welcome New ASSE Member!

Ted Maestas of Poms and Associates in Albuquerque has joined the NM ASSE. First time attendees to our technical meetings get a free lunch! Let us know if we can be of service.

NM ASSE 2008 PDC Planning Starts

We Need New Blood! Please volunteer! Contact Mike Kemp at mike.kemp@intel.com or (505) 794-4057

April 21-23, 2008

Our annual Professional Development Conference is only possible through the hard work of volunteers. We have a great core team, but we need some new blood! Any help is welcomed.....there is a job for you! Consider serving on one of the following subcommittees:

Program Development—provides planning and oversight for guest speakers, panel discussions, specialized training during the last day of the event, and coordinates with Gifts/Awards

Gifts & Awards—organizes recognitions for guest speakers, give-aways for registered guests, and other key awards, and works with Program Development.

Speakers & Abstracts—collects speakers and topics for each track and ensures deadlines for papers/presentations are in line with our program release.

Advertisement/Mailings—sells our event to the EHS workforce in NM and branching out to other health related fields such as emergency response groups and the occupational health community. Communicates/publishes the formal program information to ASSE members and registered guests.

Registration—organizes and manages daily registration for the 3 days and works with Finance.

Equipment/Moderators/ Evaluations—manages the different conference rooms during the PDC.

Vendor & Sponsorship—in charge of working with vendors who will participate in presenting goods and services during the event as well as solicit sponsorship for some parts of the event.

Hotel Coordination—acts as Point of Contact for any issues between the hotel and the event proceedings to include catering and other needs for conference management.

Contact Mike Kemp, PDC Coordinator mike.kemp@intel.com or (505) 794-4057.

Speakers Needed for 4 Tracks

- General Safety
- Construction Safety
- Industrial Hygiene/Environment
- Public Health/Emergency Preparedness

If you would like to present a paper, contact Dave Paoletta at 505-362-6335 or David.Paoletta@pnmresources.com. The proceedings will be on a CD this year so presentations will be required two weeks in advance.



ACHMM 2008 Call for Papers

The 2008 Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) National Conference is scheduled for September 7-10 at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis at Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Papers for the following seven tracks are being solicited:

- EHS&S Management and Management Principles
- Safety and Industrial Hygiene
- Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention/Green Facilities

- Developments in Emergency Preparedness, Response and Homeland Security
- Environmental Actions
- Regulatory Requirements, Updates and Legal Trends
- New and Emerging Technologies/International Issues/Developing countries/university Research Projects

For full descriptions of the 2008 ACHMM Call for papers tracks, view a copy of the [Call for Papers brochure](#) or for more information about the 2008 National Conference, visit the [ACHMM Conference Web Site](#).

You do not need to be a member of ACHMM or a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) to present a paper and/or to attend the conference.

Job Postings

TENURE TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN OSH

Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant
Successful candidate will have (in order of preference): (1) An earned doctorate (Occupational Safety, Risk Management, Systems, Construction); (2) An earned doctorate (in a related occupational safety related field); (3) An MS Graduate in Occupational Safety, Risk Management, Systems, Construction or related Occupational Safety field with ABD status on a doctorate. This position begins August 1, 2008. Review of applications begins in early January. To apply, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, official transcripts from all colleges attended, and the names, positions, addresses, telephone number and e-mail addresses or at least three professional references to:
Chair, Occupation Safety Search Committee
c/o Dean, School of Arts and Sciences
Southeastern Oklahoma State University

1405 N. 4th Avenue—PMB 4107
Durant, OK 74701-0609

INDEPENDENT LOSS CONTROL CONSULTANT

Experienced loss control consultants needed with experience in workers comp, property, casualty, general liability, fleet safety, construction, landscaping.

CSP a plus. Fee based, top money paid. Full time and part time available. All work assigned, completed and submitted electronically. Must have internet access and computer skills. Fax resume in confidence to Pro Safety Plus at 916-914-2491 or mail@prosafetyplus.com

Contact is Dianne at 916-813-3860 or Dianne@prosafetyplus.com

ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, & SAFETY MANAGER

Location: Oklahoma
Company: Large, national manufacturer of industrial products.

Responsibilities: Will have full responsibility for leading all the ES&H regulations, processes, and procedures for a 250 non-union member manufacturing facility. Primary focus will be on safety. Will ensure EHS regulatory compliance through a compliance assurance program and establish EHS accountability metrics, will coordinate all lost-time/restricted work programs, and make recommendations for corrective action on potential hazards for machinery, equipment, buildings, and employee working habits.

Qualifications: Requires bachelor's degree and a minimum of 5 years of progressive safety and health experience in a manufacturing environment, preferably non-union.

Compensation: Base salary to \$75,000 and broad range of corporate benefits. Relocation coverage also provided.

Contact: Howard Roof
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614-766-8500 X201

Contact Dave Paoletta to offer a tour of your facility. 362-6335

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University of Central Missouri Spring Classes in ABQ

For the Masters in Occupational Safety Degree, but you do not have to be enrolled in the MS program to take them.

SAFE 5220/CRN 23404
Management of Safe Transportation Systems

Instructor: Cynthia Kajder
Dates: Feb 1-2, Feb 29-Mar 1, Mar 14-15, April 18-19
Times: Fridays 6-10 pm; Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm
Books: CFR-49 100-185 Trans PT (Oct 2007)

SAFE 5940/CRN 23505
Current Literature and Research in Safety

Instructor: Omer Frank
Dates: Jan 25-26, Feb 22-23, Mar 28-29, April 25-26
Times: Fridays 6-10 pm; Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm

Books: ISBN 97815579814
Publication Manual of American Psychological Assoc.
ISBN 9780131108950
Practical Research

For more details, contact Omer Frank at 660-543-4412
All Classes are held at: The College of Santa Fe—
Albuquerque Campus, 4501 Indian School Rd., NE
To enroll, contact, Extended Campus & Distance Learning
877-SAY-UCMO, ext. 24
extcampus@ucmo.edu
www.ucmo.edu/albq

Safety Alert—Werner Platform Ladder 8’ model #P7406

Excerpts from a Bovis Lend Lease Safety Alert—A Werner platform ladder collapsed on 9/28/07 when the top pivot bolts sheared under normal usage.

Immediate Actions:

Inspect all Werner ladders to ensure that the bolts are secured and in place. It appears that the bolts were over tight-

ened resulting in their failure. Check and/or remove the ladders. Competitive ladders from Louisville and Green Bull have a different design and utilize hardened bolts at the pivot point. These can be recognized by the stamp marks on the hex head. These are at least Grade 5 hardened.

Contact Craig Hauber for the full alert at cwhauber@sandia.gov or 505-284-2799.

Quick Notices

ASSE Wire Transfer Procedure for Paying Dues

Some members have had trouble with wire transfers so here is the procedure.

IMPORTANT: OTHER INFORMATION Field needs to be filled out on your wire transfer request form from your bank, with the following information in order to process your payment.

**Your name and full address
Invoice number or Member number
or Order number or description of
what you are paying for.
Contact e-mail address**

Financial Institution:
Harris Bank Winnetka
520 Greenbay Road, Winnetka, IL
60093

Financial Institution Contact:
Susanne Castillo 847-441-4866

Depositor Name:
American Society of Safety Engineers
Depositor Account Number:
6232833
Account transit (ABA) number:
071025661
Type of Account:
Checking

When the wire transfer has been requested with your bank, please notify us by fax or e-mail. We need the date, amount, what the wire is paying. Please be sure to give the reason for payment (invoice name and number) to your bank so it can go with the transfer. If faxing to 847-768-3434 attention Ann Cannata. If e-mailing please e-mail both acannata@asse.org and kscott@asse.org with the above information so we can match the wire transfer with the correct invoice.

Treasurer’s Report by Carol Walker

Account Balances as of 12/04/2007

Bank and Cash Accounts	
90 Day CD Savings	7129.21
Chapter Account	1712.02
One Year CD	8342.43
<u>Seminar Account</u>	<u>1276.61</u>
Total	18,460.27

Monthly Income and Expenses

11/1/2007 through 11/30/2007

Expenses	
Mailings	
Printings	25.00
Newsletter	
Postage	16.01
Printings	18.45
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>59.46</u>



Employer Payment for PPE Rule

OSHA published its final Rule on Employer Payment for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the Thursday, November 15, 2007 *Federal Register*. The final rule will become effective in 90 days on February 13, 2008 with enforcement to begin six months from the date of publication on May 15, 2008.

Currently, the provisions in OSHA standards that require PPE generally state that the employer is to provide such PPE. However, some of these provisions do not specify that the employer is to provide such PPE at no cost to the employee. This final rule, which affects OSHA's general industry, maritime and construction standards, requires employers to pay for the PPE provided, except under specified circumstances. (The employer is not required to pay for ordinary safety-toed footwear, ordinary prescription safety eyewear, logging boots and ordinary clothing and weather-related gear.) The rule does not require em-

ployers to provide PPE where none has been required before. It also clarifies OSHA's requirements regarding payment for employee-owned PPE and replacement PPE.

While this final rule does not change the types of PPE that are required, it does impose additional or more stringent PPE payment requirements on employers than do existing OSHA standards. Therefore, the **states will be required to revise their standards appropriately within six months** of publication of this *Federal Register* notice or show why their existing standard is already at least as effective as the new federal standard. **The effective and enforcement dates for a state standard should be the date of state promulgation or the federal dates, whichever is later.** Sixteen State Plans currently require payment for all or most PPE through regulation or policy.

New Mexico will be revising their standard and start enforcement accordingly.

ASSE Technical Publication Fall Protection Code

ASSE's Engineering Practice Specialty has prepared a special *By Design* technical publication that outlines the contents of the new ANSI/ASSE Z359 Fall Protection Code. This is a great resource. To obtain a copy, go to the ASSE webpage at:

http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/engineering/docs/ByDesign_Z359Special_Fall2007.pdf



OSHA National Emphasis Program—Combustible Dusts

OSHA has issued an instruction for inspecting workplaces that handle combustible dusts and that may have the potential for a dust explosion.

Combustible dusts are often either organic or metal dusts that are finely ground into very small particles, fibers, chips, and/or flakes. These dusts can come from metal, wood, plastic and organic materials such as grain, flour, sugar, paper, soap and dried blood. Dusts can also come from textile materials. Some of the industries in which combustible dusts are particularly prevalent include agriculture, chemi-

cal, textile, forest and the furniture industry.

The instruction provides detailed information on OSHA's inspection scheduling, resource allocation, inspection resources and procedures. This information is particularly useful in educating businesses on how to achieve compliance with OSHA requirements in advance of any inspection.

To obtain a copy of the instruction, go to:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=DIRECTIVES&p_id=3729

Get Fall Protection
http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/engineering/docs/ByDesign_Z359Special_Fall2007.pdf

Get the NEP at
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=DIRECTIVES&p_id=3729

No December Technical Meeting

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There will be no December Technical Meeting. The January 17th Technical Meeting will be held at the **Black Angus Restaurant** at 2290 Wyoming Blvd, NE (near Wyoming and Menaul on the east side).

Lunch and speaker from 11:30 AM to 1 PM!



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NEW MEXICO CHAPTER
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January 17th Topic

PNM Speaker

"Danger from exposure to meth labs for field service personnel...how to identify labs in the community"

We're on the Web!
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