

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

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## “GREATER CHICAGO ANNUAL OSHA UPDATE”

with **Charlie Shields**

**TUESDAY— September 13, 2005**

**Retired Members: \$10**

**Cucina Biagio Restaurant, 7313 W.  
Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL (708-867-  
4641).**

*Directions: From Downtown, take I-90 West  
(toward O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue, exit South.  
Go approximately 3 miles to Lawrence, turn  
right (West) - on left side of street, about 1  
block.*

RSVP to 773-894-7065, by September  
9th and leave a message that includes  
your name, company name and phone  
number. Looking forward to seeing you at  
our kickoff meeting !!!!



Please join us for our first meeting for the  
chapter year, our Annual OSHA Update, pre-  
sented by Charlie Shields.

Come hear the latest information on New and  
Current OSHA Federal and State Programs  
and Initiatives for the coming year.

Charlie Shields transferred to the Chicago  
Regional OSHA office in January 2005, and  
currently is the Assistant Regional Adminis-  
trator for Enforcement Programs. Most of you  
know him as the area director of the Aurora  
OSHA office, where he served for 13 years.  
Charlie is both a CIH and CSP

Come and be prepared with questions for  
Charlie.

### Meeting Information:

11:30 am Registration  
12:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm Presentation  
2:00pm Executive Meeting

(all are welcome to attend the Executive Meeting)

**Advanced Registration: \$20**

**Registration at the Door: \$25**

### SAVE THE DATES

**September 26 –30**—ASSE Greater Chicagoland  
Safety Conference

**October 11th**—Greater Chicago Chapter Lunch-  
eon Meeting

**November 8th**—Greater Chicago Chapter Lunch-  
eon Meeting

**December 13th** -Greater Chicago Chapter Lunch-  
eon Meeting

**January 10th** - Greater Chicago Chapter Lunch-  
eon Meeting

**February 14th** -Greater Chicago Chapter Lunch-  
eon Meeting

**March 14th**-Greater Chicago Chapter Luncheon  
Meeting

**April 11th** -Greater Chicago Chapter Luncheon  
Meeting

**May 9th** -Greater Chicago Chapter Luncheon  
Meeting

**June 13th** - Greater Chicago Chapter Luncheon  
Meeting

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Al Borzych



**Welcome Back.....** Hi everyone! Welcome back to a new and exciting year. We have some dynamic speakers this year with an array of subjects to be presented. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday from September through June.

This year you will be receiving an electronic survey. Please take a few minutes to reply. Our goal is to find out your needs as a Safety Professional within our Chapter.

The Chicagoland Safety Conference takes place this month, back the chapters involved and attend on September 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, the five days are PACKED with fabulous speakers and presentations for all areas of Safety and Health. Visit their web site at [www.chisafetyconf.org](http://www.chisafetyconf.org) for the completed agenda, registration material and speaker abstracts. Come to this great day, co-sponsored by the Greater Chicago Chapter and many Safety and Health Organizations, including OSHA...all in our own backyard—Naperville, IL.

Also coming up is the National Leadership Conference starting September 29<sup>th</sup> and ending October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars for the O'Hare Safety Expo October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Let's start where we left off last year with good attendance, good topics, good food and "GREAT NETWORKING".

Hope you all had a safe summer, Al Borzych, President, Greater Chicago Chapter

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### NATIONAL ASSE OFFERS ANOTHER TECHNICAL AUDIO CONFERENCE CALLS

Nano Technology and its impact on the SH&E Profession on August 24, 2005 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Central Time

If you have attended an ASSE Technical Audio Conference Call, you know exactly what to expect: top-notch guest speakers, high-caliber quality and interesting topics, -- all at a reasonable cost. One of the most cutting edge issues we continue to get inquiries about is nano technology. SH&E professionals want to know more about nano's potential impact on SH&E, organizations, and the profession itself. Perhaps their greatest concern lies with the health-related aspects of nano technology and the effect on the human body. During a recent survey conducted with ASSE Practice Specialty members, more than 80% of the ASSE member respondents cited nano technology as a significant future issue for SH&E professionals.

To that end, the ASSE Practice Specialties worked together to host an technical audio conference call about nano technology on August 24th. Our speaker is Mr. Robert Adams, CIH, CSP, who is working extensively with nano technology in the private sector. Mr. Adams is a consummate and articulate SH&E professional and you can read his bio here - <http://www.asse.org/adams-bio.pdf> ( PDF file )

This high-caliber presentation will provide valuable insights which you can use in your workplace. As an SH&E professional, you will probably be called on in the future to address these issues and such knowledge might also assist you with your career goals.

In addition to Robert's presentation, attendees will also receive papers and articles relating to nano technology. The call will go for one hour, with an additional thirty minutes of Q&A, submitted electronically for Robert to answer (90 minutes total).

We plan to cover these specific points:

1. What do we mean when we say "nano technology"
2. What do we mean when we say "hazards and exposures with nano technology"
3. Do our traditional concepts and ideas of SH&E management still hold true when looking at nano?
4. How can you move your nano technology SH&E program forward
5. What can you learn that you can use to rev up your own programs
6. Why this skill set is important to you as an individual to move your own SH&E career forward

Attendees will also receive a CD of the call, powerpoint, papers&articles, and a complete website support area with materials. As you can see this is really a heck of a deal for those of you interested in getting ideas and insights to move your own SH&E nano technology programs and career forward.

If you would like to participate, simply register ONLINE at <http://www.asse.org> or contact our Customer Service Department at 847/699-2929.

## **KAUFMAN'S KORNER**

**By: Allan Kaufman, Greater Chicago Chapter Member**

### **TO HAZ OR HAZ NOT**

Ten years ago a combination of hazardous materials (some diesel fuel and fertilizer) blew up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Hazardous materials have been used in other terrorist acts including the use of jet fuel to bring down the World Trade Center building on September 11. Understanding hazardous materials in today's workplace can be a difficult task. Compliance of hazardous materials crosses three (3) federal agencies, US DOL (OSHA), US DOT and US EPA. This report will focus on compliance with OSHA and the US DOT.

The OSHA compliance standard is intended to address comprehensively the issue of evaluating the potential hazards of chemicals, and communicating information concerning hazards and appropriate protective measures to employees, and to preempt any legal requirements of a state, or political subdivision of a state, pertaining to this subject (Hazcom1910.1200 (a) (2)). Today, Hazcom is the number two fined compliance area of OSHA (number 1 under 1910). A good Hazcom compliance program should include, but not be limited to, the following;

1. A written policies and procedures standard.
2. A hazard determination policy.
3. A written communication program.
4. Proper labeling of all hazardous materials
5. Accessible material safety data sheets.
6. A comprehensive employee training program

Both OSHA (1910.120) and the EPA (40CFR, parts 264-270) have standards dealing with Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HazWoper). The EPA is mostly involved with the environmental impact issues. OSHA's concern is the safety of employee(s) who work at these sites, or those who respond to a hazmat incident. A HazWoper program should include, but not be limited to, the following;

1. A written policies and procedures standard.
2. A safety and health program.
3. Site characterization and analysis.
4. A comprehensive employee training program, including a yearly refresher.
5. A medical surveillance program.
6. A monitoring program.
7. An emergency response plan.

On May 13, 1996 Value Jet flight #592 crashed into the Florida Everglades. Shipping papers (bill of lading) stated incorrectly, that part of cargo were empty oxygen canisters.

The US DOT (49CFR part 100-185) is the regulatory agency which deals with the transportation of hazardous material IN COMMERCE. Substances which are considered hazardous are listed in the hazmat table (49 CFR, part 172.101). The DOT requires every hazmat employee to be trained in four basic areas (general awareness, function specific, safety and security awareness) every 3 years for domestic shipping and every 2 years for international air and ocean shipping.

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

If you would like to get immediate email updates of the full text, please contact Todd Macumber, our Governmental Affairs Chairperson. He will add you to the email distribution of all of the latest recaps for both State and Federal, as they are made available.

Email: [Todd.A.Macumber@marsh.com](mailto:Todd.A.Macumber@marsh.com)

## COMING IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER...

- **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS RECAP**
- **MANUFACTURER'S SYMPOSIUM**
- **MORE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**
- **PRACTICE SPECIALTIES—WHY JOIN?**

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## ANSI DRAFT STANDARDS

Obtain ANSI Draft Standards directly from ASSE by logging onto [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org). A recent Draft Standards that was available for purchase and comment was the:

### **ANSI Z15.1—"Safety Requirements for Motor Vehicle Fleet Operations"**

Currently available for purchase and comment is the:

**ANSI A10.22—"Safety Requirements for Rope-Guided and Non-Guided Workers Hoists"**, this is available for comment and sale until October 4, 2005.

## MEMBER IN THE NEWS.....

Linda Rhodes, Past President and current delegate of the Greater Chicago Chapter was awarded the 2004-2005 Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Service Award at the National ASSE Professional Development Conference (PDC) in New Orleans June 2005. Congrats to Linda on her efforts of volunteerism both at the Local and the National Level. You can also see her featured in a photo montage from the PDC in the August 2005 Professional Safety Magazine, page 14.

## KAUFMAN'S KORNER cont...

The DOT has very specific compliance regulations when shipping a hazardous material. Below are some of the areas each shipper must be aware of:

1. Proper labeling of hazardous materials
2. Proper shipping name of hazardous materials
3. Proper packaging of hazardous materials
4. Proper filling out of shipping papers
5. Proper placarding (if necessary)
6. Security awareness of hazardous materials
7. COMPLETE training (49 CFR part172.704)

All of the federal agencies including the Office of Homeland Security, are very serious about compliance with hazardous materials. Many companies have been fined by OSHA and the USDOT for their failure to comply with current regulations. The US DOT has also prosecuted some individuals who are now serving prison terms for non-compliance issues. In today's world everyone must be more aware of compliance regulations and security when handling, storing or shipping of hazardous materials.