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Greater Chicago Chapter Presents Job Safety Analysis (JSA) Tuesday, October 14, 2003

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Rich was the Senior Manager – Corporate Safety at Sara Lee Corporation, is now President of The Rimco Group, Ltd. and is this year's national ASSE Safety Professional of the Year. (Refer to article in this newsletter.) He initiated the Job Safety Analysis (JSA) Program worldwide for Sara Lee and in August, 2003, conducted a 4 – Hour Workshop on this subject at the Chicagoland Safety Conference.

Presentation: The JSA is a basic building block for achieving a world-class safety culture within a company, at minimum expense, per Rich Moscato. He will cover the key elements of JSA, to ensure that attendees clearly understand what a JSA is, its use for different types of jobs and how to set up a JSA System. This is “take home and use” information, which can reduce accident potential, enhance supervisor/employee communication and accident investigation, and save management time.

Meeting Information:

Registration:	11:30am – 12:00pm
Luncheon:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Presentation:	1:00pm – 2:00pm
Executive Committee Meeting:	2:00pm – 3:30pm

Location: Cucina Biagio's Restaurant {7500 W. Lawrence}

Directions: From downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to the Harlem Avenue exit South. Go approximately 3 miles to Lawrence, turn West (right). Cucina Biagio's is on South (left) side of Lawrence.

Advanced Registration	\$20.00
At the Door	\$25.00
Retired Members	\$10.00

RSVP via e-vite or leave a message at 773-380-2353.

OSHA Aligns with Wage and Hour Division to Remind Employers of Prohibition for Young Workers to Operate Forklifts

WASHINGTON -- Employers should note that most workers under the age of 18 are prohibited from operating forklifts, according to a new Safety and Health Information Bulletin issued today by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Wage and Hour Division. Federal regulations prohibit **most** workers in non-agricultural employment under the age of 18 from operating forklifts.

"Young people are more likely to be injured in the workplace due to their lack of experience and maturity," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "This bulletin is one way to remind employers of the standards that are in place to protect working teens from being seriously injured or killed. Nearly 70 teens lose their lives in workplace accidents each year."

"The restrictions on youth employment are designed to provide young workers with safe and positive early work experiences," said Tammy D. McCutchen, administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. "Employers must understand and comply with these laws to prevent serious occupational injuries and fatalities among youth."

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American Society of Safety Engineers Addresses Rise in Construction Accidents, Solutions

DES PLAINES, IL (September 5, 2003) --Recently a 41-year-old construction worker in Truckee, California fell off a ladder and onto an 18-inch-long drill bit that impaled his skull. He survived the accident without suffering brain damage, but lost an eye. When he arrived at the hospital, emergency personnel found a 1.5-inch diameter chip auger drill bit lodged in his head. Doctors eventually unscrewed and removed the bit.

This accident and many others like it are just one of the thousands of accidents that occur annually in the construction industry which is the focus of the American Society of Safety Engineers' (ASSE) Construction Safety Leadership Symposium to be held this October 16-17 in New Orleans.

This ASSE conference will feature topics on liability issues in construction and 'what to do when the lawyer calls - preparing for and providing testimony'; electrical forensics and safety on the job; emerging issues in construction industrial hygiene such as mold, silica, and hearing conservation; driving safety into the sales process; and practical ergonomics at the construction site.

Representatives from organizations such as Bechtel Corporation, St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Kellogg Brown & Root, Inc., Exxon/Mobil Development Company, LPR Construction Company of Denver, and many more will provide insights, best practices, and ideas on what works in reducing accidents and how to implement successful safety management approaches in construction safety.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Director of the Office of Construction Services Stewart Burkhammer, P.E., CSP, will discuss OSHA's activities, its categorizing the construction industry as a high hazard industry and the fatality reduction goals the agency is working towards.

Dean of Georgetown University McDonough School of Business John W. Mayo, Ph.D., Washington, D.C., will discuss the spiraling financial burden from workers' compensation and health care costs due to workplace accidents in his keynote address. E. Scott Geller, Ph.D., senior partner of Safety Performance Solutions and professor at Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, will discuss integrating behavior-based safety into the construction industry.

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The bulletin highlights the relevant restrictions on forklifts and provides employers with access to additional compliance information."

The new bulletin was developed jointly by OSHA and Wage and Hour to inform employers that the Fair Labor Standards Act prohibits workers under the age of 18 from operating forklifts for non-agricultural operations. The bulletin also reminds employers OSHA's Powered Industrial Truck standard requires that forklift operators who are 18 or older must be trained and certified as competent to operate forklifts.

The bulletin cites two recent fatal forklift accidents that occurred in warehouses in Georgia and Massachusetts. Both operators were under 18 years of age.

Additional information on federal child labor laws is available on the Internet at www.youthrules.dol.gov or through the department's toll-free number at 1-866-4USWAGE (1-866-487-9243).

Local Member in the News

Richard F. Moscato, CSP, of Buffalo Grove, IL, received the distinguished Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) this past June 24th at its annual Professional Development Conference in Denver, CO. The SPY award is given to the most outstanding safety professional for accomplishments and contributions in the occupational safety, health and environmental field.



Moscato has many years of safety experience in worldwide industrial operations, currently serving as president of The Rimco Group, a professional safety consulting company based in the Chicago area. Prior to forming The Rimco Group, he was the senior manager of corporate safety at the Sara Lee Corporation, for over 18 years, guiding the corporation's global safety programs. Moscato also served as loss prevention manager for the Chicago Tribune Company, industrial safety manager for the International Harvester Company in Chicago, safety and medical director for Crane Company in New York, and safety engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance in New York. Moscato received the Meritorious Service Medal for his active and reserve military service, when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He received a B.S. degree from the City College of New York, and he is a graduate of the U.S. Army Engineer School and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Moscato has held several ASSE offices at the local, regional and national levels, and is Chair of both ASSE's Council on Professional Affairs - United Nations Task Force and ASSE's 2004 Safety Management Symposium Task Force. He is an active member of ASSE's Management and Consultants Practice Specialties, and he helped found the International Practice Specialty. An executive committee member of ASSE's Greater Chicago Chapter, Moscato served for years as chapter delegate and is a past chapter president. He also received the Safety Professional of the Year award from the Greater Chicago Chapter and ASSE Region V.

The SPY award was created in honor of Edgar Monsanto Queeny, son of the founder and third president of Monsanto Company, for his personal commitment to protect the workers from industrial accidents and health hazards. He witnessed first-hand an industrial accident that killed 512 people at his Texas City plant in 1947, which moved him to place even greater emphasis on safety in the company's operations. The award is sponsored by the Monsanto Corporation.

Congratulations, Rich!

New OSHA Hearing Loss Recording Information

The revised OSHA Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses is now available on OSHA's website.

The forms, which are required for employers to use in recording injuries and illnesses, have changed in several important ways for 2004.

Foremost among the changes is the addition of an occupational hearing loss column to OSHA's Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. Other changes include:

- "days away from work" column now comes before the days "on job transfer or restriction"
- more clear formulas for calculating incidence rates
- new recording criteria for occupational hearing loss in the "Overview" section;
- more prominent column heading "Classify the Case" to make it clear that employers should mark only one selection among the four columns offered.

These changes were made in response to public suggestions on making the forms easier to use.

Employers must begin to use the new OSHA Form 300 on January 1, 2004. The new form has the date of revision (rev. 1/2004) located on the form next to the form number.

Injuries and illnesses for years prior to 2004 should continue to be recorded on the appropriate form for that year. Additionally, employers should use the old OSHA 300A Summary Form (without the hearing loss column) to post as required in February 2004. The new 300A form that includes the hearing loss column should be used to post in February 2005.

President's Corner

Dear Chapter Members,

Recently, I attended the Regional Operating Committee (ROC) meeting for the Region V ASSE officers. While attending the ROC meeting, it was my pleasure to meet and network with officers from the Northeastern Illinois Chapter. As part of our discussions, we were able to share some ideas for meetings, speakers and decided that it would be a great idea to have at least one joint meeting this year for networking and socializing with other chapter members. Since both of our chapters are in the Chicagoland area, we thought that this might give members the chance to look up some past acquaintances, co-workers, or friends that may have joined another chapter.

Therefore, our December meeting is planned to be a joint meeting with Northeastern Illinois ASSE Chapter and the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Since this meeting is designed to be a social meeting, there will be a short time designated to present some awards. We are also encouraging attendance from spouses and significant others. This would be a nice time to get out for a nice dinner before the holidays and spend some time getting to know some potential future resources.

So, be sure to attend our December holiday meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Sincerely,

Dawn Boisvert, President
Greater Chicago Chapter

Chapter Year 2003-2004 Meeting Dates

November 11, 2003
December 9, 2003
January 13, 2004
February 10, 2004
March 9, 2004
April 13, 2004
May 11, 2004
June 8, 2004