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EASTERN CAROLINA CHAPTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In February 2007 I started out the President's Message with the following paragraph talking about the fate of Eastern Carolina ASSE Chapter. Today I find myself reporting back to the membership with the same intent in my heart.

"What makes one organization succeed, no matter what? Why do some organizations fold in the face of the smallest amount of opposition? Why do some organizations make excuses for everything that goes wrong, while others simply go about trying to make things right? What can you do to develop the ability to forge forward through any and all obstacles that appear in your path? More times than I can remember, I've watched an organization backed to the wall pull off an amazing success that nobody would have believed possible. Those groups of people knew how to dig deep, how to not only to keep going in the face of adversity but also go a little further when things got tough."

Recently, we held 3 sustainability meetings throughout the chapter's geographical territory with the purpose of identifying membership needs and how to ensure the success of the chapter. The conclusion was that the chapter leadership needs to become more regionally and geographically diverse. Also, the EC chapter needs to change the bylaws in order that it can operate virtually and still meet Society guidelines. The membership body also would like to hold meetings in a regional fashion within their geographical areas. I found these ideas to be manageable and attainable, and plan to move forward on these ideas as soon as possible. I will update the membership through emails and on our website on the progress. There will be a five member committee to revise the bylaws that will include the Secretary, President, Region VP and two members at large. I will be responsible for supplying the regional meeting contact information to leaders in Wilmington, Wilson, and Greenville. The regional leadership will be responsible for setting in place the geographical groupings along with managing the chapter's affairs.

In closing, I believe we have the necessary synergy to maintain and grow such a group of professionals. I believe that we've come too far in our attempts to avoid personal responsibility. We must trust that the future (Eastern Carolina ASSE Chapter), for better or worse, lies largely within our control, and cultivate a belief that your ability to mold our future comes from the control of what you do right here and now. And remember, that every so often when things go wrong, if you take the blame, it will only help you grow. These are the words of an entrepreneur named Jerry Mitchell. I remember reading this paragraph and felt it was perfect for our current status!

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NEXT MEETING

October 21
ECU Global Classroom
12 noon – 1:00 pm
Virtual Meeting
Member Involvement
and Chapter
Sustainability Update

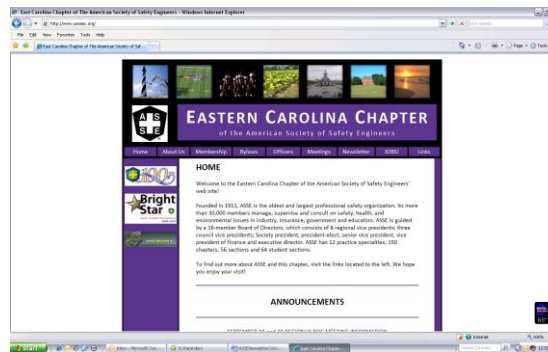
See page 5 for complete
meeting schedule.

Treasurer's Report Current Chapter Balance

(As of 8/12/2011)

\$4,014.67

Check Out the EC Chapter Website



The Eastern Carolina Chapter Website has been updated. **Please note the new web address and be sure to update any links to our site.** Take an opportunity to visit the site at www.asseec.org and provide comments regarding both content and appearance to Phil Lewis at lewisp@ecu.edu. We want the site to meet the needs and expectations of our members so your honest feedback is very important to us. Please monitor the site for information regarding upcoming meetings and important events. Please let us know how we can continue to improve the services we provide the membership. We look forward to continued success.

East Carolina University MS, Occupational Safety Program

The Master of Science in Occupational Safety (MSOS) prepares graduates for leadership positions in occupational safety and related fields. An academic experience in the design and management of enterprise-wide safety systems is provided. The focus of this Program is in the core discipline of occupational safety (OS). Foundational principles and overarching academic goals of the MSOS program include ensuring effective communications skills, the ability to think critically and problem solving, and to develop applied research skills. The coursework includes analysis of occupational safety and health problems, accompanying problem-solving and decision making techniques, and the application of established principles of accident prevention, control, and reduction in occupational settings.

The overall program goal is to provide the highest quality of academically well trained competent safety practitioners for business and industries as well as government and municipalities in Eastern North Carolina and globally. Since its foundation in 1994, the program has had about 150 graduates with high placement rate within the professional fields identified. The overall program purpose is to continue to satisfy the ongoing demand for academically trained and competent occupational health and safety practitioners by training highly qualified and skilled graduates capable of assuming the day-to-day responsibilities of safety professionals.

The MSOS is offered dually as an on-campus degree and via distance education. Please go to our Program website to learn more: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-tecs/techsystems/ms_occupational_safety.cfm

Our students are always looking for project sites, internships, and mentorship. We invite you to consider enrolling in our Distance Education program and working with our students and faculty.

Halloween Health and Safety Tips

S

Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.

A

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.

L

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

L

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O

Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.

E

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.

N

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Attribution: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Women's Health • 404.498.2300 (phone) • owh@cdc.gov (e-mail)
For more information about these tips, visit: www.cdc.gov/family/halloween

ASSE FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROJECT

Michael Behm, PhD, CSP, with East Carolina University was awarded a research grant by the ASSE Foundation and is looking for some assistance. Would you be able to send the following project summary to some of your contact organizations and encourage them to participate and consider participating yourself?

Analyzing Trends in Incident Investigation Techniques

Overview: The ASSE Foundation has funded a research inquiry into incident investigation techniques and we are seeking your participation in the study.

Goal: This research proposal intends to analyze trends in incident investigation techniques, causes identified, and corrective actions in participating organizations over 10 and 5 year periods.

What is needed: Organizations who have kept old incident investigation reports, and who agree to participate in the study, will send the researcher, preferably through the mail, a uniform number of reports from each time period (1999/2000/2001; 2004/2005; 2010/2011). The maximum number would be 10 investigations from each time period. If the organization does not have the older incident investigations, it is still fine to send data from 2004/05 and 2010/11. The reports must contain, at minimum, the list of accident causes and the corrective actions. Safety professionals from the contributing organizations will be asked to participate in a 15-minute interview after the incidents have been reviewed and summarized.

Protection of Human Subjects / Company Confidentiality: All names and personal identifiers must be removed from the incident investigations sent to the researcher. Neither the organization nor interviewee names will be revealed in any research dissemination. Organization's participating in the research will be described by their industry classification and number of employees; these will be described in aggregate with others in the study, i.e., there were 4 manufacturing companies with an average 325 employees. Safety professionals participating in the study will also be described in aggregate only, i.e., 25 safety professionals with an average of 18 years of experience participated in the study.

Anticipated Results: It is anticipated that the organizations have changed the methods in which they conduct incident analysis over time. The data within the reports will reflect changes in organizational thinking. The differences in investigation techniques and the corrective actions will then be discussed with the safety professionals to determine if the evolution is making any differences in incident prevention.

What's in it for the individual organization: The researcher will provide each organization with an analysis of their incident reporting and offer recommendations for improvement. The researcher will provide a benchmark report to each organization which will assist organization's seeking to improve investigation methodologies and potentially validate changes they have made over the 5 and 10 year periods. The researcher will conduct a free web-based streaming video seminar for all participating organizations on the results of this study. The seminar will be available as a live seminar and as an archive.

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2011-2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 21, 2012

12 noon – 1:00 pm

ECU Global Classroom

ASSE Member Involvement and Chapter Sustainability Update

[Click Here to view this "EC ASSE Meeting"](#).

This is a freely accessible link for this event.

- **November 16th** - Greenville, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at China 10
Topic: Risk Insurance for small, medium and large business
- **December 7th** - Greenville, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at Golden Corral
Topic: Membership Appreciation Luncheon and Society update
- **December 14th** - Wilmington, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Topic: Membership Appreciation Luncheon and Society update
- **January 18th** - Wilson, NC – Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Topic: OSHA Lock out/Tag out Standard presentation by OSHA representative
- **February 15th** - Wilmington, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Topic: House Fire Safety presented by American Red Cross and Wilmington Fire Department
- **April 18th** - Greenville, NC – Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) - Topic: TBA
- **May 16th** - Wilson, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Topic: Crane Standard presentation by OSHA representative
- **June 6th** - Greenville, NC – Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Topic: Executive Committee Meeting

(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SH&E REGULATORY ACTIVITY REPORT (8.10.11 – 10.10.11)

DC 1643 2011

STATE ID: 58 DCR 6954

AGENCY: Department of the Environment

TITLE: Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Reduction

PROPOSED: 08/12/2011

SUMMARY: Proposes rules to reduce further volatile organic compound emissions. Relates to air quality.

AGENCY CONTACT: Jessica Daniels, District Department of the Environment, Air Quality Division, 1200 First St, NE, 5th Flr, Washington, DC 20002, jessica.daniels@dc.gov

CITATION: DCMR Title 20, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Section 100, 199, Chapter 7, Section 700, 707, 708, 710, 714 - 717, 719 - 778, 799

DE 2749 2011

AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control/Division of Air and Waste Management

TITLE: Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions

PROPOSED: 05/01/2011

ADOPTED: 08/18/2011

SUMMARY: Revises rules to specifically state that an alternative coating method that is demonstrated to be capable of achieving a transfer efficiency equal to or better than HVLP spray requires approval by EPA as well as by the Department. Pertains to surface coating of plastic parts, and the coating of metal furniture, large appliances, and miscellaneous metal parts.

AGENCY CONTACT: Gene M Pettingill, Division of Air Quality, 715 Grantham Lane, New Castle, DE 19720, 302-323-4542, gene.pettingill@state.de.us

CITATION: 7 DAC 1124

DE 2789 2011

STATE ID: 15 DE REG 154

AGENCY: Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Public Health

TITLE: Sanitation of Migratory Agricultural Labor Housing

PROPOSED: 08/01/2011

ADOPTED: 10/01/2011

SUMMARY: Replaces rules governing the sanitation of migratory agricultural labor housing camps and field sanitation and hand labor operations.

AGENCY CONTACT: Deborah Harvey, Division of Public Health, 417 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901, 302-744-4700, fax 302-739-6659, Deborah.Harvey@state.de.us

CITATION: 16 DAC 4447

DE 2813 2011

STATE ID: 15 DE REG 287

AGENCY: Department of Labor/Division of Industrial Affairs

TITLE: Industrial Accident Board Regulations

PROPOSED: 09/01/2011

SUMMARY: Amends and updates rules for the Industrial Accident Board.

AGENCY CONTACT: Industrial Accident Board, Department of Labor Fox Valley Annex, 4425 N Market St, Wilmington, DE 19802

CITATION: 19 DAC 1331

MD 11025 2011

STATE ID: 11-025

AGENCY: Department of the Environment/Air Quality

TITLE: Opacity Regulations

PROPOSED: 01/14/2011

ADOPTED: 07/29/2011

SUMMARY: Makes minor administrative corrections to the opacity regulations. Relates to control of fuel-burning equipment, stationary internal combustion engines, and certain fuel-burning installations.

AGENCY CONTACT: Deborah Rabin, Regulations Coordinator, Air and Radiation Management Administration, Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd, Ste 730, Baltimore, MD 21230-1720, 410-537-3240, drabin@mde.state.md.us

CITATION: COMAR 26.11.01.10, .11, .09.01, .05

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SH&E REGULATORY ACTIVITY REPORT (8.10.11 – 10.10.11)

MD 11027 2011

STATE ID: 11-027

AGENCY: Department of the Environment/Air Quality

TITLE: Fuel Burning Equipment and Internal Combustion Engines

PROPOSED: 01/14/2011

ADOPTED: 08/26/2011

SUMMARY: Limits the burning of used oil to fuel-burning equipment that burns fuel oil. Requires a permit to construct or other authorization for fuel-burning equipment that will burn on-specification used oil if it has a rated heat input capacity of 50 million Btu or more. Requires a permit to construct application for installations that propose to burn waste combustible fluid (WCF) or off-specification used oil and assure that the WCF is burned in an authorized installation.

AGENCY CONTACT: Deborah Rabin, Regulations Coordinator, Air and Radiation Management Administration, Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd, Ste 730, Baltimore, MD 21230-1720, 410-537-3240, drabin@mde.state.md.us

CITATION: COMAR 26.11.09.01, .02, .10

MD 11240 2011

STATE ID: 11-240

AGENCY: Department of the Environment/Air Quality

TITLE: Volatile Organic Compounds from Specific Processes

PROPOSED: 08/26/2011

SUMMARY: The purpose of this action is to adopt the requirements of EPA's Control Techniques Guidelines for miscellaneous metal and plastic parts for this category. Adopts new standards and application methods that will be set for pleasure craft coating operations.

AGENCY CONTACT: Deborah Rabin, Regulations Coordinator, Air and Radiation Management Administration, Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd, Suite 730, Baltimore, MD 21230-1720, drabin@mde.state.md.us.

CITATION: COMAR 26.11.19.27-1

VA 112911 2011

STATE ID: R11-2911

AGENCY: Secretary of Commerce and Trade/Department of Housing and Community Development/Board of Housing and Community Development

TITLE: Uniform Statewide Building Code

PROPOSED: 08/01/2011

ADOPTED: 09/12/2011

SUMMARY: Establishes interim performance standards and code provisions addressing the installation, application, and use of gypsum wallboard, which may contain defects from the manufacturing process resulting in the off-gassing of corrosive chemicals affecting the electrical and mechanical systems of buildings.

AGENCY CONTACT: Stephen W. Calhoun, Regulatory Coordinator, Dept of Housing and Community Development, Main St Ctr, 600 E Main St, Ste 300, Richmond, VA 23219, 804-371-7000, fax 804-371-7090, TTY 804-371-7089, steve.calhoun@dhcd.virginia.gov

CITATION: 13 VAC 5-63-120

VA 122905 2011

STATE ID: R12-2905

AGENCY: Secretary of Natural Resources/Department of Environmental Quality

TITLE: Uniform Environmental Covenants Act

PROPOSED: 09/15/2011

ADOPTED: 09/15/2011

SUMMARY: Implements the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act (UECA).

AGENCY CONTACT: Carol C. Wampler, Dept of Environmental Quality, 629 E Main St, PO Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218, 804-698-4579, carol.wampler@deq.virginia.gov

CITATION: 9 VAC 15-90-10 thru -60

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are interested in serving as a Chapter officer, assisting with Chapter activities, or have suggestions about program topics, format, etc. please contact a current officer (listed on the first page of this newsletter). We want to best serve the needs of our members but we need input and feedback from you to make that happen. Your involvement and active participation in Chapter activities is critical to our success. Please join us at our next meeting and be sure to bring a friend. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

Special thanks and recognition to the following Eastern Carolina Chapter members who have reached significant membership milestones. Thanks for your dedicated service!

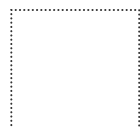
Howell Miller - 35 years
Susan Kennedy - 25 years
Joseph Thigpen - 15 years



SeminarFest 2010: January 29 – February 4, 2010
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