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### October Meeting

## Ask the Occ Doc

Occupational Medicine Physicians are knowledgeable and capable of treating job-related diseases, recognizing and resolving workplace hazards, instituting rehabilitation methods, and providing well-managed care. The continual emergence of new chemicals, complex tools, manufacturing methodologies, pollution and environmental impacting activities, and health care reform have focused and mandated the need for trained occupational and environmental medical specialists.

Dr. Eldurkar is the medical director of Occupational Medicine at Doctors Hospital since August 2009. He finished his Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Family Medicine training at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Dr. Eldurkar completed a MPH at Wayne State University with an emphasis in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences. Prior to joining DHA he was a staff physician at St. Johns Hospital in Detroit, MI. Dr. Eldurkar is Board certified in Occupational Medicine and Family Medicine. He is also a certified Medical Review Officer. Dr. Eldurkar is married with two children and enjoys the outdoors, mountain biking and generally looking forward to exploring the CSRA with his family.

**DINNER MEETING - 5:30 pm**

**Tuesday, October 12th, 2010**

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

**\$7.50 Members**

**\$10.00 NonMembers**

**MANDATORY RSVP** at the website [www.asseaugusta.org](http://www.asseaugusta.org)

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 Substitution

IH's like to talk about the hierarchy of controls. If you are going to control a hazard, you should try to do it in the following order: Elimination, Substitution, Engineering, Administrative, and finally PPE.

Substitution is the second one on the list. It is typically easier to do than elimination and accomplished the same result. In substitution, one tries to find a less hazardous substance that does the same job.

Just this week, I received a call from a colleague that said a company they knew was inspected by OSHA and were issued some citations. A few had to do with methylene chloride (1910.1052). They used a paint stripper that contained Methylene chloride and wanted to know what they needed to do. I told them to find a stripper that doesn't contain methylene chloride.

Sometimes, that can be hard to do. The chemical may be needed for a specific chemical reaction, or do to some other chemical or physical properties it has. But in the case of paint stripper, there are lots of options.

OSHA cannot cite you for not sampling unless you have respirators in use, and overexposure, or ...and this is the kicker...you have a product that has one of the chemicals with initial sampling requirements (1910.1001 through 1910.1052)

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

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## Frame manufacturer fined nearly \$230,000 for combustible dust and other hazards

OSHA issued 34 violations to Art Horizons Inc. and fined the picture frame manufacturer \$228,320 for endangering workers at its Batesville, Miss., facility. In March, OSHA initiated a follow-up to a 2008 inspection at the company, which then went by another name. In the latest inspection, compliance officers found that the company had willfully disregarded the safety and health of its workers by allowing dangerous amounts of combustible dust to accumulate in the workplace and failing to provide proper hearing protection. Inspectors also cited the company for violations including fall hazards, blocked exit routes, lack of an eyewash station, lack of machine guarding and inadequate emergency lighting. See the news release for more information at [https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=N EWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=18354](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=N EWS_RELEASES&p_id=18354).



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## Quote of the Month

**In times of change, the Patriot is a scarce man; brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a Patriot**  
**Mark Twain**



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## OSHA Initiates Inspection Program

*OSHA moves to inspect workplaces incurring high injury rates.*

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently initiated Site-Specific Targeting 2010 (SST-10), setting its sights mainly on over 4,000 establishments that have relatively high DART (Days Away, Restricted or Transferred) and DAFWII (Days Away From Work Injury and Illness) rates. The targets of SST-10 are included in three inspection lists: primary, secondary, and tertiary.

Worksites in the primary category are:

- About 3,300 manufacturing sites with a DART rate at or above 7.0 OR a DAFWII case rate at or above 5.0.
- About 500 non-manufacturing sites with a DART rate at or above 15.0 OR a DAFWII case rate at or above 14.0.
- About 300 nursing or personal care facilities with a DART rate at or above 16.0 OR a DAFWII case rate at or above 13.0.
- Random sample of establishments who hadn't supplied safety data in the 2009 OSHA Data Initiative survey by May 2010.

Such data was reckoned according to 2008 injury and illness figures gathered in the 2009 Data Initiative. Also considered were the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes.

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## A Century of Safety

As ASSE's 100th Anniversary nears, our members, in the world's oldest professional safety organization, look forward to commemorating 100 years of dedicated service to workplace safety and health. Please join us in these efforts by participating in ASSE's Safety Through the Ages – A Walk Through Time. Safety Through the Ages Exhibit is an opportunity for individuals to take part in ASSE's 100th Anniversary Celebration by providing a glimpse into the past of a safety professional. How has the vision of a safety professional evolved over the last 100 years? How have the tools of your profession changed? How have these changes impacted safety as we know it today? All safety, health and environmental professionals and those that provide products and services to the safety profession are encouraged to participate in the Safety Through the Ages Exhibit. The exhibit will be displayed at Safety 2011 ASSE's Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Chicago, June 12-15, 2011. Share your artifacts, pictures and stories. How have standards changed? What do you see as having the greatest impact for change in the safety industry? Have a collection of artifacts relating to safety long ago to loan? The sky's the limit! Please complete the following form stating your interest in participating in this program. Submissions must be received by February 11, 2011.

<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/100/toolkit/100thHistoryHall6710safety2011.pdf>  
to get the form

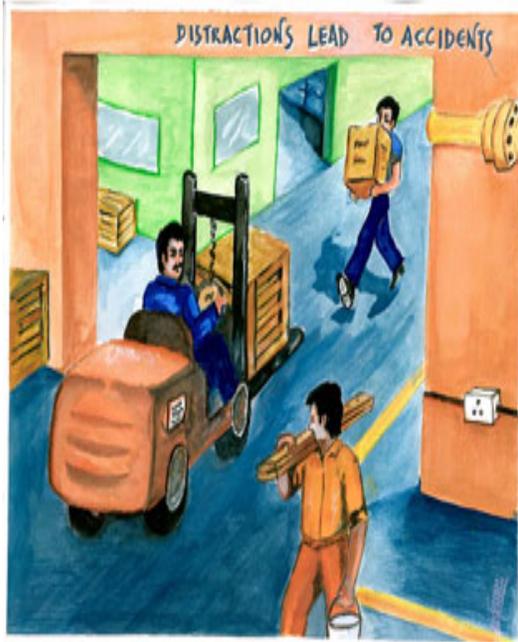
## OSHA Issues Whistleblower Procedures,

Two weeks ago, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published three interim final rules that help safeguard employees who report safety, health and security issues in their organizations. Published in the *Federal Register*, the rules describe new ways to handle employees' retaliation complaints filed under the:

*Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act* for workers in the consumer product industry; *Federal Railroad Safety Act* and the *National Transit Systems Security Act* for workers in railroad carriers and for employees in public transportation agencies; *Surface Transportation Assistance Act* for truck drivers and workers for commercial motor carriers.

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## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### 2010 Safety Poster Contest

#### Age 11-12 First Place

Fatima Parkar, 12, Kuwait City, Kuwait

#### Newsletter Stuff:

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## NEED AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW CRANES AND DERRICKS RULE?

OSHA publishes a FAQ section on its website.

Organizations that need a quick walk-through of the new OSHA Cranes and Derricks Rule can consult a [FAQ page](https://www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks/faq.html) on the OSHA website at <https://www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks/faq.html>. The FAQ answers the following concerns:

- When the rule will take effect
- Whether requirements of the rule will take effect at the same time
- Where one can locate a copy of the rule
- How the rule can improve safety at construction sites
- How the rule differs from the previous, October 9, 2008 rule
- Whether compliance assistance materials will be made public
- Whether the rule requires qualification or certification
- Whether the rule permits cities or states to set up their own licensing or certification program for crane operators
- Does the rule requires certification of riggers and signal persons
- How does the rule affect state OSHA plans
- How the rule was developed
- What interests were represented on the C-DAC committee.

## SO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE CANADA???

Mental illness is associated with more lost work days than any other chronic condition, costing the Canadian economy \$51 billion annually in lost productivity. In the first study of its kind, researchers from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) have calculated the actual cost of mental health leave and found that on average it's double the cost of a leave for a physical illness. The study, published in the *Journal of Occupational & Environmental Medicine*, looked at data tracking the short-term disability leave of 33, 913 full-time employees in Ontario. Results showed that the cost to a company for a single employee on a short-term disability leave due to mental health concerns totals nearly \$18,000. Dr. Carolyn Dewa, head of CAMH's Work and Well-being Research and Evaluation Program and lead investigator on the study, notes the disproportionate cost to employers when compared to other disabilities. "In an average year, a firm with 1,000 employees might expect about 145 disability cases. Of this, only a fraction are on disability due to mental illness, yet it costs employers the most." Disability leaves due to physical illness cost nearly half of that for a leave due to mental illness.



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

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

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