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May 15th Meeting Best Practices

The theme of the May Meeting is Best Practices. We are tapping into to our internal members. The speakers include:

- Richard Dorman – One Point Lessons
- Norm Diebold – Evacuation Mapping (CAD)
- Duane Coldiron – Lessons Learned from BAE Fire
- Rob Loose – Board of Safety Officers
- John Greeley – Small Group Improvement Teams
- Open – For any member who wants to share best practice.

Each speaker will take about ten minutes apiece.

DINNER MEETING - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 15th, 2012

Industrial Rubber, 3326 Mike Padgett Hwy

\$7.50 Members \$10.00 NonMembers

MANDATORY RSVP at the website www.asseaugusta.org
or call the ASSE Voicemail at 706-790-6551 x2773 (ASSE)

Take Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) to exit 9 (Mike Padgett Highway). Turn towards downtown. Industrial Rubber and Supply is the first building on your right.

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Quote of the Month

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

George Bernard Shaw

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IH Corner Ambient Air Compressors

Continued from April Newsletter
Since ambient air compressors (Bullard Free Air and Willson Ambient Air Breathing Apparatus) are oil-less compressors, they do not require carbon monoxide alarms. As such, do you need to test for Grade D Breathing Air for these systems. That's a loaded question!

The requirement to provide Grade D breathing air remains, but OSHA does not specify any frequency for the testing. If the intake is located in a source of Grade D air (ie normal outdoor air), the same air should be provided to the respirators supplied. OSHA's letter of interpretation dated 1/25/1985 states the following requirements:

1. These devices are not to be used in an atmosphere which is IDLH.
2. Air used for this equipment must be drawn from an uncontaminated air source. Suitable filters and sorbents shall be used as needed.
3. The air delivered by the compressor must meet Grade D requirements. And,
4. The respirator wearer must carry an additional air-purifying respirator for escape.

The escape respirator requirement was later removed in another OSHA letter of interpretation 4/2/1985.

A backup respirator would not be required for a combination of the SAR and the portable air compressor provided the device is not used in IDLH concentrations and the escape distance is less than 300 feet.

But since the frequency of Grade D Breathing Air testing is not specified, **it is up to you.** I typically recommend initially to commission a system and annually thereafter.

Need a good industrial hygienist? Give me a call, I know a few.

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Contractor Safety and Oversight

From major construction projects to equipment inspections, service providers, suppliers and contractors ("contractors") may be hired to perform a wide variety of critical compliance tasks on behalf of your employer. No matter the size of the project or task, all people who perform work at your facility or within your company should be familiar with your employer's expectations and safety policies for providing a safe and healthful work environment.

Establishing a contractor safety program is one way you can ensure that all work is performed in a manner which protects all people, including your workforce, that are exposed to the contractor's activities. The major elements of a contractor safety program are not much different than the foundational elements for any occupational safety and health management system. It begins with accountability and making sure that there is one responsible person/party (project manager or contract administrator) that will serve as the liaison between your employer and the contractor and assure that contractors are aware of and following your contractor safety program. Implicit in the contract should be compliance with all applicable federal, state and municipal health and safety laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations. Consider a pre-qualification process during the purchasing phase to understand the contractor's safety performance rate. Communication of any contractor injuries/illnesses or near miss incidents to the employer is a must. Inspect and review the contractor's project area or work-site frequently. Contractors should be able to readily demonstrate that their workers are trained and qualified to perform the work at your facility prior to job start-up. Finally, do not accept unsafe activities or behaviors from your contractors. When problems arise, these instances should be addressed immediately by management.



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OSHA in Cumming

OSHA has cited Norcross-based construction company LRG Framing Inc. for six safety violations at a residential work site in Cumming. OSHA received a referral, and an inspector observed employees working at heights of up to 30 feet without fall protection, among other hazards. Proposed penalties total \$66,660.

LRG Framing is being cited with one willful violation, with a \$46,200 penalty, for allowing employees to work without fall protection. The same violation has been cited at the company's construction sites three times since 2006, including in connection with a construction site fatality in East Point in 2007.

One repeat violation, with a \$9,240 penalty, is being cited for failing to provide employees with fall protection training. The same violation was cited in 2007. A repeat violation exists when an employer previously was cited for the same or a similar violation of a standard, regulation, rule or order at any other facility in federal enforcement states within the last five years.

Four serious violations, with \$11,220 in penalties, include failing to ensure that workers use head protection such as hard hats when exposed to overhead hazards, and remove from use a damaged electrical cord and a powered saw with a deficient guard

OSHA Whistleblower Activity on the Rise

OSHA is suing LOTO Services LLC and its owner, Allan R. Lochhead, for allegedly terminating an employee at Aquatech's facility in Stuart, Fla. The worker filed a health complaint with OSHA after repeatedly reporting serious concerns to management regarding rodents and rodent droppings in the office to no avail. One day after the company was notified of the health complaint by OSHA officials; the employee was terminated. The employee filed a timely whistleblower complaint with OSHA, which concluded that the company and Lochhead had unlawfully and intentionally terminated the worker for engaging in activity protected by the OSH Act. The suit seeks to have the worker reinstated and paid back wages, interest, and compensatory and punitive damages.

Editor's note: Is it whistleblowing if he was fired for complaining about something that was not hazardous or unregulated???

Georgia Safety Stand-Down

OSHA recently partnered with construction contractors, the Federal Highway Administration, the state of Georgia and local government organizations to sponsor a safety stand-down hour at construction sites across Georgia during National Highway Work Zone Awareness Week, April 23-27. Workers voluntarily stopped work at construction sites from 7 to 8 a.m. EDT to conduct work zone safety training focused on the prevention of worker injuries from traffic objects and vehicles.

"Slow"SHA

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released a report, Multiple Challenges Lengthen OSHA's Standard Setting. According to the GAO, OSHA's average time to set standards is:

- 50 percent longer than that of the EPA
- Twice as long as that of the DOT
- Over five times as long as the SEC's.

A silica standard has been in the works since 1997; a beryllium rule since 2000 (1975 counting issuance of proposed standard); and one on walking and working surfaces since 2003. The GAO attributed the delays to Numerous "procedural requirements", Changing priorities, and, Stringent criteria for judicial review.

Kids Chance Auction

The mission of Kids' Chance of Georgia, Inc. is to provide educational scholarships to the children of Georgia workers who have been seriously, catastrophically or fatally injured in work-related accidents. Since 1988, Kids' Chance of Georgia, Inc. has been helping the children of injured workers reach their educational goals. More than 600 students have benefited from the Kids' Chance organization. Kids Chance holds a Silent Auction at the Georgia Safety Health & Environmental Conference every year. For more information see <http://kidschancega.org> If you can donate an item please contact jimmy.mize@dol.state.ga.us or carol.s.henson@delta.com.



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Picture of the Month



When is an exit, not?

Took this one myself during a recent safety audit.

Officer Elections

The Augusta Chapter will be holding its officer elections at the May meeting.

The current slate of candidates is:

President	Tim Nelken
Vice-President	Rob Loose
Secretary	John Greely
Treasurer	Norm Diebold

Please attend in May and vote for your leadership

Future Meetings

The Augusta Chapter does not meet over the summer. Our next meetings are September 11th, October 9th, November 13th. Topics and speakers will be announced in early September.

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? Don't know how? You can apply online:

<http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

Newsletter Stuff

If you are not receiving this from matthew.parker@atcassociates.com please send an email

Community Service

The Chapter is supporting our local Golden Harvest Food Bank and volunteering at the **Master's Table Soup Kitchen** May 26th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. We still need a few volunteers if you want to participate contact Richard Dorman at richard.dorman@morganplc.com

Delta and OSHA

Delta Air Lines Inc. has signed a corporate-wide settlement agreement with OSHA in order to protect workers who operate baggage handling vehicles. The agreement is the result of a citation issued to Delta following a workplace fatality in which an employee operating a baggage tug vehicle without wearing a seat belt was ejected from the vehicle and died. The agreement covers approximately 90 of the Atlanta-based company's airport sites that fall under federal OSHA's jurisdiction, as well as 16,000 Delta employees and 6,000 baggage handling vehicles. Under the agreement, Delta will come into compliance with applicable requirements for the use of seat belts by ensuring that all types of the company's baggage handling vehicles are equipped with them and that employees use the seat belts while operating the vehicles on specified airport routes. As a result, the agency recently sent a hazard alert letter to airlines across the nation reminding them that they are obligated to comply with applicable seat belt use requirements.

Refresher Training

Did you know there are more than 80 individual OSHA general industry standards that specifically require the employer to provide "initial" training to affected employees? And out of those standards, approximately 35 also require refresher training, usually on an annual basis. However, there are also 10 or so of those OSHA standards that have one additional training requirement; they mandate re-training for an employee on applicable topics in any instance where that employee indicates (usually through his or her behavior) that they did not adequately grasp or retain the training that has already been provided. Here are just a few examples:

Personal Protective Equipment / 1910.132(f)(3) - When the employer has reason to believe that any affected employee who has already been trained does not have the understanding and skill required by paragraph (f)(2) of this section, the employer shall retrain each such employee . . .

Respiratory Protection / 1910.134(k)(5) - Retraining shall be administered annually, and when the following situations occur: (ii) Inadequacies in the employee's knowledge or use that indicate that the employee has not retained the requisite understanding or skill;

Permit-required Confined Spaces / 1910.146(g)(2) - Training shall be provided to each affected employee: (iv) Whenever the employer has reason to believe either that there are deviations from the permit space entry procedures required by paragraph (d)(3) of this section or that there are inadequacies in the employee's knowledge or use of these procedures.

Chapter Education Assistance

The Augusta Chapter Educational Assistance Program provides money to individual members for educational assistance in the fields of environmental, safety or health. The money must be used for training, education or certification in these fields. The Chapter will issue annual awards to approved recipients in the amount of \$250 or \$500. The amount and approval will be determined by the Chapter Board of Directors. Any request must be accompanied by a complete and separate application questionnaire. Recipients must be an active member in good standing. Monies will be paid to the institution/organization providing the training or certification. The Application form is provided below

Request for Financial Award Questionnaire

By completing this questionnaire, I am applying for financial assistance, which may be awarded from the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter. I understand this award is to be in the amount of monies to be determined by the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter and will be donated once per year. Future awards will be considered by the American Society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter by separate applications.

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Are you an active member of the local ASSE & National ASSE? (*Attend a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings per year*)
2. Are you working in an Environmental, Safety & Health job at this time?
3. Are you pursuing certification or a degree in the Environmental, Safety & Health field?
4. What training/certification or degree are you pursuing?
5. Does your employer pay for any of your educational expenses? How much?
6. What is your current mailing address?

Home: _____	Business: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Please give a brief summary of your immediate and long term goals as related to the profession and professional development.

8. What institution/organization are you enrolled in for pursuing this certification or degree?
