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NEW JERSEY ASSE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

WEST VIRGINIA RESPONDS TO RECENT MINE DISASTERS

After 14 coal mining deaths in three weeks, West Virginia lawmakers passed a bill Monday that would require mines to use electronic devices to track trapped miners and stockpile oxygen to keep them alive until help arrives. The Senate and House both acted at the urging of Gov. Joe Manchin, who pressed lawmakers to pass the legislation by the end of the day. "We can't afford to wait any longer," Manchin said after two miners were found dead over the weekend in a mine fire in Melville. Three weeks ago, 12 miners died after an explosion at the Sago Mine.

The Senate passed the bill without debate, 32-0, with two absences. The vote in the House of Delegates was 93-0, with seven absences. Because of slight changes, the bill was sent back to the Senate, where it was again accepted and sent on to Manchin. "These 14 miners have not died in vain,"

Manchin said. Coal companies would have to comply by the end of February.

The governor's legislation would require improved communications and the electronic tracking of coal miners underground, as well as faster emergency response and the storage of additional air supplies underground. If



the 14 miners who died in two accidents since Jan. 2 had been wearing a tracking device, "we could have concentrated all our efforts, all our resources on that one location," Manchin said.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our January meeting was a lot of fun with an excellent turnout. Anheuser Busch sponsored the meeting at their Newark Brewery. We started out the evening with a guided tour of the facility and then Mrunal Vyas presented on EHS Missions in Iraq.

We also collected sixty seven dollars at the meeting to donate to the National ASSE Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to support the advancement of the safety, health & environmental professions engaged in protecting people, property & the environment by providing the necessary resources. They provide the following: scholarships, professional development grants, research grants, research fellowships, educational assistance, accreditation support and cash awards for research ideas.

It was a privilege to present the Rahway Library with a book donation in honor of Joanne Kreisberg. Joanne was the President of the

NJ Chapter from 2002-2003. She is an outstanding leader and is still active in the Chapter as the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. She has been selected as our Member of the Month and her accomplishments are highlighted in this newsletter.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 9th at Benjamin Moore in Flanders. We will receive a guided tour with a presentation on Benjamin Moore's Journey of Building a Culture of Safe Behavior. I hope to see you at a meeting and welcome your comments and ideas at president@njasse.org.

Sincerely,

Gina Mayer-Costa, CSP, CHMM
President, NJ Chapter ASSE

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2006
PLACE: BENJAMIN-MOORE, FLANDERS, NJ
TIME: 4:30PM
TOPIC: BENJAMIN MOORE'S JOURNEY OF BUILDING A CULTURE OF SAFE BEHAVIOR & FACILITY TOUR

HEATING EQUIPMENT & INJURIES

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February, and trails only cooking equipment in home fires year- Cont. on page 6

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WEST VIRGINIA RESPONDS TO RECENT MINE DISASTERS

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Victims' bodies found over weekend

The bodies of the latest two victims were found over the weekend after a fire deep inside a mine in southern West Virginia. Twelve others died in early January following an explosion in the northern part of the state.

"These deaths, I believe, were entirely preventable," Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said Monday at a hearing in Washington. "And we owe the families of these deceased and noble and great and brave men a hard look of what happened and why."

"I think it's a very important message to send to those grieving families across the state of West Virginia, and across the nation, that we are serious about mine safety," state Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin told senators after the bill was introduced. Tomblin's district includes Aracoma Coal's Alma No. 1 mine at Melville, site of last week's mine fire.

Proposal specifics

Manchin's proposals would require mine operators to immediately call a new state hot line to report an accident or face a \$100,000

fine. It also would require operators to cache extra breathing packs inside their mines and issue miners gear to pinpoint their location underground and allow them to communicate with the surface in emergencies. In Washington, Byrd spoke at a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on mine safety. Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who chairs the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, also planned a hearing. Byrd criticized the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, saying he had no complaint with "the rescuers who risked their lives" trying to save trapped miners but with "the leadership in MSHA's Washington office." The Bush administration is reviewing safety equipment in mines after scrapping similar initiatives started by the Clinton administration. Miners' advocates said pulling those initiatives stopped potentially important safety rules from becoming reality; the Republicans cited changing priorities and resource concerns. The National Mining Association and the United Mine Workers of America said Sunday that they, too, want a major overhaul of state and federal mine safety laws.

State's national impact

Nationally, there were 22 mine deaths in 2005, a record low. Three of them were in West Virginia, the nation's second-largest coal producer. If Congress takes action, it would be the third time that a West Virginia tragedy has had nationwide ramifications. The Mine Safety and Health Act was written a year after a 1968 explosion at Farmington killed 78 miners, including an uncle of Manchin. Federal laws governing the construction of mine drainage settling ponds were adopted after 125 people were killed when an impoundment gave way in 1972, spilling a flash flood that ripped through communities along Buffalo Creek, less than 20 miles from the Alma mine.

OSHA OFFERS NEW CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE MODULE

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today debuted a new Construction Module for its Compliance Assistance Quick Start Web tool, the agency's Web-based tool that introduces employers and employees, especially those at new or small businesses, to the compliance assistance resources on OSHA's Web site.

The Construction Module provides a step-by-step guide to help employers and workers in the construction industry comply with OSHA's construction standards. Visitors to the page can generate a set of compliance assistance materials tailored to their jobsites. "This new Compliance Assistance Quick Start module is another example of how OSHA is making valuable information immediately and easily accessible to employers, employees and businesses so they can build and sustain safe and healthy work environments," said Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jonathan L. Snare. "It's important we make every effort to help put this kind of material in the hands of those who need it."

The Construction Module introduces users to the OSHA standards addressing the leading hazards at construction sites, such as falls and electrical hazards, and provides links to the relevant OSHA compliance assistance resources, including OSHA quick cards, fact sheets, booklets, posters and Web pages. The Module also includes information on training, recordkeeping and developing a worksite safety and health program. In addition, it features a collection of OSHA's Spanish-language materials for the construction industry.

Compliance Assistance Quick Start is on OSHA's Compliance Assistance Web page and provides step-by-step guidance on how to identify OSHA requirements and guidance materials that may apply to specific workplaces. In addition to the new Construction Module, Compliance Assistance Quick Start has modules for general industry workplaces and Hispanic outreach.

Employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their em-



ployees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

OSHA OFFERS NEW GUIDELINES TO HELP REDUCE MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

Employers and employees who use motor vehicles for work purposes stand to benefit from new guidelines developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA) and [Network of Employers for Traffic Safety](#) (NETS). "Motor vehicle crashes are costly to employers and employees," said Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jonathan L. Snare. "This new guidance document will show companies how safe-driving practices and safety-conscious behavior can help employees avoid tragedy." The 32-page [Guidelines for Employers to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crashes](#) offers useful information to help employers design an effective driver safety program in their workplace. It features a 10-step program outlining what an employer can do to improve traffic safety performance and minimize the risk of motor vehicle crashes. The document includes success stories from employers who have benefited from effective driver safety programs. The guidelines include a detailed section on the causes of aggressive, distracted, drowsy and impaired driving, and tips for avoiding such behavior on the road. There is also a sample worksheet for calculating the costs of motor vehicle crashes to employers. To develop the guidance, OSHA joined forces with NHTSA, the federal agency responsible for helping save lives, prevent injuries and reduce traffic-related health care and other economic costs, and NETS, a nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to traffic safety in the workplace. The motor vehicle guidance is available from OSHA's [publications page](#) on the Web, or can be ordered by calling the publications office at (202) 693-1888.

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OSHA REMINDS EMPLOYERS TO POST INJURY/ILLNESS SUMMARIES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

Beginning February 1, employers must post a summary of the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred last year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today. Employers are only required to post the Summary (OSHA Form 300A) – not the OSHA 300 Log – from Feb.1 to Apr. 30, 2006.

The summary must list the total numbers of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred in 2005 and were logged on the OSHA 300 form. Employment information about annual average number of employees and total hours worked during the calendar year is also required to assist in calculating incidence rates. Companies with no recordable injuries or illnesses in 2005 must post the form with zeros on the total line. All establishment summaries must be certified by a company executive.

The form is to be displayed in a common area wherever notices to employees are usually posted. Employers must make a copy of the summary available to employees who move from worksite to worksite, such as construc-

tion workers, and employees who do not report to any fixed establishment on a regular basis.

Employers with ten or fewer employees and employers in certain industry groups are normally exempt from federal OSHA injury and illness recordkeeping and posting requirements. A complete list of exempt industries in the retail, services, finance and real estate sectors is posted on OSHA's website.

Exempted employers may still be selected by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics to participate in an annual statistical survey. All employers covered by OSHA need to comply with safety and health standards and must report verbally within eight hours to the nearest OSHA office all accidents that result in one or more fatalities or in the hospitalization of three or more employees.

Copies of the OSHA Forms 300, 300A and 301 are available on the [OSHA Recordkeeping Webpage](#) in either Adobe PDF or Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet format.

THE NJ ASSE NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is interested in any EHS-related topics including articles, news reports, interesting facts, and/or pictures. If you would like to write a piece for this newsletter or have a safety-related article and would like it included in this newsletter here please contact: Newsletter Editor Daniel Rollino by e-mail at newsletter@njasse.org



Lincoln



Washington

MEMBER OF THE MONTH—JOANNE KREISBERG

Joanne is the Scholarship Chairperson for NJASSE and in 2002-2003 served as President. During the past ten years with NJASSE she has held many other Chapter positions. In 2004 she received the New Jersey Chapter of ASSE SPY Award for her outstanding achievement in the Safety Profession.

Joanne's safety career started in General Industry working for National Film Service in Rahway NJ as their Safety Manager for over 6 years. In 1994 she became the Director of Safety for Wade Contractors in Linden, N.J. This was the beginning of her continuing career in Construction Safety. Today, she works as a contract employee for Skanska USA at the Rahway Merck site. Her responsibilities include teaching the Contractor Orientation Program, conducting Site Safety Audits, Accident Investigations and enforcing OSHA and Merck regulations on the job sites.

Her training and experiences as an Emer-

gency Medical Technician, Fire Official, OSHA Instructor and Safety Management have given her many opportunities. She has conducted many Training programs throughout the State. She has worked with several companies helping them implement their Safety and Health Programs, Fire/Safety Audits and Training Programs in the workplace. She has given lectures on Occupational Safety and Health for NJIT and Rutgers Graduate and Undergraduate Programs.

Joanne is also affiliated with other organizations and committees. She is a Life Member of the Rahway First Aid Emergency Squad where she was a volunteer for 27 years. She retired from active status in 2002. During that time she held the position of Lieutenant, Trustee Chairperson and from 1994-2002 she was President. She is a Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital @ Rahway Foundation Board. In 1995 she was appointed to the New Jersey State Industrial



Safety Committee and is the Chairperson for the Governor's Safety Awards Dinner.

Joanne and husband Irwin reside in their restored Victorian home in Rahway, NJ with their two dogs Lucky and Ernie. They enjoy most of their free time at their Jersey shore condo. They have two children Bobby and Noreen. And are the proud grandparents of Bryanna and Tyler. They are expecting their third grandchild in May.

A CALL FOR PAPERS-ASSE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SPECIALTY

The ASSE practice specialty newsletters are a leading benefit of belonging to one of the 13 practical specialty and/or five branches. They provide industry-specific information that members use to meet the professional challenges they face each day on the job. ASSE relies on you - the professionals working in the field - to share your expertise and practical knowledge through the newsletters. All members of the NJASSE Chapter are invited to write an article for an upcoming edition of the International Practice Specialty (IPS) newsletter *World Focus*.

Fellow Chapter members Jim Johnston and Jack Fearing are the IPS Administrator and Newsletter Editor, respectively. They are inviting all fellow members to sit down and write an article of interest to the international EHS community. The article could be on an emerging regulation, a case study, an interview with a company or regulatory expert or any related topic that would provide additional insight to IPS members on key issues that help advance the profession. It's also a great way to get recognition for the Chapter

and yourself for your efforts. Publishing is a great source of personal satisfaction.

The following are some useful writing tips to help you get started:

- Start and Finish Strong.
- Keep your Sentences Short.
- Avoid Unnecessary Words.
- Write in the Third Person.
- Relate to your Readers' Experience.
- Write to Express, Not Impress.

Articles should be between 1,000 and 2,000 words. Longer is OK. Articles and any accompanying visuals should be created in a format that can be e-mailed or sent on a CD. Word is an acceptable format. Visuals must be high-resolution (300 dpi or higher) and saved in JPG, TIF or EPS format. Submissions for the spring issue of *World Focus* are due to the editor by April 1, 2006. Please contact Jack Fearing at 908.303.8359 or jifearing@gmail.com for additional information.



Most Improved ASSE Specialty Practice Newsletter-2005.

Pictured from the left, James Johnston, IPS Administrator and former NJASSE President; Jack Fearing, *World Focus* editor; and Stuart Wood, IPS Assistant Administrator. The presentation took place at the CoPS Awards Luncheon in New Orleans at the 2005 ASSE PDC.

CHEMICAL SAFETY BOARD WARNS ABOUT ACETYLENE GAS

This week, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board issued a safety bulletin warning acetylene gas producers to take special precautions when handling the gas. According to the board, the bulletin follows a year-long investigation into an explosion that killed three workers and injured a fourth at

the Acetylene Services Co. in Perth Amboy, NJ, in January 2005. The board also posted on its [Website](#) a video safety bulletin on the incident, which contains safe handling guidelines as well as the board's findings and recommendations.



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ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS (AND WALKERS) 20TH ANNIVERSARY LINCOLN TUNNEL CHALLENGE FUN RUN/WALK ON APRIL 23, 2006

The NJASSE Chapter will be participating in the **20th Anniversary Lincoln Tunnel Challenge Fun Run/Walk** on April 23, 2006. The 5K (3.1 miles) is USATF certified. The starting time is 9:00 AM. In an effort to encourage Chapter members to participate in this worthwhile and unique event, the Chapter Executive Board has agreed to pay the entrance fee (\$20) for the first 25 members who register to participate. It is our intention to register all interested Chapter members as a Team. The proceeds benefit *Special Olympics New Jersey*.

The Chapter is currently coordinating with the ASSE NY Metro Chapter and other regional Chapters to join us in this event and help us launch our outreach activities for the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week which is April 30 - May 6, 2006.

HEATING (Cont. from page 1)

Facts & figures

- In 2002, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 45,500 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments. These fires caused an estimated 220 civilian fire deaths, 990 civilian fire injuries, and \$449 million in direct property damage.
- These fires fell 14% from the 2001 total to the lowest point since data collection began. Deaths from these fires fell 12% and injuries fell 11%.
- Fireplaces or chimneys rank first in the number of fires among types of heating equipment. Most of these were caused by creosote build-up.
- Portable and fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, caused a disproportionate share of the home heating fire deaths. Space heaters were involved in 25% of the home heating fires but 74% of the deaths.
- The leading cause of space heater fires was combustibles too close to the heater, except for wood stoves, where the leading cause was creosote build-up, and fixed electric space heaters, where the leading cause was equipment unattended.
- Source: Fire statistics were derived from NFPA's annual fire department survey. Detailed statistics were derived by NFPA from the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and NFPA's fire department survey.

Please check with the NJASSE website and future issues of the newsletter for more details. This promises to be an exciting opportunity to participate in a Chapter outreach activity. Family members are also welcome and there will be several post-race activities. Interested members should contact Jack Fearing at 908.303.8359 or jifearing@gmail.com. Note: YES, it is safe to run/walk underwater in the Lincoln Tunnel! The South Tube (also the newest tube) of the Lincoln Tunnel is washed and the roadway is degreased the night prior to the run/walk. The air is changed every 90 seconds with air originating high above the Hudson River, which makes the air quality inside the tunnel equal to the air quality outside. The tunnel is ventilated constantly and no vehicles are allowed in the tunnel until after the run/walk is completed.

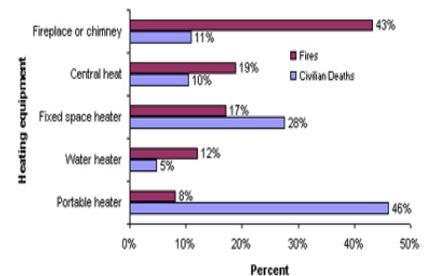


NAOSH Week
April 30 to
May 6, 2006

Safety tips:

- When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory, and be sure to have fixed space heaters installed by a qualified technician, according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes. Or make sure a qualified technician checks to see that the unit has been properly installed.
- Keep or maintain a 36-inch (1-meter) clearance between space heaters and anything that can burn.
- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room or go to bed.
- Have any gas-fueled heating device installed with proper attention to ventilation. If unvented gas space heaters are used in bedrooms or bathrooms, make sure they are small and well-mounted. NFPA codes prohibit use of liquefied petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies.
- Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors and all other solid-fueled heating equipment inspected annually by a professional, and cleaned as often as inspections suggest. Use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote build-up.
- When burning wood in fireplaces or wood stoves, it is important to use properly seasoned wood. The U.S. Department of Energy cautions that green wood has more moisture and is likely to smolder, leading to

Home Heating Equipment Fires by Type of Equipment Involved: 1999-2002



more creosote build-up. They recommend a moisture content of 20-25%, noting that wood that is too well-seasoned may also result in creosote build-up.

- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

Makita U.S.A. Inc. Announce Recall of Angle Grinders

Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 838-5008

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

November 10, 2005 - WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Makita U.S.A., today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of Product: Makita GA7011C 7-inch Angle Grinder

Hazard: The guards on some of these angle grinders will not fully cover a hubbed grinding wheel. As a result, if the hubbed grinding wheel comes apart during use, it could hit the user, possibly causing serious personal injury.

Remedy: Consumers with these angle grinders should stop using them with a hubbed grinding wheel immediately and contact Makita to arrange for a replacement of their guard free of charge. Known purchasers were sent direct mail notification of this recall.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Makita toll-free at (866) 838-5008 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.makitatools.com

RECOMMENDED SAFE WORK PRACTICE

During the Valentine's Day season, a generally accepted industry safe work practice, is to provide a significant other any of the following acceptable acts or instruments of largesse.

- 1) A repast of exceptional quality prepared at an establishment with superior credentials or self-created (provided individual is skilled in said preparation).
- 2) A metallic object of high molecular weight or suitable carbon based object for the significant other to don.
- 3) Confections (Warning - allergic reactions may occur.)
- 4) Floral accessories (Warning sharp protrusions and allergic reactions may occur.

Dell Announce Recall of Notebook Computer Batteries

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Dell Notebook Computer Batteries

Units: About 22,000 in the U.S.

Manufacturer/Distributor: Dell Inc., of Round Rock, Texas

Hazard: These batteries can overheat, which could pose a fire risk.

Description: The recalled batteries were sold with the following Dell notebook computers: Latitude™ D410, D505, D510, D600, D610, D800, D810; Inspiron™ 510M, 600M, 6000, 8600, 9200, 9300, XPS Gen 2; and Dell Precision™ M20 and M70 mobile workstations. The batteries were also sold separately, including as secondary batteries and in response to service calls.

Remedy: Customers should contact Dell to determine if their notebook computer battery is part of this recall. If it is, consumers should immediately stop using the battery as a power source for their notebook computer. Dell will provide a free replacement battery.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Dell toll-free at (866) 342-0011 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, go to the firm's Web site at www.dellbatteryprogram.com, or write to:

Failure to provide acceptable acts or instruments may cause:

- 1) Deterioration of intra-couple relations.
- 2) Loss of privileges.
- 3) Soreness of the lumbar (from sleeping on the couch)
- 4) Allergic Reactions (Sleeping in the dog-house)

WARNING! - Completely forgetting the season is grounds for termination from the organization*

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Miller Fall Protection

Date: December 12, 2005

During the period of August 2003 through August 2005 a manufacturing process was utilized that may have caused improper assembly of an internal component. Originally it was believed this assembly procedure would not affect performance. In August 2005, a new manufacturing process was started that was fully implemented by Sept 1, 2005. Our recent investigation now shows that the assembly process used during August 2003 through August 2005 may result in the remote possibility of the unit functioning improperly in a fall.

Products Included in this Notice:

Miller MiniLite Fall Limiter: FL11 (All Models) - FL11CMK/ - FL3M/11FT-AUS

Titan Fall Limiter: TFL (All Models)

Miller Custom Models: 20095/11FT - 020101/ - 030102/11FT - 030281/13FT - 040047/11FT - 040184/ - 040201/11FT - 050114/11FT - 038/ - SRFS11-2/FTBL

Manufacture Dates: August 2003 - August 2005

This notice only affects the model numbers listed above and manufactured within the specified dates. Miller and Titan models manufactured outside of these dates are **not** affected. **No** other Miller self-retracting lifelines are affected.

Contact: Miller Fall Protection Technical Service Department at (800) 873-5242



Can you spot the violation?



**ASSE EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY LEADERSHIP
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Leadership is influencing your organization to take those actions that will further its success. Join us for this symposium to learn more about the essential strategies and skills that will:

- **Improve** your effectiveness as an influential leader in your organization
- **Enhance** the delivery of your organization's safety program
- Strengthen , through your leadership, your contribution to the core business objectives of your organization.

Highlights

You will participate in a highly interactive session where the DiSC instrument for leadership characteristic identification will be ad-

ministered to you. DiSC (Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, Conscientiousness) is a process that is completed with the guidance of an organizational psychologist facilitator to determine your characteristics as a leader. Dr. Joseph Badaracco, Jr., a leading authority on business ethics and professor at the Harvard Business School will discuss business leadership and ethics

Dr. John Howard, Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will discuss how safety and health professionals have to demonstrate the best of both management and leadership to be effective in their organizations

20 concurrent session presentations on leadership techniques and strategies such as: organizational politics, demonstrating



ROI, the balanced scorecard tool for leadership, servant leadership, influencing organizational leaders, establishing your personal brand as a leader, courageous leadership, aligning safety and health programs to organizational objectives and more.

**NTSB URGES CONSUMER ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY TO HELP COMBAT
DISTRACTED DRIVING** (by National Transportation Safety Board)

On Jan. 6, National Transportation Safety Board Acting Chairman Mark V. Rosenker urged the consumer electronics industry to help reduce the tragic toll of deaths and injuries on the nation's roadways by bringing technology to bear on the problem of "distracted drivers."

Speaking at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, NV, Rosenker said that the industry had "a rare and dramatic opportunity to directly improve safety" by addressing driver distraction - both individually and in cooperation with government agencies and academia.

Citing recent NTSB road accident investigations, Rosenker noted "the driving environment has gotten more complex, making it more challenging to successfully accomplish the driving task."

In the short term, Rosenker stated, there are

technologies that can improve safety in the driving environment. Adopting these safety enhancements and making them readily available to consumers should be an industry priority, he said.

Rosenker also highlighted the need to reduce the distractions for some of our most vulnerable drivers, those young drivers who are learning how to drive and for whom the crash rates are higher than for any other age group. He noted that the NTSB has recommended that teen drivers, while operating under the graduated drivers licensing programs found in almost every state, not be permitted to use wireless communication devices while driving, reflecting that "novice drivers are in the process of learning a very complex task" and often lack the ability to judge the risks associated with that task.

Rosenker stressed that the NTSB did not

want to restrict everyone's use of cell phones or other electronic devices. The Safety Board's aim, he said, was to encourage the safe and responsible use of these devices by all drivers, while protecting our novice drivers.

In the longer term, the answer to driver distraction lies in "addressing human factors in all phases of product design, development and deployment," said Rosenker. He called for close cooperation with researchers attempting to answer basic questions about the driving task and human information processing.

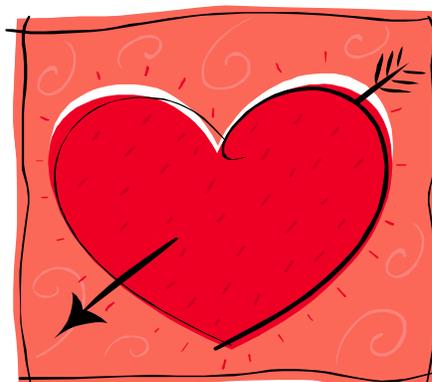
The consumer electronics industry, Rosenker stated, can play an important role in creating systems that give today's challenged drivers "increased functionality, increased convenience, AND increased safety."

**LOCAL VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS
ACTIVITY**

The following companies were approved this month for new or continued participation in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP):

- Georgia Pacific, Corrugated Paper Group, Milford, N.J. (New Star)
- L'Oreal USA, Luxury Products Division, Monmouth Junction, N.J. (New Star).

Occupational Safety & Health Administration



**LONG TERM SERVICE
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

David Miller	40
Michael Commons	25
Gordon Harner	25
Michael Heembrock	25
Martin Kawalek	25
Jack Leonard	25
Michael Marney	25
Joseph Mayer	25
C. Nelson	25
Robert Sagendorf	25
Harvey Staple	25

NJ ASSE BOOK DONATIONS CONTINUE

The NJASSE Chapter is continuing with its various Community Outreach activities in 2006, including Book Donation to area Public Libraries. The Chapter began increasing the Book Donations in 2001 in recognition of member Mark Rasweiler. Mark was an executive with Marsh Inc. and was killed on 9/11 at the World Trade Center. Several donations took place in since then throughout central New Jersey. The most recent donation was at the Rahway Public Library on January 20th. The books were in recognition of Joanne Kreisberg and her tenure as Chapter President in 2002-2003. The donated publications were *Construction Safety Management and Engineering*, by Darryl C. Hill and *How Smart Managers Create World Class Safety, Health and Environmental Programs*, by Charlotte A. Garner. Both are ASSE publications.

Please contact a member of the Chapter Executive Board if you are a Past President and would like to arrange for a book donation at your local Library or if you are aware of a member or former member who has passed away and would like to honor their memory and their contributions to the profession. Family members are encouraged to attend the donation ceremony.



Rahway Library Book Donation.

Pictured from the left, Gina Mayer-Costa, NJASSE President; Joanne Kreisberg, NJASSE Past President; Gail Miller, Director of the Rahway Public Library; and Melissa Schabel, Reference Services Manager.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- Michael E. Degen Richard W. Guindon
- John R. Hayworth John McBride
- John E. Wright

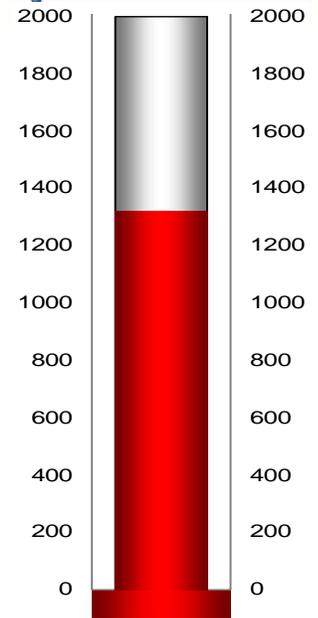


ASSE Meeting at Anheuser-Busch in Newark.

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Chapter Stars Recognition Program



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From Left to Right: Frank Gesualdo, Kristin Kelly, Nazer Ali, Gina Mayer-Costa, Bob Sagendorf

Listed below is the tentative schedule of 2005-2006 ASSE meetings, locations and topics for the upcoming months. Please be sure to check the NJ ASSE website njasse.org for changes or updates.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	TYPE & TIME
September 15, 2005	Expanding Individual Liabilities for EH&S Professionals (Sarbanes – Oxley)	Snuffy Pantagis Restaurant (Scotch Plains)	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
October 25, 2005	Joint ASSE-ACHMM Meeting EHS Issues Facing Multi-National Companies	Wyeth, Madison	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
November 1, 2005	Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing for EHS	PSEG Power Generation Support Center, South Plainfield	PDC 8am-4pm
November 10, 2005	Fleet Safety for Company Drivers	McAteers Restaurant, Somerset	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
December 8, 2005	OSHA Update and Past Presidents Meeting	L’Affaire, Mountainside	Dinner: 4:30 – 8pm
January 12, 2006	EHS for the US Army in Iraq and Brewery Tour	Anheuser-Busch, Newark	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
February 9, 2006	“Benjamin Moore’s Journey of Building a Culture of Safe Behavior” and Benjamin Moore Facility Tour	Benjamin Moore & Co., Flanders, NJ	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
March 9, 2006	Joint ASSE-AIHA Meeting: Nanotechnology	Snuffy Pantagis Restaurant (Scotch Plains)	Dinner: 4:30 – 7pm
April 4, 2006	NFPA 70E: Electrical Safety in the Workplace	Rutgers University, Newark, NJ Campus	PDC 8am-4pm
April 26, 2006	ANSI Z-10 Occupational H & S Management Systems	Safety Expo - Atlantic City, NJ	2:00 pm
May 11, 2006	Joint Meeting with Penn Jersey: Workzone Safety and Scholarship Awards	TBD	Breakfast: TBD

JANUARY 12TH, 2005 NJASSE MEETING

Mrunal Vyas, EHS Manager for Anheuser-Busch Inc. Newark Brewery, made a presentation entitled ‘EHS Missions in Iraq’ – recapping his recent military tour with the US Army in Iraq and his engagement of fundamental Health, Safety and Industrial Hygiene principles during missions conducted in a theater of war.

Mrunal Vyas (Pictured right) is a Captain in the U.S Army Reserve and served as a Public Health Team Leader for a Special Operations Civil Affairs Unit deployed in Iraq. Mrunal discussed details of three case studies his team was directly involved in including the evaluation and assessment of Iraqi water treatment facilities, emergency response and reaction to a sulfur mine fire and finally a text book case on fecal matter burning and associated sickness associated with the activity. In all three cases traditional EHS funda-



mentals were implemented to effectively assess, evaluate, recognize and control hazards for both US soldiers as well as the local Iraqi population.

In addition, the NJASSE group was provided a guided tour of the Newark Brewery as well provided an opportunity to sample brewery fresh beer. NJASSE would like to extend a special thank you to Plant Manager, Bob Rogers and Anheuser-Busch for allowing us to visit this facility.

INTERNATIONAL SAFETY TIDBIT

Singapore Establishes New Workplace Safety Act

Singapore’s Manpower Ministry announced its Factories Act will be abolished and replaced by the new Workplace Safety and Health Act, which will form the legal framework for a new occupational safety and health regulatory system. According to the ministry, the act will cover all workplaces within the next 3 to 5 years. It is expected to go into effect in late March.



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FEBRUARY 2006 DINNER MEETING NOTICE

"BENJAMIN MOORE'S JOURNEY OF BUILDING A CULTURE OF SAFE BEHAVIOR"



DATE: February 9, 2006

TOPIC: "Benjamin Moore's Journey of Building a Culture of Safe Behavior"

SPEAKERS: W.Kip Cleverly, MS, CHMM
Corporate Director, Environment, Health, Safety and Product Stewardship

Guy Gioino, MS, CHMM
Corporate Manager, Health & Safety

COST: \$25.00

DIRECTIONS: (see next page)

LOCATION: Benjamin Moore, Flanders
(see website for directions- click on agenda)

PROGRAM:

4:30 PM Registration, Networking and Laboratory Tour

5:15 PM Welcome, Introduction and Dinner

6:00 PM Technical Program

7:00 PM Safe Journey Home

REGISTRATION: Register @ www.njasse.org
by February 2nd, 2006.
(Walk-ins always welcome)

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

William Kip Cleverley, MS, CHMM

Corporate Director, Environment, Health, Safety and Product Stewardship

Kip has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Widener University, a Master of Science in Environmental Systems Chemistry from Farleigh Dickinson University and more than fifteen years of EHS experience in chemical, industrial, medical and pharmaceutical device manufacturing.

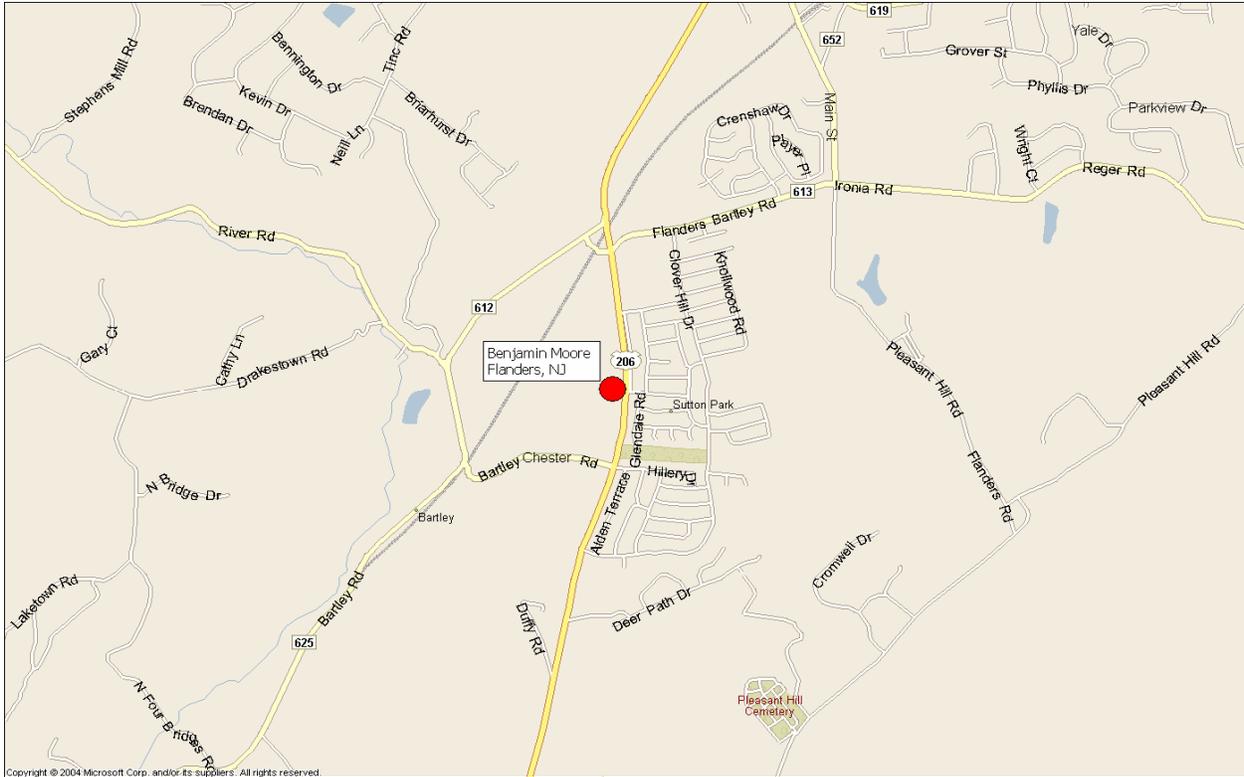
He is a two time Bradley Grant award winner and has won the 33/50 and Hammer Awards from V.P. Al Gore. He is the recipient of OSHA STAR program and NJ Green facility status awards and is published on many of these accomplishments. He also has recently supported work with Rutgers University on alternative uses for waste paint. He is a steering team member of the National Paint and Coatings Association and is a master's level Certified Hazardous Material Manager (CHMM).

Guy Gioino, MS, CHMM

Corporate Manager, Health & Safety

Guy has a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Rutgers University, a Master of Science in Environmental Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and is a master's level Certified Hazardous Material Manager (CHMM). He has worked in the areas of manufacturing, distribution, and retail safety and has a total of eight years in a variety of EH&S roles. He is responsible for leading and managing all efforts regarding Health and Safety for all areas of Benjamin Moore (Manufacturing, Distribution, Administrative, R&D and Retail Operations) in North America. His main focus is to develop plans to reduce injuries, ensure compliance with applicable regulations, and work with each functional area to implement the Safety policy and strategy.

DIRECTIONS TO BENJAMIN MOORE



Benjamin Moore: 360 US HWY 206, Flanders, NJ 07836 (973)927-8600

From Northern New Jersey & New York

- Take **Rt 80 WEST** to **Exit 27A** – sign says (**SOMERVILLE/ RT. 206 south**)
- Exit becomes **Rt. 206 south**.
- Continue on **Rt. 206 south** for approximately 5 miles. You will go through 4 traffic lights.
- After the 4th traffic light, look for a “7-Eleven” store on the **right**.

Benjamin Moore will be the 2nd driveway on the right past the “7-Eleven”

From Southern New Jersey:

- Take 287 North to **US-202 N/US-206 N** exit **22B** to **Bedminster/Netcong**.
- Continue on **Route 206 N** for approximately 12 miles

Benjamin Moore will be on the left side (southbound)

From Western New Jersey:

- Take Route 78 East to Route 287 North.
- 287 North to **US-202 N/US-206 N** exit **22B** to **Bedminster/Netcong**.
- Continue on **Route 206 N** for approximately 12 miles.

Benjamin Moore will be on the left side (southbound) of Route 206 #360