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General Meeting

5:30P.M. April 14, 2009

Bio Cleanup

Lets hope you never have to use the service, but sometimes these problems challenge your normal capabilities or service providers.

A-1 BIO-Clean Service has been aiding Families, Businesses and Communities in Georgia for over eleven years. Compassionate cleaning and restoration services in supporting families after homicides, accidental shooting, suicides, unattended deaths which may include decomposition, teargas removal and home invasions. We specialize in returning a sense of normalcy to your home or business, and arrive in only unmarked vehicles.

Our speaker is Gordy Powell, ACBT, CMR, CMLT, with A-1 BIO-Clean Service. He is a Board member of the American BioRecovery Association (AmericanBioRecovery.org)

**DINNER MEETING - 5:30 pm,
Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

**Industrial Rubber and Supply Classroom
3326 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, Georgia**

\$5.00

RSVP Required !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please call the ASSE Voicemail at 706-790-6551 x2773 (ASSE) or email any of the board members.

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 - Legionella

Legionella pneumophila was first identified in 1977 by the CDC as the cause of an outbreak of pneumonia that caused 34 deaths at a 1976 American Legion Convention in Philadelphia. L. pneumophila had undoubtedly caused previous pneumonia outbreaks, but the organism's slow growth and special growth requirements prevented earlier discovery.

The diseases produced by Legionella are called legionellosis. More than 34 species of Legionella have been identified, and more than 20 linked with human diseases. Legionella pneumophila causes the pneumonia known as Legionnaires' disease and the flu-like Pontiac fever.

In the U.S., Legionnaire's disease is considered to be fairly common and serious, and the Legionella organism is one of the top three causes of community-acquired pneumonia. Because it is difficult to distinguish from other forms of pneumonia, many cases go unreported. 1,000 cases are reported annually to the CDC, but it is estimated that over 25,000 cases occur each year and cause more than 4,000 deaths.

L. pneumophila bacteria are widely distributed in water systems and they are not eradicated by the chlorination used to purify domestic water systems. Low and even nondetectable levels of the organism can colonize a water source and grow to high concentrations under the right conditions.

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

Matthew Parker

President's Message

We will be having our meeting on April 14th. Gordy Powell from A-1 BIO Clean Services will be our guest speaker. The meeting at the Richmond County Fire Station training area has been postponed until May.

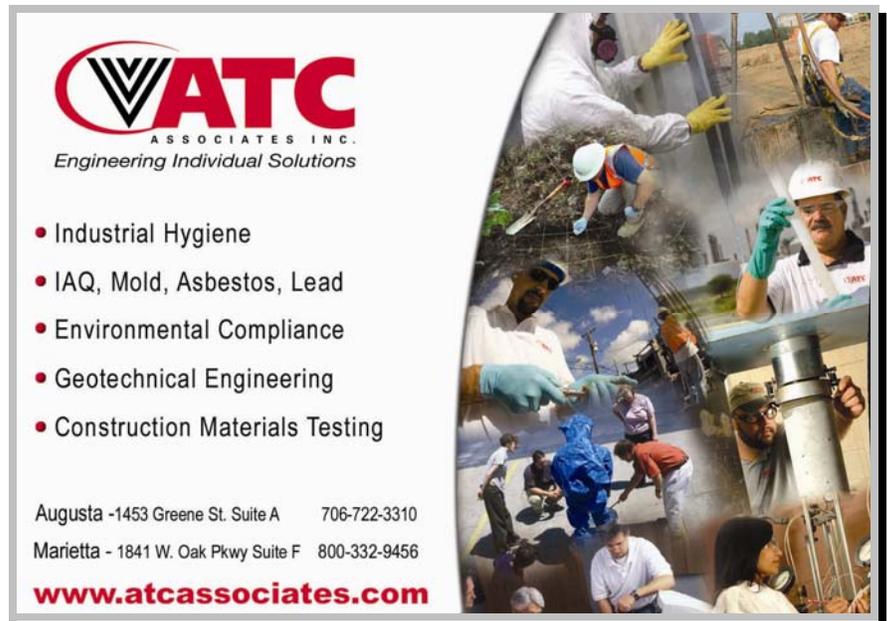
The current slate of officers has sent to the membership. If you are interested in being on the Board of the Augusta ASSE Chapter for this upcoming year please see a current board member. We would love to have you join us.

As we are soon ending this year's meetings we are looking to begin setting up our speakers for next year. If you have any speaker ideas please share them with the Board and we consider our slate of meetings for next year.

If you have been coming to the meetings and are not a member, why not consider joining? Do you know of someone in a safety role who could benefit from our organization? Please contact Jim Dickson if you are interested for a membership application.

I would like to personally thank you all for attending the meetings and supporting me in my first year as your ASSE President. I hope to see you at the meeting!

Maria Neis
President, Augusta Chapter ASSE



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Top 5 Reasons to Join ASSE:

Interaction with people in the profession. While we are all strong advocates of technological advancement, ASSE serves as your primary link to colleagues, allowing members to put names with faces and keeping them in touch with who's doing what.

Get frequent updates on industry changes. Keeping track of the latest industry techniques and trends in safety could be quite difficult. However, through ASSE's publications, educational sessions and website, members can hear about the most recent innovations and never question the accuracy of their information.

In today's technological age, one of the most valuable commodities is information. The exchange of ideas and information and the need to work with others will prove easier with ASSE's assistance.

Prepare for the future. ASSE provides vision on how the SH&E profession will look in the coming years. While members focus on maintaining daily operations, ASSE will look at what is to come and what will provide new opportunities.

Keep up with new laws and regulations. Stay attuned to the legislative and regulatory issues affecting the company's bottom line. ASSE will continue monitoring these pertinent issues and let you know when to take action.

Apply online or download forms at the ASSE website

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

NAOSH Week

North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week takes place May 3-9, 2009. Occupational Safety & Health Professional's Day is May 6, 2009.

NAOSH Week occurs every year during the first full week of May. NAOSH Week is intended to raise awareness about occupational safety, health and the environment. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) joined with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) in 2002 to raise the public's awareness of occupational safety, health and the environment in North America during NAOSH Week.

Here are a few suggestions on what you can do at work
Sponsor a poster contest for your employees' children
Create a Safety Calendar for your staff and clients
Host a Family Safety Fair for your company and their families;
Launch a recognition program for safety suggestions
Conduct an Open House that focuses on health and safety.
Set up specific safety demonstrations, focused on safe work habits
Insert NAOSH Week messages in correspondence and e-mail

More info is available at <http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh09/what-is-naosh-week.php>

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Quote of the Month

Safety is common sense, but common sense isn't very common.

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Picture of the Month

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Department of Homeland Security Risk Lexicon

The purpose of the DHS Risk Lexicon Project is to establish and make available a comprehensive list of terms and meanings relevant to the practice of homeland security risk management and analysis. Accomplishing this goal improves the capability of DHS and its components to assess and manage homeland security risk. To support integrated risk management for the Department, the DHS Risk Lexicon:

Promulgates a common language to ease and improve communications for DHS and its partners;

Facilitates the clear exchange of structured and unstructured data, essential to interoperability amongst risk practitioners; and

Garners credibility and grows relationships by providing consistency and clear understanding with regard to the usage of terms by the risk community across DHS and its components.

There are 74 terms in current 60 page version, such as: accidental hazard, risk management, tolerance, threat, etc. You can review at:

http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs_risk_lexicon.pdf

Overexertion tops list of causes of most disabling work-related injuries

Researchers from the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety recently published the insurance giant's annual Workplace Safety Index. The index identified the top 10 causes of the most disabling work-related injuries based on data reported from 1998 through 2006, the most recent year available. The study estimated that the direct workers' compensation costs for the most disabling injuries and illnesses -- those conditions that caused an employee to miss six or more days from work -- in 2006 were \$48.6 billion.

According to the study, these 10 categories produced nearly 88 percent of the entire cost burden of disabling work-related injuries:

1. Overexertion. This category includes injuries related to lifting, pushing, pulling, holding, carrying or throwing. Despite decreasing nearly 5 percent since 1998, overexertion still accounted for 25.7 percent of the total overall injury cost burden and \$12.4 billion in direct workers' comp costs. The rest are:
2. Falls on same level.
3. Falls to lower level.
4. Bodily reaction.
5. Struck by object.
6. Struck against an object.
7. Highway incident.
8. Caught in/compressed by.
9. Repetitive motion.
10. Assaults/violent acts.

See the full article at

<http://www.riskandinsurance.com/story.jsp?storyId=192189824>

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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?
