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February Meeting

OSHA's Crane and Derrick Standard

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced a new rule addressing the use of cranes and derricks in construction, which will replace a decades-old standard. Approximately 267,000 construction, crane rental and crane certification establishments employing about 4.8 million workers will be affected by the rule. The previous rule, which dated back to 1971, was based on 40-year-old standards. Stakeholders from the construction industry recognized the need to update the safety requirements, methods and practices for cranes and derricks, and to incorporate technological advances in order to provide improved protection for those who work on and around cranes and derricks.

Our speaker is Jonathon Worrell. Jonathan Worrell has been with OSHA for more than 37 years. He worked as a Safety Compliance Officer in the Atlanta Area Office from December 1973 until January 1991. He conducted more than 2,200 inspections in virtually all types of workplaces in both construction and general industry. He has also investigated more than 130 fatal workplace accidents, including 30 trenching fatalities. He became an Assistant Area Director in the Atlanta East Area Office in January 1991 and worked in that position until September 2000. Jonathan has been a Compliance Assistance Specialist in the Atlanta East Area Office since September 2000.

DINNER MEETING - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 8th, 2011

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

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IH Corner

Lead

Lead overexposure is one of the most common overexposures found in industry and is a leading cause of workplace illness. Therefore, OSHA has established the reduction of lead exposure to be a high strategic priority. OSHA's five year strategic plan sets a performance goal of a 15% reduction in the average severity of lead exposure or employee blood lead levels in selected industries and workplaces.

The toxic effects of occupational exposure to lead are well established. Lead is a potent, systemic poison that serves no known useful function once absorbed by the body. Lead adversely affects numerous body systems and causes forms of health impairment and disease which can arise from acute or chronic exposure, including damage to blood-forming, nervous, urinary, and reproductive systems. In 1990, NIOSH set as a national goal the elimination of lead exposures that result in workers having blood lead concentrations greater than 25 µg/dL of whole blood.

The National Emphasis Program states that employee exposure to airborne lead will be sampled, whenever possible, during both the initial and follow-up inspection. In addition, during both the initial and follow-up inspections, Compliance Officers will evaluate training, use of personal protective equipment, surface concentrations of lead and the availability of hygiene facilities, work practices and engineering controls. .

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

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Presidents Message

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday ASSE!

You should have heard by now that 2011 is ASSE's 100th birthday. In the upcoming meeting our Public Relations chair will share some of the events and promotional items from the century mark with us. In honor of ASSE's heritage we are compiling a chapter history including all past presidents and any awards the Augusta chapter has won. We need your help for this, our records do not go back to the very beginning. National ASSE purges their records after a certain amount of time also. If you have been a president in the past or know who was a president from 1984 to 2000 please e-mail us at asse@asseaugusta.org. This is an important part of the chapter's history and will be used at the National ASSE event.

Please consider nominating a member or running for a chapter office yourself this year. Nominating a member you think would be a good fit can be confidential, only one of the board members would contact the individual to ask if they would be interested. There are several benefits to becoming an officer besides the leadership skills you would learn. Our officer positions provide a certification maintenance (CM) point per year in addition to the point earned by being a member of ASSE in general for CSP's and CIH's. One officer this year will be sent to the ASSE national leadership conference at reduced cost or possibly free of charge.

Please come join us at our meeting this second Tuesday of February!

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On Again, Off Again

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced that it has temporarily withdrawn from review by the Office of Management and Budget its proposal to restore a column for work-related musculoskeletal disorders on employer injury and illness logs. The agency has taken this action to seek greater input from small businesses on the impact of the proposal and will do so through outreach in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy.

"Work-related musculoskeletal disorders remain the leading cause of workplace injury and illness in this country, and this proposal is an effort to assist employers and OSHA in better identifying problems in workplaces," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "However, it is clear that the proposal has raised concern among small businesses, so OSHA is facilitating an active dialogue between the agency and the small business community."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, MSDs accounted for 28 percent of all reported workplace injuries and illnesses requiring time away from work in 2009.



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"I'm Just A Bill, Yes I'm Only a Bill"

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) wasted no time introducing safety legislation at the start of the 112th Congress on January 5. He re-introduced H.R. 190, The Protecting America's Workers Act, which would broaden the Occupational Safety and Health Act, strengthen whistleblower protection, and enhance reporting, inspection, and enforcement. The bill also calls for civil and criminal penalties for safety violations, and upholds the rights of victims and their family members.

H.R. 190 also includes provisions on concurrent enforcement authority with regards to state plans, as well as provisions requiring review of state plans. Finally, the bill calls on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for health hazard evaluations.

The bill had been introduced before, but was later incorporated in the Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act (H.R. 5663). It passed the committee hearings, but the entire House never got to vote on it. In December 2010, a watered-down version did come under Congressional vote, but did not get majority support.

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Picture of the Month



“If duct tape don’t fix it....”

Last Week To Enter

The posters that best illustrate safety on the job will be selected as winners out of each of the five age groups. Before the children begin drawing, we urge you to talk to them about your job and workplace safety and provide examples of what risks occupational safety, health and environmental professionals address every day on the job, and if possible, provide them with examples of workplace situations. Have fun and, as they say in the in the Wild, Wild, West, "Draw Partner!" Also, we hope to see you at our annual poster contest awards ceremony in Washington, D.C, May 2, 2011! Contest runs from Monday, September 19, 2010 through Monday, February 14, 2011 (Valentine’s Day!)

Celebrating NAOSH Week May 1-7, 2011 and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day May 4, 2011

OSHA Enters 40th Year

David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, gave the first in a series of planned speeches for OSHA's 40th anniversary. During the speech Michaels defended the safety agency against critics who believe that OSHA's policies are unproductive and slow the growth of business.

Michaels focused on how over the last forty years OSHA has been able to help reduce on-the-job injury and fatality figures. In the early 70's, about 14,000 workers died in the United States and nearly 11 out of 100 workers became ill or injured on the job. By 2009, those numbers dipped to about 4,400 fatalities and 4 out of every 100 workers becoming ill or injured.

Currently, OSHA is proposing or revamping several safety standards, including the Injury and Illness Prevention Program rule, which would require employees to create safety programs that comply with OSHA regulations.

Michaels admits that there's still a lot of work to be done. He also lamented staff shortage for safety inspections, a relatively low budget, and inadequate OSHA protection for public sector employees.

Read Michael’s speech at

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadispl.show_document?p_table=SP ECHES&p_id=2380

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Not a Good way to Die

A man was killed in a farming accident while working alone on his family farm. The man was caught in a manure spreader and found later in the afternoon by family members. He was found unconscious and not breathing. State police speculated he may have been working to unclog frozen machinery.



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.

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