OSHA recently proposed a rule designed to protect construction industry employees from the hazards resulting from exposure to confined spaces. The agency is accepting public comments on the proposed standard until January 28, 2008.

The proposed rule addresses construction-specific issues and uses a comprehensive, step-by-step approach to confined space safety by defining how to assess the hazards and classify the space. It provides minimum safety and health requirements and procedures to protect employees who work in or near confined spaces, and includes requirements for training, hazard analysis, classification, entering, working, exiting, and rescue.

The proposed standard would require controlling contractors to coordinate confined space operations among a site’s multiple employers, regardless of whether or not the controlling contractor has employees in the confined space.

While the agency had issued its general industry confined space rule in 1993, that standard does not apply to construction employers, as it does not specify the appropriate level of employee protection based on the hazards created by construction activities performed in confined spaces.

Under 29 CFR Part 1926 Confined Spaces in Construction; Proposed Rule, employers would first determine whether there is a confined space at a job site and then determine if there are existing or potential hazards in the space. If there are such hazards, the employer then would classify the space according to the physical and atmospheric hazards found in it.

The four classifications are: Isolated-Hazard Confined Space, Controlled-Atmosphere Confined Space, Permit-Required Confined Space, and Continuous System-Permit-Required Confined Space.

The proposed requirements for each type of confined space are tailored to control the different types of hazards.

**A Continuous System-Permit-Required Confined Space (CS-PRCS)** is a confined space that is a part of, and contiguous with, a larger confined space (such as sewers) that the employer cannot isolate from the larger confined space. It is also subject to a potential hazard release from the larger confined space that would overwhelm personal protective equipment (PPE) and/or hazard controls, resulting in a hazard that is immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH).

The CS-PRCS classification ensures that the employer recognizes that there are difficulties associated with isolating the hazards of other larger spaces connected to the CS-PRCS, and, therefore, special precautions are necessary, in addition to the other PRCS requirements.

**A Permit-Required Confined Space (PRCS)** is a confined space that has any one of the following: a hazardous atmosphere that ventilation will not reduce to and maintain at a safe level; inwardly converging, sloping or tapering surfaces that could trap or asphyxiate an employee; or an engulfment hazard or other physical hazard.
Planning and Conducting an EHS Audit

It is possible to add value to Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) audits.

By Jack Fearing, CPEA

Use of Technology.
As previously stated, the use of technology in the added value audit process provides an excellent opportunity for efficiency, consistency and quality in the process. The Aon Safetylogic online audit module is a comprehensive tracking and reporting system that provides a "centralized" platform required for consistent audit data input and analysis for each audit conducted at a client locations (Diagram 2).

The capabilities can range from a site completing the pre-audit questionnaire, audit data input in the field, report generation, scoring, and corrective action reports. Recommendations for developing a corrective action plan can be automatically generated whenever there is a non-preferred response to a question and will be tracked by individual location audit through resolution of the agreed upon actions and timelines.

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Diagram 2.

Issuing The Final Report

The cover letter generally includes the purpose of audit; a brief executive summary and complete listing of all findings. This report is issued to the managing facility director along with a letter summarizing audit activities, is issued to various corporate EHS professionals, both site management, risk and EHS personnel, and appropriate senior management partners in the organization in which the audit was conducted.

Post-Audit Activities

The Team Leader generally completes the post-audit activities. These include a variety of tasks that take the audit report from a draft developed at the site during the audit through to a final document.

Facility Action Plans and Completion Dates

The facility is generally responsible for the development of an action plan with closure dates that reflect reasonable timelines to address all findings. They are the most familiar with the resources needed and any potential restrictions. The final report, along with a letter summarizing audit activities, is issued to various corporate EHS professionals, both site management, risk and EHS personnel, and appropriate senior management partners in the organization in which the audit was conducted.

Issuing The Final Report

The final audit report often includes a cover letter, an executive summary and complete listing of all findings. This report is issued to the managing facility director from the corporate EHS department with copies to the site EHS representative, various corporate and division operations, and legal personnel.

The cover letter generally includes the purpose of audit; a brief facility overview; a summary and table of findings from previous and current audits; a brief overview of facility management systems, environmental programs; occupational health, safety, and loss prevention programs; potential capital expenditures related to the findings; and potential best practices. Final closure of the report is established when all findings are completed within the timeline specified and agreed upon. Requesting feedback from the audited facility on the audit process and (Continued on page 4)
A Controlled-Atmosphere Confined Space (CACS) is a confined space where ventilation alone will control its atmospheric hazards at safe levels. Continuous monitoring is required unless the employer demonstrates that periodic monitoring is sufficient. In a CACS, the atmospheric hazard is controlled but not eliminated. A confined space cannot be classified as a CACS if it has a physical hazard (unless that hazard has been isolated). OSHA believes that the use of CACS measures, as compared with PRCS measures, would be as protective and typically more cost-effective for the employer.

An Isolated-Hazard Confined Space (IHCS) is a confined space in which the employer has isolated all physical and atmospheric hazards. “Isolated” means the elimination or removal of a physical or atmospheric hazard by preventing its release into a confined space.

This proposed standard does not replace the more hazard-specific construction standards that are already in place, according to OSHA. Rather, it is designed to provide additional protections needed to deal with hazards that may arise when employees are working in or near a confined space.
Keep Holiday Decorating Safety in Mind this Holiday Season

With more than 32 million homes decorating real Christmas trees this season, according to the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA), there is no doubt that this holiday season will bring cheer. While it’s easy to get caught up in the holiday shuffle of dinners, gifts and travel, safety should be at the top of everyone’s lists. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL), an independent safety testing organization, are partnering this season to remind consumers about the importance of safe holiday decorating habits. Keeping fresh Christmas trees well-watered is not only vital to the tree’s decorative longevity, but also to keeping consumers safe this holiday season. If ignited, a dry tree can become engulfed in flames in a matter of seconds, as opposed to a well-watered tree, according to NCTA. With so many people decorating trees for the holidays, this safety detail is more important than ever. “Because many trees have been dormant for a couple months, it’s typical for them to absorb most of their water within six to eight hours after being brought into a warm home. Families should make a fresh cut to the trunk and place the tree in water as soon as possible once getting it home,” said Beth Walterscheidt, a tree farmer from Texas and president of NCTA. “Trees that are kept fresh during the holiday season are extremely difficult to ignite, which is why it is critical for consumers to commit to the care of their Christmas tree. If the water level falls below the cut surface for more than four to six hours, the tree’s ability to keep absorbing moisture is inhibited.” See a demonstration showing how flammable a dry Christmas tree can be as opposed to a tree watered regularly. This test was conducted by the National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratories. In addition to keeping trees watered daily, John Drengenberg, consumer affairs manager for UL, reminds consumers to dispose of them after four weeks. “If you put up your Christmas tree right after Thanksgiving, it needs to be taken down the week after Christmas,” Drengenberg said. “After New Year’s, even well-watered trees can become a fire hazard.” On average, real and artificial Christmas trees are the first items ignited in an estimated 210 home fires annually, according to the most recent NFPA statistics. While this represents a small portion of the estimated 85 million households that display a tree, consumers need to commit to taking care of a fresh tree, and keep flame sources away from plastic trees, to reduce the risk of their tree being involved in a home fire.

OSHA Forms Partnership to Protect Construction Employees at Hoffmann-La Roche Building in Nutley

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has joined Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Skanska USA Building Inc., Essex and Passaic Counties Building and Construction Trades Councils, and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development On-site Consultation Service in an effort to protect the employees of all project participants at the Roche Building Façade Replacement Project in Nutley, N.J. The Façade Replacement Project, due to be completed in March 2009, will remove the energy inefficient and aging glass curtain wall system from Roche’s 15-story building and replace it with an energy efficient unitized system on the corners and along the north and south sides of the structure. The goal of the partnership is to eliminate worksite hazards and achieve a high level of employee safety and health for all project participants at the construction site. Participants will strive to do this by developing a contractor/government relationship that encourages contractors to improve their safety and health performance, presses for the elimination of accidents in the industry and recognizes contractors with exemplary safety and health programs.

“This agreement provides the tools to ensure that employers and employees commit to safe and healthful work practices,” said Patricia K. Clark, regional administrator of OSHA’s New York office. “Cooperation among labor, management and OSHA is vital to ensure the safety and health of employees.” OSHA’s area offices in Parsippany and Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., will participate in the partnership. For more information, telephone the Parsippany office at 973-263-1003.1

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its impact on the operations is another way to add value to the process. This can be accomplished by developing a survey and requesting completion by the facility at the conclusion of the entire process. The audit process can be an arduous one for both the team and facility management. But with proper planning, coordination and attention to the details, the benefits can go a very long way towards making your facilities safer and better places to work. The real key to success, however, is that a properly conducted EHS audit will identify loss leaders that impact a company’s bottom line and compliance gaps. Those are added value components that senior management will understand and support.

This is the last of a 3-part series of articles on Planning & Conducting EHS Audits

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1 Occupational Safety & Health Administration
Kids’ "Safety-on-the-Job" 2008 Poster Contest

Beat the last minute rush and get your ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest entry in now. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is urging its members’ children to pick up their crayons and enter its 6th annual kids’ "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest for ASSE members’ children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The contest opened September 19 and runs through Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2008. It is open to children 5 – 14 with top prizes to be awarded to those in each of the five age groups that best illustrate being safe on the job in their poster.

ASSE members and chapters can also sponsor schools, community organizations or children from their workplace in the contest. The contest is aimed at educating children on the importance of safety and health at work and better acquainting them with the job their parents and ASSE members do as occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners.

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. 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 entrants receive a prize and are invited, along with their families and all ASSE members, to attend the ASSE poster contest awards ceremony and North American Occupational Safety and Health Week events in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 5.

Click here to visit the NAOSH Poster Contest site for contest rules, news release and entry form or contact ASSE’s PR Manager Diane Hurns at dhurns@asse.org. All first place posters will be featured in the annual NAOSH poster distributed worldwide for the May 4 - 10, 2008 NAOSH Week.

Twin Lights of Navesink

Twin Lights is located 200 feet above sea level in Highlands, New Jersey, overlooking the Shrewsbury River, Sandy Hook, Raritan Bay, New York City skyline and the Atlantic Ocean. The Highlands of Navesink were a natural location for the erection of an aid to navigation. The Highlands had been used for signaling purposes as early as 1746, but it wasn’t until 1828, that the Federal Government constructed the first aid to navigation upon the Highlands. The first “twin lights” were two identical unconnected towers constructed of rubble. The towers became the first lighthouses in the United States to be equipped with Fresnel lens. The Fresnel lens was invented by a Frenchman, Augustin Fresnel, and consisted of a beehive arrangement of glass prisms designed to concentrate ambient light. The system of prisms produced a light vastly superior to anything in this country at the time.

By 1862 however, the lighthouses were in such a state of disrepair that the Government decided to build the structure which still stands today. The two light towers were connected by storage galleries and keepers quarters. The station became a showcase for the Lighthouse Establishment, where new navigational technology was tested before being employed in widespread use at other stations. Twin Lights became the initial first-order light to be fueled by first electrically powered huge bi-valve lens was illuminated by an electric arc lamp. At that time, the most powerful lighthouse in the country, producing a light of 25,000,000 candlepower that could be seen 22 miles at sea, though there were reports of it having been seen as far away as 70 miles when the light was reflected off a low lying cloud bank. The light-station was used until it was decommissioned by the Coast Guard in 1949. Highly sophisticated aids to navigation, including the Ambrose Light-tower, made Twin Lights unnecessary. The huge bivalve lens was acquired by the Boston Museum of Science and Technology from the Coast Guard in 1951, and placed on exhibit there.

In 1960, the facility became a New Jersey State Historic site. In 1979, through the efforts of the Twin Lights Historical Society, Rumson Garden Club, and NJ Division of Parks and Forestry, the Fresnel lens was returned home to Twin Lights. Today, the museum features well-interpreted exhibits of lighthouse, Life-Saving Service and other memorabilia.
The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (NJASSE) today officially kicked off a toy drive aimed at the local ASSE membership. Proceeds will be donated to the National Marine Toys for Tots Foundation benefiting needy children in the Central New Jersey area communities this holiday season.

Unfortunately during the holiday season, underprivileged children feel left out and wonder if they will experience the joy of Christmas. “Participating in the toy drive is the ideal way for local ASSE members and families to give back to the community,” says Past President Bob Sagendorf. “Our organization has been an integral part of this community’s service and growth for many years, therefore, it comes as no surprise that we have decided to assist Toys for Tots in its annual campaign to raise awareness and donate toys for a worthy cause.” “Participating in the toy drive gives the NJASSE the opportunity to make a difference and bring happiness to many disadvantaged children this Christmas.”

The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation since its inception in 1947 has been to “bring the joy of Christmas to America’s needy children.” Our inaugural 2006 Toys for Tots campaign surpassed our goals. Toys were donated to 47 local families. “The important thing is that we are local people helping local families” said Bob Sagendorf.

About Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps’ premier community action program, one of the nation’s flagship charitable endeavors, an American tradition and a national treasure. For 50 years, Marines have been the unchallenged leaders in looking after needy children at Christmas. The Toys for Tots message of hope for the future has motivated youngsters to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. Toys for Tots has earned the distinction of a program which plays an important role in helping youngsters emerge from a background of poverty to adulthood as assets to society. Toys for Tots not only benefits children, but also has a positive impact on communities, on businesses - large and small, on the Marine Corps and on the nation. Toys for Tots is one vehicle for addressing the issue of poverty among children. For more information on Toys for Tots, please contact www.toysfortots.org.

About American Society of Safety Engineers-New Jersey Chapter

Based in Cranford, NJ, the ASSE New Jersey Chapter is the third largest ASSE chapter with over 550 members and is committed to enhancing and promoting the status of the safety profession and to fostering the knowledge and skills of safety, health and environmental professionals to protect the workforce, society and the environment. For additional information, please contact www.njasse.org or to make a donation, please contact Bob Sagendorf @ past-president@njasse.org

Don Pepe’s Restaurant in Newark, NJ was the site of the November 8th joint meeting of the NJASSE & Metro ASSE chapters. At the meeting, Dr. Jack Caravanos gave an outstanding presentation, “The Delicate Balance - Protecting the Environment versus Protecting the Worker”. The presentation addressed the issue of how complying with the sometimes stringent environmental codes in abatement/remediation activities, meant to protect the environment and general public, often creates conditions of greater risk for workers.

November Meeting Highlights

Kristin Kelley, NJASSE President-Elect; Dr. Jack Caravanos, Asst. Professor at Hunter College and Stephanie Altis, Metro ASSE President at Don Pepes in Newark, NJ

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This is part of my continuing series of useful links from the Internet. In this edition, we look at eye safety. They say that the eyes are the windows to the soul. Whether they are or not, it is “clear” that they are soft organs and require a lot of protection.

Let’s start out by going to one of my favorite websites - NIOSH. NIOSH has information on just about every topic you need in an industrial setting and eye safety is included. “Each day about 2,000 U.S. workers have a job-related eye injury that requires medical treatment. About one third of the injuries are treated in hospital emergency departments and more than 100 of these injuries result in one or more days of lost work,” so begins the information on NIOSH’s website. From this site you have links to various eye statistics, some Health Hazard Evaluations of some recent reports related to eye safety. http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/eye/

When the subject of eye safety in an industrial setting comes up, contact lens use is the question. To read about some of the requirements, I find that Lab Safety Supply’s EZ Facts always provide helpful information. Fact Sheet 125, What to Look for When Choosing Protective Eyewear, is one such bulletin. You can read it online at: http://www.labsafety.com/refinfo/ezfacts/ezf125.htm

The Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology has information on their website about eye safety around the home, for home activities, for sports and hobbies. For example, many of us use steel-toed shoes when we’re mowing the lawn. How many also use safety glasses? Get more information at: http://www.eyecareamerica.org/eyecare/treatment/eye-safety.cfm

Prevent Blindness America is the nation’s leading volunteer eye health and safety organization with the sole mission of preventing blindness and preserving sight. Their website is full of easy to navigate links that provide information on eye safety, eye problems, and children’s eye problems. There is an eye test that you can print and test your eyes at home. I’ve been a member of the New Jersey/Tri-State chapter for almost 20 years.

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Senior Loss Prevention Consultant / Technical Consultant

Liberty Mutual—New York, NY

Liberty Mutual’s National Market Loss Prevention Department is seeking a Construction Safety Specialist that would be dedicated to a single customer in NYC (all 5 boroughs), which is for a recently acquired 3 year OCIP in NYC. Under limited supervision, this person will provide loss prevention consulting services to a specific, single customer. Primary duties will be to conduct job site evaluation and analysis in order to make recommendations to control customer’s source of risk, loss and/or costs; to conduct supervisor safety training and to be involved in job safety pre-planning.

Required: strong communication and listening skills in order to develop and maintain relationships with customers; proven ability in advance level research, evaluation and analysis functions; proven ability to deal with all levels of an organization.

Candidate must possess a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent with coursework in mathematics, engineering, Safety & Health or a related area, plus 5-10 years of directly related consulting experience. Advanced degree may be substituted for 2 years of experience. Masters degree, designation(s) or certification(s) preferred.

Salary range: ($75,000 - $85,000) commensurate with years of experience, degrees, certifications, designations, etc. Bonus plan eligible.

Resume submission: Resumes may be submitted through Liberty Mutual’s job posting site at www.libertymutual.com using Requisition # 336156R or by contacting the hiring manager: Eric Rudolph at 800-900-4875, choose option 1 - then x2261 Eric.rudolph@libertymutual.com

Loss Prevention Consultant II / Senior Loss Prevention Consultant

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Safety Coordinator

DMJM Harris/AECOM — Iselin, NJ

We are seeking a Safety Coordinator with a minimum of 5 years project safety experience preferably in Construction Management roles. Appropriate training certificates including OSHA 40 Hour Construction Safety training and related college degree with membership in a professional safety association are preferred. Strong computer proficiency in MS Office including Excel and PowerPoint is required.

The ideal candidate should be versed in construction health and safety regulations and their application to projects in the transportation infrastructure industry. Reporting to the Director of Health and Safety in support of the corporate program, job duties will include procedure and project plan development, field evaluations, investigations, training, research, analytical statistics preparation, tracking claims and promotion of awareness initiatives.

Please submit your resume by applying online at http://www.dmjmharris.com/Careers/brassring.jsp.

For more information contact Jim Cauette at 212-973-2599 or James.Cauette@dmjmharris.com

Project Manager/Sr. Consultant

Aon Global Risk Consulting

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To apply please contact Tracy Kanterman, Aon Recruiter at tracy.kanterman@aon.com or Michael Murray, Director at 212-479-4138 or Michael.murray@ars.aon.com

Corporate EH&S Specialist

Benjamin Moore — Flanders, NJ

Responsible for monitoring and interpreting laws and regulations with respect to environmental protection, DOT hazardous materials and other related areas. Will assist all Company departments with overall compliance, adherence to the company’s safety and environmental policies and implementation of NPCA Coatings Care program. Will jointly work with manufacturing, distribution retail, administrative and product development groups to develop and implement EH&S programs. Specifically, this position will be responsible for applicable environmental programs as well as transportation compliance related to hazardous materials. This position will play a key part in advancing the culture around sound environmental and transportation programs, creating efficient processes, management systems and training programs to ensure compliance with applicable regulations. This position will actively participate in the enhancement and development of the Corporate E, H & S team.

Manager, Corporate Environmental Affairs & DOT

Benjamin Moore — Flanders, NJ

Responsible for leading and managing all efforts regarding Environmental Affairs and DOT-hazardous materials for all departments and areas of the Company (Manufacturing, Distribution, Administrative, R&D and Company owned retail operations) in North America. Translates and integrates Company and departmental customer service strategies into tactical plans and guidelines. Responsible for compliance and implementation plans supporting the Environmental Policy and strategy. Specifically, this position will be responsible for monitoring and interpreting laws and regulations with respect to the Environmental Protection Agency including, reporting, SPCC, waste management/minimization, storm water management, DOT-Hazmat, air permitting and VOC compliance and related areas. The candidate will be responsible for overseeing the development of all Corporate Environmental Affairs programs and Specialties; creation of guidance documents / training programs; reducing emissions / waste, pollution prevention, conducting site audits and leading multiple sites in the EPA and DOT compliance.
Web Walking With Weissman

http://www.preventblindness.org/

Getting children into the habit of using eye safety will reap big rewards for them as they grow up. The Connecticut Chapter, along with Prevent Blindness America developed an interactive website for children's eye safety. You can find it at: http://www.optimahyper.com/eyetests/kidsquiz/KIDSafe.htm

Let me finish this installment by reminding you that you can also find some helpful information on the websites of the various safety wear providers.

If you have an idea you'd like me to explore in Web Walking, just send an email to bweissman@hillmanngroup.com

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Photo of the Month

Ladder Lunacy

No, this isn’t ladder mating season. “I found this ladder being used by the painting subcontractors on my property,” our correspondent writes. “It appears to be standard issue for this subcontractor, because they have two of them.” Very creative. Creative of hazards, that is. You’d think those tall step ladders would be wobbly enough in their native condition.