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September 13th Meeting

Reducing those elusive MSDs: A new paradigm for healthier employees and healthier companies”

Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) are still at least 1/3 of worker compensation costs in the US today. Using clinically proven methods from sports medicine along with a little diligence, MSDs CAN be reduced significantly! Learn what tools are utilized, how they are used, and how it impacts companies.

Ms. Peacock is the founder of Physical Performance Solutions, Versa Therapies, a company that focuses on injury prevention for industrial athletes in all industrial and office settings through optimizing all types of movement patterns using the latest in sports medicine injury prevention and technology. Ms. Peacock's background spans for two decades in scrutinizing movement patterns to retrain and improve essential movement patterns individuals lose over time, and restore quality of soft tissue characteristics in order to prevent injuries. Ms. Peacock's specialties of certifications are elite provider of Active Release Techniques®, myofascial release, acupressure, trigger point release, and other valuable soft tissue techniques.

DINNER MEETING – 5:30^{PM}

Tuesday, September 13th, 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 Productive Aging and Work

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, NIOSH will host a [new webinar](#) in its Total Worker Health webinar series, “Productive Aging and Work: Theory, Health Data, Practical Solutions.” Presenters from CPWR, also known as the Center for Construction Research and Training, and the University of Washington School of Public Health will discuss the concept of productive aging, designing aging-friendly workplaces, and actions organizations can take to meet the occupational health and safety needs of workers of all ages. [Registration](#) is free. According to NIOSH, further details and CEU information will be provided later.

NIOSH defines Total Worker Health as “policies, programs, and practices that integrate protection from work-related safety and health hazards with promotion of injury and illness prevention efforts to advance worker well-being.” The free webinar series focuses on the latest research and case studies related to Total Worker Health.

The previous webinars in the series are available as archived recordings via NIOSH’s [webinar page](#). Previous webinars include “Sedentary Work: Implications and Interventions for Worker Safety and Health” and “Preserving Lung Health: At Work and Beyond.”



Emergency Planning and Response among Additions to CSB’s “Most Wanted Safety Improvements”

Citing a recurrence of deficiencies in emergency response to incidents at chemical facilities, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) announced July 15 that emergency planning and response is among its newest “[most wanted safety improvements](#)”—a list of changes that, in the agency’s view, are most likely to achieve significant improvements in safety across the U.S. if implemented.

According to CSB, 46 of the agency’s recommendations stemming from 12 separate investigations concern a community’s, facility’s, or emergency responder’s response to an incident at a chemical facility. “Despite the CSB’s many recommendations, emergency responders continue to be fatally injured due to poor emergency planning or response,” the agency stated in a [press release](#).

CSB referred to the April 2013 fire and explosion at an ammonium nitrate storage facility in West, Texas, as the most recent example of inadequate emergency response. A CSB investigation of the incident concluded that the facility contained as much as 60 tons of fertilizer-grade ammonium nitrate (FGAN), which exploded about 20 minutes after the fire was reported, killing 12 emergency responders and injuring more than 260 others.

CSB’s [investigation](#) resulted in 18 recommendations, including a proposal that the fire department in West, Texas, develop standard operating procedures for pre-incident planning for facilities that store or handle FGAN. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms recently concluded that the fire was intentionally set.

Whistleblower Protection

OSHA has updated its [Whistleblower Investigation Manual*](#) to help employers, workers and their representatives understand the investigative process and how to request documents from OSHA during and after an investigation. The new material affirms that the standard for all whistleblower investigations is whether there is “reasonable cause to believe” that a violation occurred. The manual also provides guidance on disclosure requests under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.

OSHA enforces the [whistleblower protection provisions](#) of the OSH Act and 21 other statutes protecting workers who report violations of laws in various industries. In fiscal year 2015, OSHA helped award more than \$25 million to whistleblowers across the country – a reminder to employers that workers have a right to speak up, without fear of retaliation, when they believe that their safety and health is at risk.

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Elections

Elections were held in May. The new officers assumed their duties July 1st. The current slate of officer is:
David Beckum - President
Sonya Patton – Vice President
Norm Diebold - Treasurer
Chrissi Park - Secretary
Alex Brown - Delegate

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

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

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? You can apply online: <http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

Future Meetings

Sept 13, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Reducing Those Elusive MSDs

Lori Peacock, Phys Performance Solutions

Oct 11, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Hostile Intruders

Mike Lipscomb, Pinnacle Training Academy

Nov 18, 2016 – Full Day

ASSE/LEPC Summit

December 2016

No Meeting

January 10, 2017 – TBD

Topic TBD

February 7, 2017

OSHA Update

Bill Fulcher - OSHA

March 14, 2017 – TBD

Topic TBD

Quote of the Month

“Before everything else, getting ready is the secret to success.” – Henry Ford

OSHA in Georgia

Leesburg, Ga. - OSHA cites Great Southern Peanut for combustible dust, improper machine guarding and other safety, health hazards; proposes more than \$110K in fines. Company cited for 17 repeated, serious violations

Employer name: Great Southern Peanut LLC

Citations issued: The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued citations to the employer on July 25 for 13 repeated, four serious and four other-than-serious safety and health violations.

Investigation findings: OSHA initiated the follow-up inspection to verify abatement of hazards from citations the agency issued to Great Southern Peanut and Georgia Farm Services LLC in March 2014.

The repeated citations relate to the employer’s failure to:

- Properly guard open sided floors and platforms.
- Keep floors clean and dry in the vehicle service pit area.
- Develop and implement procedures to enter a confined space area.
- Keep surfaces free from hazardous accumulations of combustible peanut dust.
- Provide a handrail and railing on a fixed stairway.

The serious citations relate to the employer:

- Not having the required height for a guard railing system.
- Exposing workers to unguarded horizontal shafts.
- Failing to have stairway risers uniform and consistent.

The other-than-serious citation relates to the employer:

- Not posting the annual summary of workplace injuries and illnesses recorded on the OSHA 300 log.
- Failing to provide medical evaluations for employees required to wear respirators.
- Failing to provide baseline and annual audiogram testing for employees exposed to noise.

Proposed penalties: \$110,310

The citations can be viewed at:

https://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/GreatSouthernPeanut_1107788.pdf

https://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/GreatSouthernPeanut_1125484.pdf

NSC Finds One Third of Workers Say Employers Emphasize Productivity over Safety

According to a press release, the NSC has released the results of a survey that indicate 33 percent of employees believe organizations prioritize productivity over safety, a percentage that was even higher in high-risk workplaces. Sixty percent of respondents in the construction industry, for example, believe this sentiment to be true. The survey was given out as part of National Safety Month, and is based on the NSC’s employer perception surveys. The survey was given to 2,000 employees in high-risk jobs

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Photo of the Month



Leveraging The Job!

Jobs

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

<http://jobs.bensp.org/jobseeker/search/results/state/Georgia/> There are 34 listed for Georgia and 28 for South Carolina.

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

Malice = \$5 Million

<http://usat.ly/29jgaNM>

DuPont acted with malice by dumping a toxic chemical from its West Virginia plant into the Ohio River, a federal jury said Wednesday afternoon in awarding \$5.1 million in compensatory damages to a man who developed cancer.

The jury will meet Thursday to begin deciding the amount of punitive damages to be handed out to the plaintiff, David Freeman, 56, of Washington County, Ohio. After a five-week trial in Columbus, Ohio, a jury deliberated for less than a day.

DuPont spokesman Dan Turner declined to comment on the verdict. DuPont maintains there were only small amounts of C8 in drinking water. The lawsuit is one of six so-called bellwether cases the Wilmington-based chemical company faced over the release of C8, also known as Perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA

Inflation

Maximum penalties for OSHA violations are [set to increase](#) for the first time since 1990 as part of overall federal penalty adjustments mandated by Congress last year. The increases were announced Thursday by the Department of Labor, which issued [two interim rules](#) covering penalty adjustments for several DOL agencies, including OSHA, the Mine Safety and Health Administration and Wage and Hour Division.

OSHA's new penalty levels will take effect after Aug. 1, when the maximum penalty for serious violations will rise from \$7,000 to \$12,471. The maximum penalty for willful or repeated violations will increase from \$70,000 to \$124,709. Any citations issued by OSHA after Aug. 1 will be subject to the new penalties if the related violations occurred after November 2, 2015. OSHA will provide guidance to field staff on the implementation of the new penalties by Aug. 1.

ASSE Briefs NACOSH on Initiatives to Grow the Profession

ASSE reported that some of its members met last week with OSHA's National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health to discuss efforts to grow the OSH profession. Their discussion focused on the need for more qualified safety professionals and working with NACOSH to encourage the growth of the profession, with Jim Thornton, CSP, CIH, ASSE's vice president of Professional Affairs, explaining ASSE's initiatives in this area.

ASSE is working with the International Network of Safety and Health Practitioner Organizations (INSHPO) to identify seven core competencies that define the OSH discipline and a defined set of student learning outcomes. The seven core competencies are:

1. Evidence-Based Practices: The OSH professional of the future will use research and evidence to drive problem solving and integrate value-added, practical solutions into organizational goals.
2. Communication: The OSH professional will interact effectively with stakeholders, colleagues, and employees, fostering mutual respect and shared decision making to enhance workers' health and safety.
3. Risk Management and Control: The OSH professional will participate in and contribute to the process of conserving assets and earning powers of an organization by minimizing the effects of loss.
4. Business: The OSH professional will be able to develop, articulate, and execute a business case for protecting the company's internal and external assets, stakeholders, and the community.
5. Leadership: The OSH professional will be able to influence the behavior of individuals, systems, and work groups in a way that facilitates the achievement of shared goals.
6. Informatics & Technology: The OSH professional will be able to gather and use credible information and technology.
7. Professionalism: The OSH professional is accountable and establishes workplace programs and worker safety/health advocacy practices in a moral, legal, ethical, and socially responsible manner

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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?
