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# NEW JERSEY ASSE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

## OFF-THE-JOB INJURIES OUTPACING GAINS IN WORKPLACE SAFETY

Contrary to popular belief, today's workers are safer on the job than they are at home or in their communities. According to the National Safety Council, recent gains in lowering workplace death rates - down 17 percent since 1992 - have been undone by the rate of fatalities occurring off the job, up 14 percent in that same period.

And while corporate America has made dramatic gains in workplace safety, businesses are losing money on accidents unrelated to the workplace.

"The business costs of off-the-job accidents is staggering when you take into account lost wages and productivity, medical and disability payments, and training for new employees," said Alan C. McMillan, president and CEO of

the National Safety Council.

According to 2004 National Safety Council statistics being presented at the nation's first Off the Job Safety Symposium in Orlando later this month, twice as many workers - or 6.8 million - were seriously injured while off the job than were injured while working. And of the 49,000 injury-related deaths in 2004 involving workers, roughly 90 percent occurred while employees were off the job.

In 2004, the cost of employee injuries - both on and off the job - was more than \$330 billion. Nearly 60% - or \$200 billion - was for injuries to employees who were off the job. According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, more is spent by private health insurance on medical care associated Cont. on Page 7



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our February meeting was very informative with an excellent turnout. Benjamin Moore hosted the meeting at their facility in Flanders. We started out the evening with a guided tour of a laboratory. We then learned about Benjamin Moore's Journey of Building a Culture of Safe Behavior from W. Kip Cleverley, MS, CHMM and Guy Gioino, MS, CHMM.

It was a privilege to present the Hillsborough Library with a book donation in honor of Joseph Piccolo. Joe was the President of the NJ Chapter from 2003-2004. During his term he established an Alliance with OSHA for Hispanic safety outreach programs.

Our annual election is underway. Please take the time to fill out the ballot and cast your vote. In keeping with the electronic age we have now added the option to vote through our website: [www.njasse.org](http://www.njasse.org). Results of the election will be announced at the April meeting and in the May newsletter.

The next meeting is a joint meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> with the NJ AIHA at Snuffys Pantagis in Scotch Plains. The topic is Nanotechnology. As always, I hope to see you at a meeting and welcome your comments and ideas [president@njasse.org](mailto:president@njasse.org).

Sincerely,

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

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## NEXT MEETING:

DATE: MARCH 9, 2006  
PLACE: SNUFFY'S-PANTAGIS,  
SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ  
TIME: 4:30PM  
TOPIC: JOINT ASSE-AIHA MEET ING:  
NANOTECHNOLOGY



## BREWERY'S NEW WORKPLACE SAFETY PRACTICES. BY TIA PSARAS

COOPERS Brewery, in September 2005, undertook a \$7m major capital expenditure program, including a \$3.6m bottle filler, the installation of a new keg filler and the purchase of 20,000 additional kegs. A new six-pack machine to enable new types of packaging to be introduced was also installed. The high-speed bottle filler, which formed the centrepiece of the capital expenditure program, provided the extra impetus for the implementation of an OH&S program to match the facility. Leading up to the capital works program, a number of safety initiatives were implemented, including a nationally accredited training program. The installation of Coopers' new bottle filler put a halt to production for more than three weeks, during which all production and maintenance staff undertook training in OH&S and Food Quality at the local TAFE.

More than 30 staff undertook a collective 733 hours of training. A number of key staff were also provided with leadership training, which allows them to test employees' ability to effectively operate machinery. Coopers' HR manager, John Edwards, said that in addition to the training, a comprehensive range of Safe Operating Procedures (SOP) for all equipment was developed to manage risk. "The new machinery features more complex operating procedures, so SOPs have been developed for all machinery on the production line," Edwards said.

Coopers' SOPs outline:

- important reminders, such as wearing safety goggles;
- a step-by-step overview of the procedures;
- instructions and explanations;
- photographic representation of the machine's operation;
- a pre-process and process checklist, tools and materials required;
- safety notes;
- advice regarding known problems and solutions; and
- photographs of the main controls.

The SOPs have also assisted Coopers to meet its Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) requirements.

### Everyone working together

The success of Coopers Brewery's safety program is due largely to its team-based approach, which is driven by Coopers' process improvement teams. The process improvement teams are part of a broader, holistic approach to quality and safety management called Total Productive Management (TPM), a

system that involves cross-functional process improvement teams from the production and maintenance environment to monitor and advise on various elements of production. In September 2003, Coopers implemented TPM into its business model and is reaping the rewards of meaningful staff engagement.

Employees have a forum to express their concerns and actively contribute to solutions, which results in a safer, more pro-active workforce who are also developing skills beyond their formal job roles. Working on a 13-week cycle, the teams review operational performance and recommend equipment and process improvements and the commissioning of all new equipment. For example, when Coopers installed its new high-speed bottle filler in September 2005, the process improvement team oversaw the installation and commissioning of the machine and identified a number of modifications to improve performance from the design stage. The teams' recommendations included the development of a SOP manual, a hazard and risk assessment, training manual, a history of performance trials and a system to enable a keg to be automatically rejected between the cleaning and filling stages to enable inspection of the internal cleanliness without the need to stop the line itself. An ABB robot, which is programmed to unload empty kegs and place them onto the conveyor leading to the cleaner and filler, was also added to eliminate a manual-handling problem. With the introduction of the robot, the process of unloading kegs to cleaning, filling, capping and removing the kegs from the filler is now fully automated, with forklifts transferring pallets into the warehouse for storage before distribution. This has significantly lowered OH&S risk levels.

### Review process ongoing

Edwards said that despite Coopers' excellent track record in the warehouse, the company was keen to eliminate risk in other areas of the business, such as the logistics area. "When palletised products are delivered, a forklift is used to load and unload the truck. However, the delivery of non-palletised items can cause sprains and strains, so we are working with Aussie Trolleys to develop a system of handling non-palletised items." Edwards said although every company could control worker safety to a point, it was commitment to ongoing assessment and improvement that made the greatest impact.



### EYE WASH EYESORE

Unless you work with someone who is accident prone, mishaps just don't happen to individual people on a regular basis. However, when they do happen, it would be nice if the emergency response equipment were available.

This emergency eye wash station is a good example. It seems someone has wrapped a thick hangar power cord in front of it, right where a person would rush to save his sight. Great...now the person can trip and crack his skull open too. But that's not all...to liven things up a little, the outlet rests directly underneath the station, so that if the water were turned on... all together now ... "Bzzzzzzz".

Let's put it in perspective. How many of you have a fire extinguisher at home? Is it located where you can get to it within seconds of an emergency, or is it stuffed in the back of your garage? Think about it now, because the time to make your emergency equipment accessible is not after an emergency.



## OSHA UPDATES CONSTRUCTION ETOOL FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING WORKERS

A popular and important Web-based training tool has been re-structured to aid Spanish-speaking construction workers. OSHA recently posted a new version of its construction eTool ([eTool de Construccion - La Prevencion De Fatalidades](#)) that will help employers and workers identify and avoid hazards that commonly cause the most serious injuries in construction including electrical, falls, struck-by and trenching. The updated version uses safety and health terms from OSHA's English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English construction dictionaries, and includes a glossary of construction safety and health terms, and topics to aid in developing and maintaining effective workplace safety and health programs.

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## INTERNATIONAL SAFETY TIDBIT

### CHINA TO CLOSE UNSAFE PLANTS

China's work safety agency in Beijing announced the planned closure of 35,842 workplaces that do not meet minimum safety standards imposed by the government. The agency said the companies facing closure include 8,053 non-coal mines, 2,500 chemical companies, 350 fireworks manufacturers, 24,923 construction companies and 16 explosives manufacturers. The companies were given a year to comply with standards and reportedly were given government funds to improve workplace safety, the agency said.

## BUSINESSMAN SENTENCED TO JAIL, FINED \$1 MILLION FOR FRAUD

A Virginia businessman has been sentenced to five months in jail, followed by five months home detention and three years supervised release, according to U.S. Newswire. The crime?: conspiracy to defraud the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Justice Department announced Jan. 26. In addition, Nicanor Lotuaco was sentenced to a \$1 million fine.

One other individual defendant, James Schaubach of Virginia, and two Virginia corporations, ACS Environmental, Inc. (ACS) and Air Power Enterprises, Inc. (Air Power), were also expected to be sentenced.

All defendants pleaded guilty in June 2005 to buying false training certificates for their employees and then using the unlicensed employees to remove asbestos, lead and hazardous waste from public buildings. The defendants also admitted to submitting false documents to the SBA regarding their eligibility to participate in the SBA's program for minority-owned businesses and fraudulently obtaining contracts at federal facilities under the program.

"Today's sentence should send a strong signal that the Justice Department will prose-

cute companies and individuals who violate our environmental and workplace standards," said Sue Ellen Wooldridge, Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division.

ACS, located in Norfolk, and Air Power, located in Portsmouth, worked in the asbestos and lead abatement and hazardous waste removal industries as abatement and removal contractors. From 1999 through 2004, Air Power received \$37 million in federal contracts under the SBA's 8(a) program for minority-owned businesses. ACS and Air Power admitted to conspiring to make false statements in connection with the certificates and to submitting false statements to the SBA regarding the ownership of Air Power in order to participate in the agency's 8(a) set-aside program, which enabled them to receive federal contracts as a minority-owned firm.

All four defendants admitted to buying these false certificates from F&M Environmental Technologies, Inc., a Virginia company, which pleaded guilty in February 2001 to selling hundreds of such false training certificates in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Schaubach and Lotuaco obtained many of the asbestos, lead, and hazardous waste

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jobs, on which the employees with false certificates worked, through the SBA's Section 8(a) program by misleading the SBA into believing that Air Power was owned and controlled by a minority, when in fact Schaubach, a non-minority, controlled the company and directed that environmental contracts be sub-contracted to ACS.

The guilty pleas are the result of an initiative by the Environmental Crimes Section of the Department of Justice to identify and single out for prosecution the nation's most egregious environmental and workplace safety violators.

## PRESIDENT'S FY 2007 BUDGET REQUEST FOR OSHA MAINTAINS BALANCED APPROACH TO WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH

**WASHINGTON** – Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Jonathan L. Snare today announced that President Bush has requested a \$483.7 million budget for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in fiscal year 2007. The request represents a boost of \$11.2 million over final FY 2006 appropriations and includes increases for federal enforcement, compliance assistance and safety and health statistics.

Snare explained that the increase will help the agency maintain its balanced approach to workplace safety and health which includes enforcement programs, outreach, education and compliance assistance, partnerships and cooperative programs. Said Snare, "As we celebrate our 35th anniversary as America's workplace safety and health leader, the President has proposed a budget that gives us the resources we need to continue to improve our efforts to further cut worker injuries, illnesses and fatalities. This budget reinforces our balanced approach to worker safety and health—a approach that works."

The budget contains two major initiatives to enhance OSHA's mission. First, a total of \$7.5 million has been allocated to develop a new

occupational safety and health information system (OIS) that will replace the agency's 15-year-old Integrated Management Information System (IMIS). The new system will ensure OSHA's ability to measure results and provide accurate and timely information on all OSHA enforcement and compliance assistance programs. Secondly, the budget proposal includes \$2.6 million to expand outreach for Hispanic and other non-English speaking workers, as well as for workers involved in cleanup and recovery operations along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

As in previous years, the President's proposed budget emphasizes a continued strong, fair and effective enforcement program. OSHA has planned 37,700 workplace inspections throughout the year and will continue to focus its resources on workplaces and industries with high rates of injuries and illnesses.

The budget proposes discontinuing the Susan Harwood training grants program—those monies will fund the new OIS system and increased compliance assistance activities. "The availability of a variety of programs and capabilities to provide outreach and training to the regulated community allows us an opportunity to discontinue a rather narrowly-

focused training program," Snare explained. "Funding these high priority initiatives is critical and we can accomplish it without compromising the high-quality training available for employers and workers."

Employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. 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 improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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## 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](mailto: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.

## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS CONCERNED OVER IMMIGRATION AGENTS POSING AS SAFETY OFFICIALS

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The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) voiced their concern in a letter today to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff over reports that the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) intends to continue the practice of having its agents pose as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) personnel to round up illegal immigrants. The letter from ASSE President Jack H. Dobson, Jr., CSP, was also sent to Jonathan Snare, acting assistant secretary of labor for OSHA, and John P. Clark, the acting assistant secretary of DHS for ICE.

"If the reports are true, ASSE insists that you intervene and make sure the impersonation of OSHA personnel ends," Dobson wrote. "ASSE fully supports the responsible enforcement of this nation's immigration laws. Doing it in ways that add to the risk of death, injury and illness among this nation's workforce is not a responsible way to do so.

"It was our understanding that ICE had indicated this egregious usurpation of another federal agency's good name and positive contributions to occupational safety and health would be discontinued," Dobson continued. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, fatal work injuries among Hispanic workers were up 11 percent in 2004.

"Finding ways to reach out to immigrant workers with safety and health information and training that can help them avoid death, injury and illness on the job has been an increasingly important concern of

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

The NJASSE Chapter will be participating in the **20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](mailto: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

## WHY PADDY'S NOT AT WORK (EXCUSE NOTE) (BY PAT COOKSEY)

Dear Sir I write this note to inform you of my plight  
And at the time of writing I am not a pretty sight  
My body is all black and blue, my face a deathly gray  
I write this note to tell why Paddy's not at work today



While working on the fourteenth floor, some bricks I had to clear  
And to throw them down from off the top seemed quite a good idea  
But the gaffer wasn't very pleased, he was an awful sod  
He said I had to cart them down the ladder in me hod.

Well clearing all those bricks by hand, it seemed so very slow  
So I hoisted up a barrel and secured the rope below  
But in my haste to do the job, I was too blind to see  
That a barrel full of building bricks is heavier than me.

So when I had untied the rope, the barrel fell like lead  
And clinging tightly to the rope I started up instead  
I took off like a rocket and to my dismay I found  
That half way up I met the bloody barrel coming down.

Well the barrel broke my shoulder as on to the ground it sped  
And when I reached the top I banged the pulley with me head  
I held on tight, though numb with shock from this almighty blow  
And the barrel spilled out half its load fourteen floors below

Now when those building bricks fell from the barrel to the floor  
I then outweighed the barrel so I started down once more  
I held on tightly to the rope as I flew to the ground  
And I landed on those building bricks that were scattered all around.

Now as I lay there on the deck I thought I'd passed the worst  
But when the barrel reached the top, that's when the bottom burst  
A shower of bricks came down on me, I knew I had no hope  
In all of this confusion, I let go the bloody rope.

The barrel being heavier, it started down once more  
And landed right on top of me as I lay on the floor  
It broke three ribs and my left arm, and I can only say  
That I hope you'll understand why Paddy's not at work today.

**Editor's note:** Safety Professionals everywhere will note that poor planning and management of even the simplest jobs can often have significant consequences. In addition, poor design and the lack of interlocking controls can exacerbate a dangerous situation.

## PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

### CPSC, SFC AMERICA ANNOUNCE RECALL TO REPAIR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recalls in voluntary cooperation with the firms listed below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers

**Manufacturer:** Strike First Corp., of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

**Importer:** Strike First Corporation of America (SFC America), of Front Royal, Va.

**Hazard:** The fire extinguishers can fail to discharge properly when the trigger is activated, which puts consumers at risk of fire-related injuries.

**Description:** The recall includes Strike First 2.5 lb and 5 lb dry chemical fire extinguishers. The recalled fire extinguishers have the following model and serial numbers:

**Remedy:** Consumers with fire extinguishers included in the recall should immediately contact SFC America for information on how to arrange to have their extinguishers repaired.

**Consumer Contact:** Call SFC America at (800) 255-5515 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the SFC America Web site at [www.strikefirstusa.com](http://www.strikefirstusa.com)

Recalled Strike Fast Fire Extinguishers	
Model Number	Serial Number Range
WBSF-ABC110AP	TC101566 through TC108819
WBSF-ABC210AP	TC114969 through TC135000 VW822001 through VV832000 WH161001 through WH167622
WBSF-ABC340AP	TC135894 through TC142345

## ASSE EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY LEADERSHIP MARCH 30-31, 2006 -- BALTIMORE, MD

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.

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with trauma and poisoning for people of working age than for any other health condition including cancer, heart conditions, mental disorders or upper respiratory conditions and asthma.

In addition, off-the-job injuries accounted for employers losing 165 million days of production time, compared with 80 million lost work days as a result of workplace injuries.

Increasingly, businesses are recognizing the value of keeping their employees safe at all times both on and off the job. In a recent National Safety Council survey of 1,300 companies of varying sizes, the impact of off-the-job safety training has begun to be felt at businesses that have implemented programs. Of those who have implemented off-the-job programs, 58 percent reported reductions in injuries occurring outside of work.

In addition, research presented at the 17th

World Congress on Safety and Health at Work last fall found that for every dollar businesses spend on safety, they realize a \$3 to \$6 savings.

Gary Kopps, manager of Occupational Safety Worldwide for John Deere and Co., noted that corporate-sponsored safety initiatives are a win-win for both businesses and their employees.

"Employees value that you take time to remind them about safety, and they pay you back many times over through loyalty, increased productivity and quality, and reduced absenteeism," said Kopps, who will present the John Deere business case for off-the-job safety at the upcoming Off-the-Job Safety Symposium.

Safety and health experts from Intel, Johnson & Johnson and Sara Lee will also present their corporate off-the-job case studies.

## LONG TERM SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

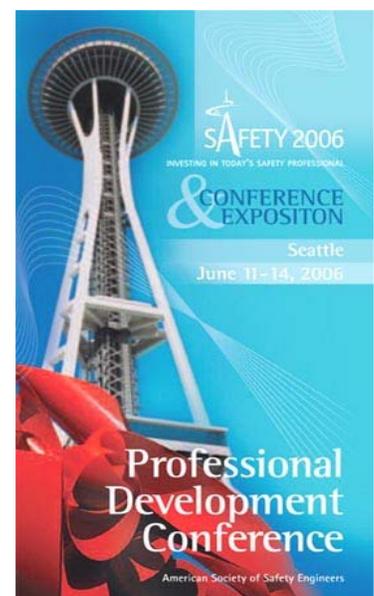
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Gordon Harner	25
Michael Heembrock	25
Martin Kawalek	25
Jack Leonard	25
Michael Marney	25
Joseph Mayer	25
C. Nelson	25
Robert Sagendorf	25
Harvey Staple	25

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the safety and health community," Dobson said. "Ironically, President Bush's just-released FY 2007 budget calls for an increase of \$2.6 million in OSHA's compliance assistance budget to expand Hispanic worker outreach. ICE's tactics will make this needed investment largely pointless due to the already high levels of distrust in government authority that many immigrants bring to this country."

Last July, federal agents arrested 48 workers at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina on charges of being illegal immigrants after the agents tricked the workers into attending what was billed as a mandatory safety training session sponsored by the federal OSHA. Afterward, the federal Department of Labor, North Carolina and immigrant officials and ASSE criticized the deception, stating that it compro-



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our newest CSP- MR ALEX RUIZ. Alex is a well-known figure in NJASSE and is our Website Coordinator. GOOD JOB ALEX!

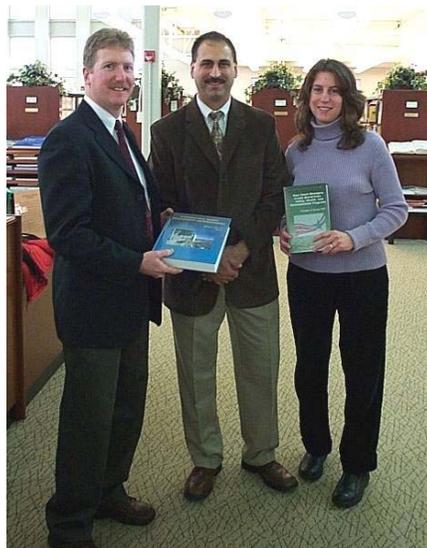
**NEW MEMBERS**

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

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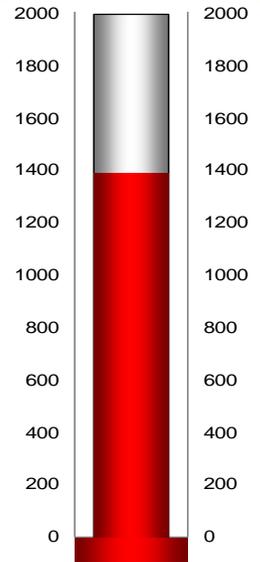
**NJASSE COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The NJASSE Chapter is continuing with its various Community Outreach activities in 2006, including Book Donation to area Public Libraries. The most recent donation was at the Hillsborough Public Library on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Accepting the NJASSE donation was Mr. Edward Hoag, Branch Director. Ms. Gina Mayer-Costa, President and Mr. Joseph Piccolo, Past-President, are pictured presenting Mr. Hoag with the donation.



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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](http://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 26, 2006	ANSI Z-10 OH & 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
May 31 and June 1, 2006	NFPA 70E: Electrical Safety in the Workplace	5/31 - Paramus, NJ 6/1 - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	PDC 8am-4pm

## FEBRUARY 9, 2006 NJASSE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

NJASSE would like to thank our hosts at Benjamin-Moore for their wonderful hospitality during our February 9th NJASSE Meeting at their facility in Flanders.

The night started with a tour of the Laboratory Areas and their operation. The tour provided a fantastic insight into the production of a material that helps many homeowners fill their weekends.

Mr. Guy Gioino (Corporate Manager of Health & Safety) and Mr. William "Kip" Cleverly (Corporate Director-EHS & Product Stewardship) gave a brilliant presentation called "Benjamin Moor's Journey of Building a Culture of Safe Behavior". The presentation focused on the plan and methods by which Benjamin Moore identified their needs and created a workable plan to achieve those objectives. This presentation emphasized what many in the safety field know but often have difficulty implementing— that all planning at an organization is nothing without good personnel, good ideas, and superior management to promote and accept changes in a culture.



From left to right:: Mr Kip Cleverly and Mr. Guy Gioino, Benjamin Moore and Mr. Robert Sagendorf, President-Elect NJASSE.

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# MARCH MEETING NOTICE



## J O I N T   D I N N E R M E E T I N G N J   A I H A   A N D   N J

March 9, 2006

**LOCATION:** Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance, Scotch Plains, NJ (directions on page 2)

**SPEAKERS:** Robert C. Adams, CIH, CSP  
Senior Manager at ENVIRON International Corporation

Alex Ruiz, CSP  
University Safety Officer for Rutgers University

**PROGRAM:**  
4:30 PM Registration and Networking  
5:15 PM Presentation by Robert C. Adams, CIH, CSP  
6:15PM Dinner Buffet  
7:00PM Presentation by Alex Ruiz, CSP

**COST:** \$25 payable to NJ ASSE

**REGISTRATION:** [www.njasse.org](http://www.njasse.org) by March 7<sup>th</sup>

### **ABOUT THE PRESENTATIONS:**

**Robert C. Adams, CIH, CSP**  
Senior Manager at ENVIRON International Corporation

- Nanotechnology - a primer
- Applications and types of engineered nanomaterials
- Managing Uncertainty - The concern for nanoparticles
- Toxicological studies
- Health issues
- Safety issues
- Environmental issues
- Engineering, PPE and administrative controls
- Current thinking on 'traditional' control methods
- Moving forward with SH&E management - what to do now

**Alex Ruiz, CSP**

University Safety Officer, Rutgers University

- Nanotechnology – An overview of Carbon Nanotubes (CNT).





## JOINT DINNER MEETING NJ AIHA AND NJ ASSE

### Directions

**SNUFFY'S PANTAGIS RENAISSANCE** : Scotch Plains, NJ, (908) 322-7726

Entrance to parking lot is made from the Eastbound lane of Route 22 or Mountain Ave.

**Route 22 East:** (Scotch Plains, Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, New Providence Exit) – Make a right turn at the exit (under overpass) and then go straight on Park Avenue for about 100 yards. Snuffy's will be on the right.

**Route 22 West:** (Scotch Plains, Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, New Providence Exit) – At the exit, make a right turn. At the traffic light, make a left turn and take the overpass over Route 22. At the end of the overpass make a right onto Park Avenue. Snuffy's will be on the right.

**Garden State Parkway:** (North and South) – Take Exit 140 from the Garden State Parkway and follow the signs for Route 22 West. Once on Route 22 West, follow the directions above.

**Route 78:** (East and West) – Take Exit 41 from Route 78. Follow the signs to Scotch Plains. This will put you onto Plainfield Avenue. Follow Plainfield Avenue straight through the traffic light, where it becomes Bonnie Burn Road. Follow Bonnie Burn Road to the next traffic light and make a right turn. Follow the overpass over Route 22. At the end of the overpass, make a right onto Park Avenue. Snuffy's will be on the right.

**New Jersey Turnpike:** (North and South) – Take Exit 14 from the New Jersey Turnpike and follow the signs to Route 78 West. Once on Route 78 West, follow the directions above.