



The Newsletter of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers - NJASSE

ASSE Supports Congressional Efforts to Protect OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program for Businesses From Being Cut

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) support Congressional efforts to restore funding to the budget for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), a program the Administration proposed to cut. ASSE supports restoring VPP's funding and, while urging amendments to assure appropriately competent persons are involved and third party safety and health audits are included, new legislation that would set VPP into law and expand the program to small businesses.

In his letter to Senator Michael B. Enzi, ranking member of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, ASSE President C. Christopher Patton, CSP, stated, "I commend you for the recent steps you have taken to support OSHA's VPP. Many of our members are leaders and participants in their employers' commitment to VPP. From that direct experience, they know the value VPP brings in helping them make sure their employers remain committed to safe and healthy workplaces at levels far above mere compliance with OSHA standards.

"As the current Administration increases OSHA's capacity in enforcement, the value that cooperative programs in reaching out to employers willingly committed to safety cannot be overlooked," Patton continued. "Possible gains in convincing new employers about the value of safe and healthy workplaces cannot be undercut by allowing OSHA to end its commitment to programs that are already working for other employers."

ASSE supports both an amendment to the Senate budget resolution sponsored by Sen. Enzi that would restore OSHA's VPP funding to Fiscal Year 2010 levels and SB 3257, Sen. Enzi's bill to set into law VPP and expand the program to include more small businesses. Patton notes the bill will help ensure that VPP avoids becoming a point of contention when priorities for OSHA change from one Administration to the next.

"It will also help that employers and our members will be able to rely on the program now and in the future," Patton noted.

ASSE also requested including two amendments to SB 3257 aimed at strengthening the measure.

"The first amendment we urge you to consider addresses an issue the Occupational Safety and Health Act and OSHA's general approach to standards and programs fails to address. Nowhere in the Act and among OSHA's numerous standards and programs do provisions exist that address specifically the competency of persons who undertake an employer's effort

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President's Message



I write this month's newsletter shortly after our last technical meeting of the chapter year. More on that in a moment. I'll share my closing thoughts on the 2009 -2010 year next month in June's newsletter, which will be our last one until September. Now for the formal documentation of our newly elected officers for the 2010 - 2011 year. On July 1st, Alex Ruiz assumes the presidency of our chapter, so once again please join me in congratulating Alex and the rest of the officers for 2010 - 2011:

- Alex Ruiz - President
- Dan Rollino - President-Elect
- George Olsen - Vice President
- Don Weatherbee - Treasurer

On May 18, we were treated to an outstanding afternoon at the Anheuser-Busch facility in Newark. NJ ASSE member Richard Guindon, Resident EHS Manager presented a very interesting review of their recently implemented new management system

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HELLO
my name is

Welcome

New Members!

- Babasola Adubuola
- Alexis Vitone
- Donald Smith
- Jeffrey Giesberg
- David Wineman

NJASSE is happy to welcome our newest members. We look forward to having you at our upcoming meetings.

Remember - for new members, attendance at your first monthly meeting is free!

President's Message

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VPO (Voyager Plant Optimization Management System). This was followed by an extensive plant tour and tasting session led by the facility's brewmaster. Special thanks to all of the people at Anheuser-Busch, especially our host, NJ ASSE member Mrunal Vyas, EHS Manager, for making all of the arrangements and providing the informative plant tour!

Also at this meeting, we presented four \$1,000 scholarships to college students for our 2 different scholarships. Please see next month's newsletter for details regarding the recipients.

Final note for this month is the coming PDC to be held in Baltimore, MD from June 14 - 16. Once again the NJ Chapter will be recognized for achieving the highest level STARS award for the 2008-2009 year (Kristin Herman's presidency). If you will be in Baltimore, please join Kristin, myself and other members of NJ ASSE at the Chapter Recognition Luncheon on Monday, June 14th. Please note, you will need to request the special luncheon ticket needed for this event. If you did not sign up for this luncheon when you registered, you can try contacting the Society and see if they can make the necessary change to your registration packet. Hope to see you there!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments or suggestions via email to president@njasse.org.

Sincerely,

Frank Gesualdo, CSP

President, New Jersey Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers



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OSHA Launches Pilot Program to Partner with Local Building Inspectors

OSHA is launching a pilot program seeking to partner with building inspectors in 11 American cities to reduce injuries and fatalities at construction sites, according to an agency press release.

Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis has sent letters to the mayors of the selected cities, proposing that OSHA work with and train local building inspectors on hazards associated with the four leading causes of death at construction sites. Under this program, building inspectors would notify OSHA when they observe, during the course of their work, unsafe work conditions. OSHA, in turn, would send a federal agency compliance officer to that workplace for a safety inspection.

In construction, the four leading causes of death are falls, electrocution, being crushed or caught between objects, or being struck by moving machinery or objects.

In her letters, Secretary Solis wrote, "I believe workplace enforcement is not only our responsibility but our moral obligation. We need your help to send our inspectors where they can make the biggest difference."

"This initiative allows us to expand our eyes and ears," said Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for OSHA. "Although we are adding 110 new inspectors this year, OSHA simply cannot inspect every construction site in the country."

OSHA seeks to partner with building inspectors in the following cities:

Austin, Texas Boise, Idaho Cincinnati, Ohio Concord, N.H. Greenwood Village, Colo. Madison, Miss. Atlanta Metropolitan area, Ga. Newark, N.J. Oakland, Calif. Washington, D.C. Wichita, Kan.

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to meet OSHA standards and other requirements,” Patton wrote.

ASSE urged an amendment that would require a company’s VPP efforts involve an “appropriately competent person” --- a person who, “through experience or training, is able to identify actual and potential hazards, understand safe work practices, and has demonstrated expertise in establishing and managing a safety and health program has demonstrated expertise in establishing and managing an occupational safety and health program.

“Even the best OSHA standard or program cannot fulfill OSHA’s overall mission if an employer’s safety and health commitment is not carried out by persons trained to understand the risks involved and how to manage them,” Patton wrote.

ASSE also requested the bill consider requiring OSHA to expand its capabilities through qualified third party safety and health auditors.

“ASSE believes that VPP can and should be expanded even over current levels through the use of appropriately competent persons as third party auditors of an employer’s commitments to the VPP program,” Patton noted.

ASSE suggested the following amendment language be considered: Develop through negotiated rulemaking a third part audit system that will allow employers to meet the monitoring requirements under the program by engaging appropriately competent persons who, through existing accredited occupational safety and health professional certifications, can demonstrate their professional competence and independence.

Patton concluded his letter by saying, “ASSE members value VPP as a means to help ensure their employers commitment to safety. They know it works and welcome whatever accountability is needed to assure the program is a valuable investment of OSHA’s scarce resources.”

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Jobs, Jobs, Jobs...

Safety Manager - EHS, Multi-Facility

POSITION PURPOSE

Working with the Regional EHS Manager and Site Operations Manager to successfully integrate EHS into the functional operation of the facilities by implementing processes, systems and procedures to prevent injuries to our associates and to facilitate and maintain regulatory compliance the facility(s). Partner and Work effectively with the corporate EHS community. Champion and develop in collaboration with Corporate EHS team and the operations leadership team, a "World Class" injury free safety culture. Lead, initiate and manage a philosophy of continuous improvement in environmental, health and safety areas. Limited overnight travel will be involved as well as presentations to internal and external clients. Strong 1926, 1910 & 1904 knowledge is required for this position with solid industry experience in manufacturing, chemicals, pharmaceutical or distribution.

MAJOR TASKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

This role will have responsibility for EHS administration, injury case management, ergonomic injury prevention, technical safety advice, emergency response, behavioral safety process and....
For a complete description of this and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org.

Safety, Health and Environmental Manager

TYPE OF COMPANY: Pharmaceuticals

JOB DESCRIPTION:

• Pharmaceutical giant seeks SH&E Manager to oversee programs for multiple manufacturing facilities.

• (Super benefits including 401k, pension, medical, dental, stock options, bonuses and more)

REQUIREMENTS:

• 5+ years SH&E experience in a manufacturing and/or distribution environments

• BS Safety, Environmental or related.

• Ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations for environmental and safety areas including OSHA guidelines and hazardous materials....

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LOCATION: Princeton, NJ

EXPERIENCE: 5+ Years

SALARY: 80,000 - 97,000

DEGREE: Bachelor's Degree Required



Safety Manager

Reporting to: Human Resources Manager

Location: Swedesboro, NJ

Salary Range: Commensurate with Experience

Position Summary:

A newly created position in the company, this role is an exciting opportunity to make an impact on the plant's risk management strategy and safety initiatives. Plant operates out of four separate facilities, all of which support fresh food manufacturing. Performs safety related duties at the manager level and in conjunction with corporate organizational initiatives, may carry out responsibilities in some or all of the following functional areas: employee and customer relations, training, loss control, and safety programs. Facilitates programs, initiatives and grievance resolution in the best interest of customers, employees and the company. Responsible for maintaining OSHA compliance. Improve the quality of workers' compensation claim handling practices and insure that this quality of claim handling is consistent for all claims. Must be able to create a team environment and instill safety standards as one of the organizations key cultural values. Maintains the utmost integrity, professionalism and strict confidentiality at all times.

For a complete description of this and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org.

The above listings may have been condensed at the newsletter editors discretion – for a complete description and listing of these and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org. This is a free service offered to NJASSE chapter members, their employers and supporters of NJASSE. We charge “recruiters” to post position announcements with possible exception to postings within the chapter’s geographical area.

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Schedule of Events
5/5 – Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day
5/13 – ASSE New York Chapter Golf Outing
5/18 – Joint Meeting with Penn Jersey – Newark, NJ
6/13–16 – Safety 2010 – Baltimore, MD
6/23 – EC Board Planning Meeting – Chatham, NJ

Photo of the Month
 “Welcome to Boating Season”



This image arrived with no background, so we’re going way out on a limb here and making a wild guess: the mishap had something to do with too much brake and too little tie-down.

That traffic light was green when someone snapped this photo, but maybe it was red when the driver hit the brakes. Or maybe someone ran the light.

Either way, towing a boat trailer is clearly a case for max caution, max anticipation, and minimum complacency.



Chapter Star

ASSE Chapter Recognition
 2008-2009



Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

Month	Topic	Location	Month	Topic	Location
September 17, 2009	Green Audits - Breakfast meeting Joint meeting with CHESS	Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ	February 18, 2010	Bag of Tricks Presentation Design	Reichhold Inc. Newark, NJ
September 22, 2009 Fall PDC	Pandemic Preparedness in NJ - "Are you Ready?"	Roche Nutley, NJ	March 18, 2010 Dinner Meeting	TBD Joint meeting with NJ-AIHA	Snuffy's - Scotch Plains
October 20, 2009 Dinner Meeting	Pandemic Flu E-Response and Preparedness Joint meeting with ACHMM	GE Healthcare Piscataway, NJ	April 20, 2010	How to Prepare and Deliver Effective Speeches to Get What You Want Meeting with NYC & Penn-Jersey Chapters	Expo Trump Plaza - Atlantic City
November 19, 2009 Morning Meeting	Organizational System Safety Mngmnt Joint meeting with Metro-ASSE	New York University New York, NY	May 18, 2010	Voyager Plant Optimization Management System Joint Meeting with Penn Jersey	Anheuser Busch Newark, NJ
December 10, 2009 Dinner Meeting	Comedian Past Presidents' Night/OSHA	L'Affaire - Mountainside	June 23, 2010	Executive Board Planning Meeting Installation of Officers Meeting	Chatham Firehouse
January 21, 2010	Radioactive Issues at Your Non- Licensed Facility Joint meeting with NJHPS	University Inn & Conference Center, Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ			