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March 8th Meeting

OSHA Training Institute

The OSHA Training Institute Education Center offers safety and health courses in more than 20 topics throughout Region IV, an area covering Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers are a national network of non-profit organizations authorized by OSHA to deliver occupational safety and health training to public and private sector workers, supervisors, and employers on behalf of OSHA. Courses offered include OSHA standards and Outreach Training Program trainer and update courses, recordkeeping, machine guarding, confined space entry, electrical standards, and fall arrest systems. There is currently at least one OTI Education Center in each OSHA Region.

Our speaker is Dr. Myrtle Turner-Harris. Dr. Turner-Harris is the Director of the OSHA Training Institute Education Center at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. She holds a PhD of Higher Education-Occupational Studies from Georgia State, a MPH in Environmental Studies from the Emory University School of Medicine, and BS in Biology also from Georgia State University. She has been the OSHATI Director since July 2005, but has been a research scientist and industrial hygienist with them since 1993. Before that she was an industrial hygienist with the General Services Administration and OSHA. Dr Turner-Harris is also a Certified Environmental Trainer (CET) - National Environmental Training Association, Occupational Safety and Health Discipline since 1997.

DINNER MEETING - 5:30PM

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016

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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IH Corner

EPA Proposes Changes to Risk Management Program

Newly proposed changes to EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) regulations are intended to improve chemical process safety at RMP facilities and modernize the agency's chemical safety and security regulations, guidance, and policies. The proposed revisions would affect EPA's accident prevention program requirements, and would enhance emergency planning and preparedness requirements; increase the availability of chemical information to help the public understand the risks at RMP facilities; and require third-party audits and root-cause analysis to identify process safety improvements for accident prevention. EPA also proposes to require the assessment of inherently safer technologies and designs during process hazard assessment.

These proposed revisions are an "action item" under an executive order issued in August 2013 to improve chemical facility safety and security, and would specifically affect EPA's Accidental Release Prevention Requirements of RMP under section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

The new proposed rule has yet to be published in the *Federal Register*, but EPA has made a pre-publication copy of the proposed amendments available on the agency's website.

http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-02/documents/rmp_modernization_nprm_2050-ag82_20160224v3_508.pdf

After its publication, the public will have 60 days to submit written comments to EPA.

President's Message

This month's meeting will be great. Dr. Turner Harris is very good. We are very lucky in the CSRA to have the OTI so close to us. It is really a valuable asset as a training resource. Please join us on Tuesday to learn about the OSHA Training Institute's courses, programs and certificates.

Can you believe that it is March already? Time flies when you are having fun. But it also flies when you're too busy to watch the clock. Regardless of which distraction you ascribe to, June will be here before you know it. The ASSE's Annual Conference "Safety 2016", is right around the corner. And I mean that in both time AND distance. The conference will be held in Atlanta June 26-29, 2016.



Go to <http://safety.asse.org/> for information and registration.

We will finish the year with two field trips, I hope. In April we are going to visit the Kimberly Clark plant. In May, we are trying to go to Plant Vogtle to see the construction efforts underway on Units 3&4.

Matthew Parker, MS, CIH, CSP, ARM
ASSE Augusta Chapter President

Call for Speakers

We are seeking nominations, referrals, suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc for speakers for the ASSE meetings. Please contact any of the board members with your thoughts!!!

Newsletter Stuff

We will soon be migrating this distribution list to Yahoo Groups or Mail Chimp. Stand by.

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? Don't know how? You can apply online:
<http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

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Call for Officer Nominations

So are you ready to take a more active role? Are you looking for a way to improve your resume? Then we are looking for you. We are seeking a candidate for a Delegate. The Delegate is a member of the Exec Committee and represents the chapter at the National Conference. However, all positions are open to competition. Please consider volunteering, **everyone should take a turn at the helm**. Contact matthew.parker@allnex.com

The current slate of officer nominations is:

David Beckum - President
Sonya Patton – Vice President
Norm Diebold - Treasurer
Chrissi Park - Secretary
Your name here - Delegate

Future Meetings

Put these dates on your Calendar NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

April 14th, 2016 – 11:30AM

Site Tour, Kimberly Clark Mill , Beech Island

May ???, 2016 – Date and Time TBD

Site Tour, Plant Vogtle Reactor 3&4 Construction

Quote of the Month

A student said to his Master, “You teach me fighting, but you talk about peace. How do you reconcile the two?” The Master replied “It is better to be a warrior in the garden, than a gardener in a war”.



OSHA in Georgia

Employer name: FPL Food LLC

Investigation site: 1301 New Savannah Road, Augusta, Georgia 30901

Citations issued: The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued citations to the employer on Feb. 26 for 15 serious safety violations.

Investigation findings: OSHA initiated an investigation after learning a worker was hospitalized after a workplace injury. On Dec. 3, 2015, a hydraulic saw lacerated the abdomen of a 36-year-old saw operator as he cut meat. The worker was severely injured. OSHA discovered that the saw's safety cut-off switches were not functioning properly.

The agency cited FPL Food LLC for exposing workers to falls on platforms without rails; electric shock from improper wiring; and amputations from unguarded cutting blades. Additionally, the employer did not provide a fully functional eyewash station for workers handling leaking batteries. The company also failed to train workers on the specific procedures to prevent machinery from starting up during maintenance and servicing.

Quote: "The results of this investigation clearly indicate that FPL Food's safety and health management plan is ineffective and not being enforced," said William Fulcher, OSHA's area director in the Atlanta-East Office. "Management must make worker safety its top priority and be engaged in enforcing it."

Proposed penalties: \$67,270

The citations can be viewed at:

<http://www.dol.gov/sites/default/files/documents/newsroom/releases/OSHA20160303.pdf>*

FPL Food is a fresh meat processor that prepares, packs and ships beef products to food service and retail customers. The company employs nearly 400 workers in Augusta. The employer has 15 business days from receipt of its citations and proposed penalties to comply, request a conference with OSHA's area director or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.



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Picture of the Month



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Jobs

<http://jobs.asse.org/>

<http://jobs.bccsp.org/jobseeker/search/results/state/Georgia/>

There are 57 listed for Georgia. SC does not show in the list of states, but if you enter SC in the keyword search, you will find a bunch. Be sure to scroll/click through the entire list, the date ordering does not work correctly.

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

Ladder Safety App

NIOSH has updated its ladder safety app based on users' feedback. Introduced in 2013, the app had been downloaded more than 52,000 times by the end of 2015, and it has been promoted by state officials, industry leaders, and safety professionals, they reported, with some companies incorporating it in their safety policies. It also earned a merit award from the Digital Health Awards, a program that recognizes the world's best digital health resources for consumers and health professionals. The app's appearance, content, and function have been improved, and it now includes stepladder safety and additional interactive tools. More than 500,000 people per year are treated, and about 300 people die, per year from ladder-related injuries in the US costing \$11 billion per year.

Comparing Safety

A new report from UL details the health conditions and workplace safety rates in every state, as well as their financial impact. The report can be found here: http://www.ulworkplace.com/wp-content/uploads/UL_State-Reports.pdf

Published in January by UL's Integrated Health & Safety Institute, the report breaks down data for each state and compares it with the national average. Data points include prevalence of diabetes, heart diseases and obesity; workplace injury and illness and fatality rates also are covered.

The report sums up each state's direct and indirect expenditures associated with health care, lost productivity and days of absence costs. Additionally, workers' compensation data for a five-year period is included.

The areas of the country with the highest prevalence (compared with the national average) of various adverse health conditions were mostly located in Southern states, whereas the Great Plains had among the highest prevalence of workplace fatalities.

"The insight [gleaned] from this information will help [employers] identify and understand potential issues that, if managed through an integrated health and safety framework, could prevent and/or reduce injuries and illnesses in the workplace," IHSI Global Director Todd Hohn said in the report's introduction.

ASSE Salary Survey Reveals Strong Income Potential for OSH Professionals

Park Ridge, Illinois (July 30, 2015) – A 2015 American Society of Safety Engineers survey of more than 9,000 occupational safety and health professionals reveals they earn an annual base salary on average of \$98,000, an increase of \$8,000 since the survey was taken two years ago. The ASSE survey results are part of an expansive collaboration with the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH), Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP), American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) and Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM). The complete results from the 2015 survey in addition to an interactive calculator are available online at www.asse.org/salariesurvey.

The survey found professionals with at least one of the 11 certifications measured in the survey make on average over \$14,000 more annually than a professional without one of these certifications and over \$30,000 more annually than the typical Occupational Health and Safety Specialist, according to the number reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

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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?
