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”Cal-OSHA Update”

Presented by
Vicky Heza
Deputy Chief of Cal/OSHA

Date: August 6, 2002

Time: 11:00 - 11:30 Registration
11:30 - 12:15 Lunch
12:15 - 1:15 Program

Place: **MCRD Bay View Restaurant & Lounge**

Cost: \$15 Pre-registered Members
\$20 At the Door or \$1 Coffee Only

Registration: Please call the Chapter voicemail at (858) 621-2313 x19 to make your lunch reservation no later than August 1, 2002. We are unable to guarantee lunch reservations made after this date. Providing an accurate head count is the only way to ensure the best prices for all of our members.

Executive Meeting: Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs will meet at the Bay View from 9:45 am to 11:00 am before the luncheon to conduct Chapter business.

Visit us on-line at www.sandiegoasse.org

Across My Press Desk...

Sam Cahan, PE

Trips and Falls

Every day, people on the job trip over, fall through and stumble around floor and wall openings, stair and stairway treads and uneven walkways. This is the second part of a great checklist that provides a starting point for making sure your facility stays as trip-free as possible. See the June issue of the ASSE Newsletter for the first part of this list.

Stairs and stairways

- Are standard stair rails or handrails on all stairways having four or more risers?
- Are all stairways at least 22 inches wide?
- Do stairs have at least a 6-foot, 6-inch overhead clearance?
- Are stairs of hollow-pan type treads and landings filled to noising level with solid material?
- Are step risers on stairs uniform from top to bottom, with no riser spacing greater than 7 1/2 inches?
- Are steps on stairs and stairways designed or provided with a surface that renders them slip resistant?
- Are stairway handrails located between 30 inches and 34 inches above the leading edge of stair treads?
- Do stairway handrails have at least 1 1/2 inches of clearance between the handrails and the wall or surface they are mounted on?
- Are stairway handrails capable of withstanding a load of 200 pounds, applied in any direction?
- Where stairs or stairways exit directly into any area where vehicles may be operated, are adequate barriers and warnings provided to prevent employees stepping into the path of traffic?
- Do stairway landings have a dimension measured in the direction of travel, at least equal to width of the stairway?
- Is the vertical distance between stairway landings limited to 12 feet or less?

Walkways

- Are changes of direction or elevations readily identifiable?
- Are aisles or walkways that pass near moving or operating machinery, welding operations or similar operations arranged so employees will not be subjected to potential hazards?
- Are standard guardrails provided wherever aisle or walkway surfaces are elevated more than 30 inches above any adjacent floor or the ground?
- Are bridges provided over conveyors and similar hazards?

The above checklist, courtesy of California State University, Sacramento, originally appeared in the April 2002 issue of *Occupational Health & Safety News*, a monthly print newsletter from the publishers of *Occupational Health & Safety E-news*. For subscription information, e-mail Ralph Jensen at rjensen@stevenspublishing.com.

STATE OF THE CHAPTER.....

Andy Crossland, President

As safety and health professionals we are constantly facing many challenges. The events of September 11, 2001 and its aftermath have placed safety at an even higher level of importance. Our leadership is dedicated to meeting your needs and concerns with appropriate programs and events to help with your career development.

In May 2003 we will have a dynamic joint safety conference at Golden Hall. The conference is being planned by The City of San Diego, the local AIHA Chapter and us. **Please mark your calendars for May 8, 9, and 10.** On Saturday, May 10 we will have a golf outing and San Diego will be a destination city for those out of town guests who have expressed interest in attending.

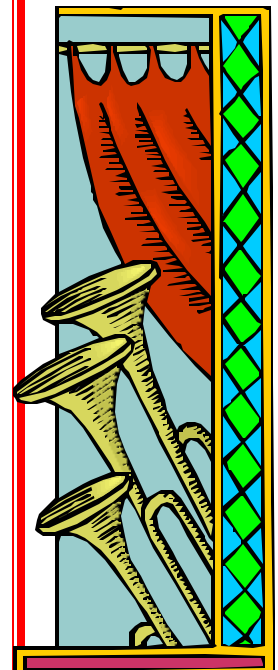
Please contact me at (619) 686-2962 or by e-mail at acrossla@thezenith.com, and give me your suggestions and input for our chapter.

Best wishes,
Andy

What a Bargain!

To encourage attendance at monthly meetings, your Board has a challenge for you: attend 6 meetings from July 2002 to July 2003, and you will be eligible for a drawing for **free membership for a year!** Two lucky members will win free membership for a year, or the equivalent \$160 in cash, to be awarded at the August 2003 meeting.

Good luck!





Welcome to
Mylene Cervantes
Peter J. Lupo
Daniel Santamaria

Certified Hazardous Materials Manager Review
and Exam-August 13-15, 2002

The purpose of this 2 1/2 day review course is to promote hazardous materials management principles and allow students to prepare for certification as a Hazardous Materials Manager. The CHMM credential is nationally recognized and promotes career advancement and recognition in the field of hazardous materials management and engineering.

Sponsor: Southern CA. Education and Research Ctr.
Cost: \$600.00

Contact: IHMM, 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 450,
Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: 301/984-8969



Look for changes in the newsletter! Regular articles will include a synopsis of speaker's presentations, highlights from Executive Committee meetings, and a welcome to new members.

Pacific Southwest Conference

Plans are being made for the 2003 conference, which will be the event of the year for safety in San Diego. If you have any ideas for speakers or subjects, e-mail Marie Meese at mmeese@alarismed.com.

Financial Update

Don Michaels gave a brief synopsis of the June Financial statement at the July Executive Meeting, stating that the Board had approved a flat budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. He further clarified by saying that our Checking and Savings accounts showed a positive balance, that would allow ASSE to provide seed money for the 27th Annual Pacific SouthWest Safety and Health Conference to be held on May 8, 9 and 10, and provide an annual contribution to the ASSE foundation in addition to funding our normal operating expenses.



Our July speaker was Diana Shatz, HR Manager with Rhino Linings, who spoke on "When OSHA Knocks". Diana detailed her experience with a compliance inspection of their facility three weeks after she joined the company. She described the opening conference, records review, tour and closing conference, emphasizing the importance of working with Cal-OSHA to create a safe workplace. Diana's humor and candor made this presentation enjoyable and informative.

Our September 10 lunch meeting subject will be "How the District Attorney Responds to Serious Workplace Injuries." Don't miss it!

DOSH Chief John Howard Named NIOSH Director

Dr. John Howard, longtime chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), will leave that post to become the director of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Cal-OSHA Reporter has learned.

NIOSH's acting director, Kathleen Rest, announced the appointment. "We are fortunate to have a person with such strong credentials joining us," Rest said. Howard will take over the post in the latter half of July. "It's a great honor," he said, calling NIOSH "a great organization." There was no early word from the Department of Industrial Relations on his possible successor.

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: August classes: Bloodborne Pathogens and Confined Space on Aug. 16, Workplace Violence Prevention on Aug. 2, CPR and First Aid Refresher on Aug. 16, OSHA 10-Hour Construction on Aug. 19-20, Environmental Managers Reporting & Recordkeeping on Aug. 26-27, Forklift Instructor *and* Forklift Operator on Aug. 14, HAZWOPER—8 hrs, 24 hrs and 40 hrs, call for dates.

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