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**Happy
Holidays!**

Due to the busy holiday season, The San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers will not have a December meeting. Instead, we hope you enjoy the season and return with us on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 to listen to George Robinson from Western Environmental Services address Indoor Air Quality. Happy Holidays!

2003 Meeting Schedule

Jan. 7	July 1
Feb. 4	Aug. 5
Mar. 4	Sept. 9
April 1	Oct. 7
June 3	Nov. 4

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Leadership Quiz - See How Your S&H Efforts Stack Up

Do your managers back safety and health efforts? How would they address these 25 statements:

- I like it when my people find safety problems and correct them on their own.
- I have a clear vision of an incident-free workplace.
- When an incident occurs, I try to understand how my actions might have contributed to it.
- I make it a point to be on the floor with my people observing safety every day.
- I know and follow all the safety rules I expect my people to follow.
- When I really need to understand a safety issue, I talk with some of my line people about it.
- I know good safety practice when I see it, and I always let the person involved know I like what I see.
- My people have full and open access to all the tools and equipment they need to do their jobs safely.
- I've learned that the person who knows the job best is nearly always the person doing it.
- I always know the status of safety and safety projects in my organization, and those involved know how I feel about that status.
- We consistently get a positive return on our investment in safety.
- I enjoy attending safety meetings and feel good about the results.
- I know whenever an incident occurs and it is my role to get involved in addressing the issues it raises.
- I know enough about the safety process to be able to speak about it to employees, groups and training sessions.
- I'm always looking for the good things people do so I can recognize them for their efforts.
- I know everyone makes mistakes and I see this as an opportunity to learn and grow.
- Some of my greatest satisfaction comes from walking the floor and learning from my people.
- I worry more about having the right safety values than about having safety rules.
- I see teamwork everywhere I look in my organization.
- If my people know what to do for safety, I reinforce them; if they don't know, I train them.
- I am blessed with really good people in my organization.
- My people helped form my vision of safety which they now share and support.
- I know that my actions say more than my words about safety, so I always act out my belief that safety is a key organizational value.
- Before I send my people to training, I go to the program so that I can reinforce and support their post-training efforts.
- I know that my people hold safety as a key company value, so they know they don't need my permission to take safety action.

Source: OSHA's management systems [Safety and Health Management Systems eCAT](#)



In November the members enjoyed a presentation by Keith D'Avignon, a water hygiene specialist with Ondeo. Keith delivered an informative overview of the impact, the risk factors and the appropriate preventive actions we can take to prevent Legionnaires' Disease.

There may be more than 25,000 cases of Legionnaires' Disease each year, and is fatal if left untreated. The risk factors include:

- Favorable growth conditions: warm, stagnant water and the presence of rust, scale and other microorganisms
- Aerosolization: the only exposure route is inhalation of water droplets containing the organism
- Susceptible population: at highest risk are the elderly, immuno-compromised individuals and individuals with pulmonary or liver dysfunction.

OSHA has issued General Duty Clause violations for gross Legionella contamination in poorly maintained water systems.

For more information, visit the Ondeo website at

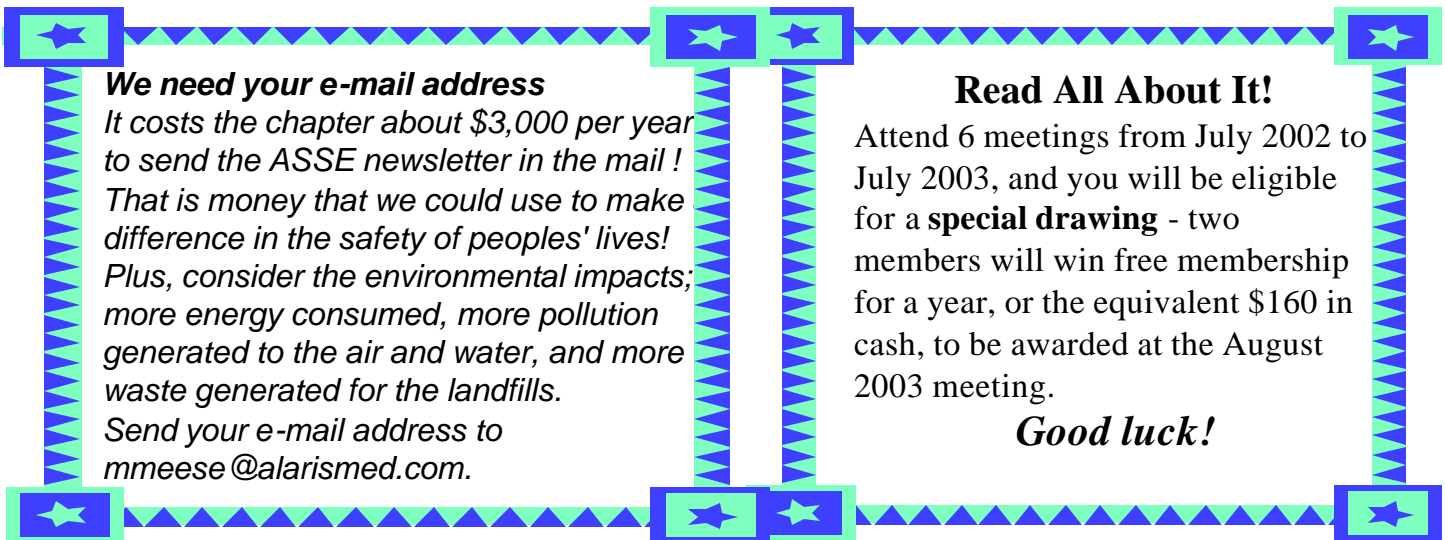
www.ondeo/nalco.com/services/water_hygiene/water_hygiene.html

The **ASSE Foundation** was chartered in 1990 to provide professional development and financial resources to qualified individuals and non-profit organizations. The Foundation seeks to advance safety and health development, research and education in the public interest. The Foundation receives contributions from corporations, individual members, ASSE Chapters, Regions and Divisions interested in supporting the safety profession.

The Foundation currently supports four key initiatives:

- Fostering Future Safety and Health Professionals with scholarships, internships and fellowships to students and faculty pursuing safety and health studies in accredited college and university degree programs
- Conducting Applied Safety Research by supporting safety and health research initiatives
- Expanding Accreditation of Safety and Health Curriculums by providing funding and direction to colleges and universities with safety degree programs
- Offering Correspondence Courses for Ergonomics & Industrial Hygiene and developing self-study courses to help practitioners prepare for the CSP exam, maintain this designation, or earn college credits.

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Read All About It!
Attend 6 meetings from July 2002 to July 2003, and you will be eligible for a **special drawing** - two members will win free membership for a year, or the equivalent \$160 in cash, to be awarded at the August 2003 meeting.
Good luck!

Across My Press Desk...
Sam Cahan, PE

IS YOUR HOME-BASED WORK SITE SAFE?

Although OSHA doesn't regulate home offices, making sure telecommuters have safe work environments can help minimize workers' compensation costs and lost productivity. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management provides the following sample self-certification safety checklist for home-based teleworkers. This month, **Workplace environment**. Next month, **Computer workstations**.

1. Are temperature, noise, ventilation and lighting levels adequate for maintaining your level of job performance?
2. Are all stairs with four or more steps equipped with handrails?
3. Are all circuit breakers and/or fuses in the electrical panel labeled as to intended service?
4. Do circuit breakers clearly indicate if they are in the open or closed position?
5. Is all electrical equipment free of recognized hazards that would cause physical harm (frayed wires, bare conductors, loose wires, flexible wires running through walls, exposed wires to the ceiling)?
6. Will the building's electrical system permit the grounding of electrical equipment?
7. Are aisles, doorways and corners free of obstructions to permit visibility and movement?
8. Are file cabinets and storage closets arranged so drawers and doors do not open into walkways?
9. Do chairs have any loose casters (wheels) and are the rungs and legs of the chairs sturdy?
10. Are the phone lines, electrical cords and extension wires secured under a desk or alongside a baseboard?
11. Is the office space neat, clean and free of excessive amounts of combustibles?
12. Are floor surfaces clean, dry, level and free of worn or frayed seams?
13. Are carpets well-secured to the floor and free of frayed or worn seams?
14. Is there enough light for reading?

Safety Calendar

We know how busy you all are...so block out the time in advance on your calendars for the upcoming safety-related events.

ASSE: The San Diego Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the **Marine Corps Recruit Depot** Bayview Room from 11:00 am -1:15 pm. Call the Chapter voicemail for more information at (858) 621-2313 x19.

AIHA: The San Diego Chapter meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the **Quality Inn Resort** in Mission Valley. Call (619) 685-7140 for more information.

FSHC: San Diego Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the **MCRD** Bayview Room from 11:30-1:00pm. Call (619) 532-9574.

PSC: For more information call (858) 621-2313 or click on www.safetycouncilonline.com.