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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING TECHNICAL MEETINGS

JANUARY

Join us for the first technical meeting of 2010! This meeting will be conducted jointly with the New England Section of AIHA. This meeting features a special bonus – two technical meeting topics!

Topics:

- Responding to Residential Elemental Mercury Contamination
- Emergency Response to Laboratory Facilities

Speakers:

- Marcella Thompson, PhD(c), MS, COHN, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN University of Rhode Island
- Deputy Chief Gerry Mahoney, Cambridge, MA, Fire Department and LEPC Chair

Date & Time: January 28, 2010, 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Best Western, Waltham, MA

Registration contact: mbrown@nerconstruction.com

Go to <http://www.asseboston.com/events.htm> for more info

FEBRUARY

Topic: OSHA's Agenda & Focus for 2010 & Beyond

Speaker: Tim Irving, OSHA

Date & Time: February 25, 2010, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Best Western, Waltham, MA

Registration contact: mbrown@nerconstruction.com

Go to <http://www.asseboston.com/events.htm> for more info

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 5-14! ASSE KIDS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST



ASSE is hosting its 8th annual kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest. Children ages 5-14 are encouraged to participate. The contest is open to ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as well as to children and schools sponsored by ASSE members. ASSE members and

chapters may sponsor schools, community organizations or children from their workplace in the contest, which is aimed at educating children on the importance of safety and health at work and better acquainting them with the job their parents, friends, relatives, etc. do as occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners. The contest runs through Valentine's Day, February 14, 2010.

Children in five age groups -- 1) ages 5-6; 2) ages 7-8; 3) ages 9-10; 4) ages 11-12; and 5) ages 13-14, are invited to create and submit posters no larger than 11 x 14 that best illustrate being safe at work.

A panel of independent judges will evaluate submissions and determine contest winners. The contest winners will be announced the first week of March.

Winners may receive international recognition, savings bonds, and are invited to several events, including the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH, May 2-8, 2010) kick-off events in Washington, D.C., this May 3. The first prize winners' posters will be displayed on the NAOSH 2010 poster distributed worldwide. The first place winner in each age group receives a \$1,000 savings bond, the second place winner receives a \$500 savings bond and the third and fourth place winners receive a \$200 savings bond. All poster contest entrants receive recognition and are invited, along with their families, all ASSE members, partners, and federal officials to attend the ASSE poster contest awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 3, as well as a welcome brunch Sunday, May 2, at the U.S. National Zoo in Washington, D.C. The poster contestants and winners will be recognized at events in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Capitol and the Smithsonian.

For contest rules and entry form, please go to <http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh10/poster-contest.php>.



NAOSH WEEK May 2-8, 2010

What is NAOSH Week?

A week aimed at enhancing awareness of occupational safety and health and the prevention of injuries and illnesses. NAOSH Week occurs each year during the first week of May.

Also, [Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day \(OSHP\)](#) falls on the Wednesday of NAOSH Week. The day was established to honor occupational safety, health and environmental professionals who have dedicated their lives to protecting people, property and the environment.

Who sponsors NAOSH Week?

The [American Society of Safety Engineers \(ASSE\)](#) joined with the [Canadian Society of Safety Engineering \(CSSE\)](#) to sponsor NAOSH Week.

During NAOSH Week, ASSE and CSSE members, OSHA and NAOSH partners develop and implement activities throughout North America and worldwide (such as Kuwait, Columbia and Ecuador) to promote NAOSH Week. ASSE members have held fleet safety classes, ergonomic awareness events, distributed catastrophe preparedness information, provided teen worker safety programs, held city worker safety fairs, held symposiums, assisted charities, held [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#) fashion shows, donated PPE and much more. ASSE also sponsors its annual kids "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest at this time.

How might I get involved?

Visit ASSE's [NAOSH '10](#) home page for ideas and additional information:

<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh10/whatisnaosh.php>

GHS - ASSE SUPPORTS OSHA PROPOSED RULE



ASSE submitted a [comment](#) on OSHA's proposed rule to harmonize its Hazard Communication Standard with the

UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The comment stated ASSE's support for the goals of the proposed rule and responded to OSHA's request for comments on various issues. ASSE's comment is based on the recommendations of a GHS Task Force of ASSE members with expertise in hazard communications and GHS. Don Garman served as chair, and its members were Chris Gates, Jonathan Klane, Mike O'Toole, Mark Shirley, Eric Stager and Jim Thornton. An OSHA fact sheet on the rulemaking [is here](#). The rulemaking can be [found here](#).

ASSE TESTIFIES AT OSHA PUBLIC HEARING ON COMBUSTIBLE DUST

At a Monday, December 14 OSHA public hearing on rulemaking to advance a new combustible dust standard, ASSE said it could support a new standard that is no less effective than the voluntary consensus standard NFPA 654: Standard on Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids. ASSE Federal Representative Adele Abrams, Esq., represented the Society at the hearing. ASSE's statement can be found [here](#), and OSHA's rulemaking notice [here](#).



NEW ROADWAY WORK ZONE SAFETY STANDARDS



In an effort to address the leading cause of on-the-job deaths – transportation-related incidents - ASSE recently announced the approval of a new voluntary consensus standard, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/ASSE A10.47-2009 "Work Zone Safety for Highway Construction".

The A10.47-2009 standard is aimed at protecting workers from injuries and illnesses that result from working in work zones, establishing safe work practices in highway work zones, and preventing vehicle crashes in highway work zones. A work zone is an area of a highway with construction, maintenance/repair or utility work activities. The standard covers workers engaged in construction, utility work, maintenance, or repair activities on any area of a highway.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), out of a total of 5,071 workplace deaths in 2008, 2,053 people died in transportation-related incidents, 1,149 of those deaths were on highways and 322 of those workers died from being struck by a vehicle.

"OSHA has few standards that cover work zone safety," said A10.47 Subcommittee Chair Scott Schneider, CIH. "The Federal Highway Administration is focused on safety for motorists and workers but also on reducing delays to the traveling public. Work zone safety standards also vary by State. The A10.47 standard is intended to fill the gap and to help contractors develop best practices to protect the safety and health of road construction workers.

Schneider added, "Each year, many construction workers are killed in work zones. They are run over by motorists, backed over by construction vehicles and electrocuted by overhead power lines. This standard deals with this wide range of hazards. Following it could save many of these lives."

ANSI approved the standard on November 24, 2009 and the effective date is set for February 24, 2010. The standard will be available soon for purchase. For more information, contact ASSE customer service at 847-699-2929 or e-mail customerservice@asse.org



THE HIDDEN FLEET

By George R Batchelder, CSP
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Fleet safety is near and dear to some of us; and, for others, well, we think it doesn't impact our operations at all. Apparently there are federal rules that regulate

trucks...that is - what keeps us "safer" when we are on the highways, right? Those really big trucks have special rules, and if you do not read those rules for a living they are really hard to follow. So, it is possible that even a seasoned Safety Professional – who, let's say has a bout of insomnia, might reach for the DOT manual...

Not to keep you up here, but even some of the smaller trucks have commercial motor vehicle rules. If your Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) is 10,001 to 26,000 pounds and used for business then it is a commercial motor vehicle and you need to have at least the following elements of a motor vehicle safety program in place:

- Driver qualification files
- Maintenance records
- A DOT number on the sides of the motor vehicle
- Daily vehicle inspections
- Annual safety inspections
- Hours of service logs

You are not required to have a drug and alcohol testing program and your drivers do not need a Commercial Driver's License (careful, there are exceptions).

So how much does that dual cab pickup truck weigh? Likely less than 10,000 GVW- but if it has a hitch, and trailer is hooked up it likely becomes a commercial motor vehicle. What about an F350 flatbed, small bobtail or large van?

So our minimum safety program is to make sure our drivers are fit for driving and in inspected, well maintained vehicles.

Compliance with the minimum federal standards is a start. The rules are at:
<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>
. Stay awake!



NEW VEHICLE CRASH STATISTICS RELEASED

Last January, the National Safety Council (NSC) called for a nation-wide ban on cell phone use while driving. NSC statisticians, using an established mathematical model, now estimate a minimum of 28% of all motor vehicle crashes in 2008 were attributable to cell phone use and texting.

In a press release issued Jan. 12, 2010, Janet Froetscher, president and CEO of the NSC said, "We now know that at least 1.6 million crashes are caused by drivers using cell phones and texting. We know that cell phone use is a very risky distraction and texting is even higher risk. We now know that cell phone use causes many more crashes than texting. The main reason is that millions more drivers use cell phones than text. That is why we need to address both texting and cell phone use on our roads." She went on to say, "this new estimate provides critical data for legislators, business leaders and individuals to evaluate the threat and need for legislation, business policies and personal actions to prevent cell phone use and texting while driving," she said.

While the NSC believes that progress was made in 2009, particularly regarding a broad recognition that texting is dangerous, NSC is seeking the same broad consensus that recognizes the greater danger of cell phone use while driving.



Public support for laws banning cell phone use while driving is gaining momentum. The NSC has compiled results from public opinion polls and surveys exploring support for cell phone driving legislation, risk perception and behavior. Public support for a total cell phone ban, including banning handheld, hands-free and texting while driving, is on the rise. Current public support for laws banning texting while driving is very high at 80-97%, according to surveys conducted in 2009 by Nationwide Insurance, New York Times/CBS and Quinnipiac University.

Companies should consider implementing a company policy restricting cell phone use while behind the wheel. Additionally, consider sharing information about the risks of cell phone use and texting to make the roads a safer place to be!



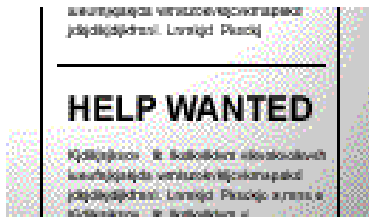
INVEST IN YOU! ATTEND SAFETY 2010

ASSE'S ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Baltimore, MD
June 13-16, 2010

Here is your chance to invest in yourself by attending THE safety and health event of the year!

Join us June 13-16 in Baltimore, Maryland.
Visit www.safety2010.org for details.



JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

The Greater Boston Chapter posts positions that may be of interest to members on the Chapter's website. To see postings, go to: www.asseboston.com/jobposting.htm. To place a posting, contact Steve Maffetone at Steve_Maff@members.asse.org.

To view the full job descriptions and company contact information of these opportunities and others please visit the GBC's website for [Job Opportunities](#).

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY? How About EPA's SMARTWAY Transport Partnership?

Article submitted by Dave Crowley, CSP, CHMM

Many safety professionals have been tapped to participate in adjunct duties that intersect with traditional program safety responsibilities. One such area is the environmental arena. Many safety pros have grown accustomed to completing EPA Tier II and Form R chemical reporting. Others have become familiar with stormwater pollution prevention plan (SP3) regulations or underground storage tank (UST) compliance needs. In recent years, a new area that has opened up has been coined "environmental sustainability". What is it, what does it involve? Environmental Sustainability means using, developing and protecting natural resources in a manner that enables people to meet their current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Are there any ASSE GBC members that have become involved in sustainability efforts? If so, we'd like to hear from you. If you've been engaged by your employer to get involved in sustainability efforts, the opportunity is yours - - please feel free to share your knowledge by submitting an article for our newsletter!



In that spirit, this issue of *The Beanpot* newsletter presents the attached press release from our very own member, Dave Crowley, Senior EHS Director for HP Hood LLC. Dave is a Past President with the GBC and he shares some of the fruits of his efforts in the area of environmental sustainability. Note that this is also published by the GBC as a means to promote the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership. If you have interest in this area or have questions about SmartWay and would like to get more info...feel free to contact Dave at dave.crowley@hphood.com or call him at 617-877-2062.

RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FELLOW BOSTON CHAPTER MEMBERS Member of the Quarter Nominations By Kathy Wunschel

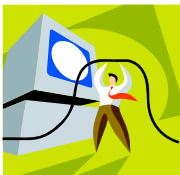
Would you like to recognize a fellow member of the Greater Boston Chapter for their contributions? Here's your opportunity! GBC members who have made notable contributions to the chapter may be recognized through our "Member of the Quarter" program.

Candidates for nomination may include any Greater Boston Chapter in good standing. Ideally, those nominated should have taken initiative to improve the chapter or have demonstrated consistently superior performance in their service to the chapter. Nominations are welcomed and encouraged from all chapter members.

The nomination process is simple. Send the member's name and a brief description about why you are nominating this individual to: kwunschel@metlife.com and ekennedy@exponent.com.

The Awards & Honors Committee will evaluate all MOQ nominations and select award recipients. The Member of the Quarter will be recognized at the annual social.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR ASSE CONTACT INFO



GBC sends almost all communication electronically these days. Our roster (for electronic mailings) comes from headquarters. To remain informed of chapter meetings, activities, events, and to continue receiving this newsletter, your contact information must be up-to-date with ASSE. To join or renew your membership – or to update your contact information - please visit www.asse.org or contact the ASSE Customer Service department at 847.699.2929. If you have questions or specific feedback regarding the Boston Chapter, please contact any of our [Committee](#) members. We appreciate the continued commitment of all of our members to ASSE and the Greater Boston Chapter!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND SUBMISSIONS

The Greater Boston Chapter welcomes members to submit technical articles, committee updates and information about upcoming events for inclusion in our newsletter, "The Beanpot". Submissions for the next edition of the newsletter are welcome and should be submitted to Bryan Murray. Please include "ASSE GBC" in the subject line.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HP Hood Joins the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership

Lynnfield, Mass. (April 28, 2009)—HP Hood, one of the nations’ leading dairy processors, today announced that it has joined the SmartWaySM Transport Partnership.

SmartWay, an innovative collaboration between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the freight industry, was designed to increase energy efficiency while significantly reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution. By joining the SmartWay Transport Partnership, Hood demonstrates its continued commitment to environmental leadership and responsibility.

SmartWay has a goal of reducing 33 to 66 million metric tons of carbon dioxide and up to 200,000 tons of nitrogen oxide per year by 2012. Hood will help reach this goal by improving the environmental performance of its freight operations. Already, Hood has made a 5% improvement on fuel economy by reducing vehicle speed; enabling automatic idle shutdown; installing super-wide tires on trucks in its transportation fleet; installing electrical plug-ins on refrigeration units; and using curtains in the rear of refrigeration trucks to reduce fuel consumption. Hood’s Fleet Management representatives will continue to research ways to reduce the company’s carbon footprint by continuing to work closely with SmartWay Transport Partnership.

“HP Hood is proud to be part of the SmartWay Transport Partnership. We continue to look for ways to demonstrate our commitment to distributing dairy products in an environmentally responsible manner,” said **David Crowley**, Senior Environmental Health & Safety Director, HP Hood. “We know that our actions can have a substantial impact on our environmental footprint.”

Crowley serves on the Dairy Management, Inc. (DMI) Carbon Council team, also known as E-Smart. This is a work group focused on sustainability measures for truck transport in the dairy industry. The group’s charter was established to encourage dairy operators to join SmartWay, and Hood has made this a priority as a means to encourage other dairy firms to follow suit.

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For more information, visit www.Hood.com or visit www.epa.gov/smartway/.

About Hood

Hood was founded in 1846 in Charlestown, Massachusetts, by Harvey Perley Hood, and has become one of the largest branded dairy operators in the United States. Hood is the number-one dairy brand in New England, and Hood's portfolio of national and super-regional brands and franchise products includes Kemps, Crowley Foods, LACTAID, and Stonyfield Farm Organic Milk.

About EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership

Launched in February 2004, the SmartWay Transport Partnership aims to achieve fuel savings of up to 150 million barrels of fuel per year. The Partnership brings together major freight shippers, trucking companies, railroads, logistics companies and trade/professional associations to pursue mutually beneficial efficiencies that result in emissions reductions and other environmental improvements, as well as cost savings to the companies. The Partnership currently has more than 1,000 partners.

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North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) 2010

May 2—8, 2010

Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day

May 5, 2010

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week, occurs every year during the first full week of May. NAOSH Week is intended to raise awareness about occupational safety, health and the environment (SH&E) and the SH&E profession.

Join us to help celebrate NAOSH Week. There are many activities you can do now to participate, get involved and be a part of NAOSH Week:

- Sponsor a child in the annual ASSE Kids' Safety-on-the-Job Poster contest (which runs from September 2009 to Valentine's Day, February 14, 2010)
- Host a workplace safety fair at your company or in your community
- Send a NAOSH Week and OSHP Day proclamation request to your state, county or city government, go to www.asse.org/naosh09 for samples
- Send out local news releases on important workplace safety tips and include information about NAOSH Week in your company newsletter (information is available on the www.asse.org/naosh or www.asse.org/newsroom)
- For more information, ideas, photos and past events visit www.asse.org/naosh

NAOSH 2009 Highlights

- ◆ Nearly 1,000 posters were entered in the NAOSH ASSE Kids' Safety-on-the-Job Poster Contest from all over the world
- ◆ Lamar Advertising Company donated billboards across the US to feature winning posters
- ◆ Members and partners put in more than 2 million man hours toward promoting workplace safety during NAOSH Week
- ◆ Members and companies participated in NAOSH activities throughout the world
- ◆ Turner Corp. donated a luncheon and provided transportation at the NAOSH events in Washington D.C.
- ◆ For more on NAOSH 09 please visit: www.asse.org/naosh09



NAOSH 2009 Cake, made by Charm City Cakes, courtesy of ASSE's Region III

Put NAOSH Week
May 2—8, 2010 and
May 5, 2010
OSHP Day
on your calendar!



NAOSH 2009 Attendees, Poster Contest Winners and Families at the US Capitol