ASSE Announces New Standard Project to Protect Workers in Wind Generation Construction Operations

Des Plaines, IL (February 25, 2009) — Due to the growing national emphasis on ‘green’ energy development and the potential risks involved in green energy related construction operations, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently announced a new A10 Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) standard project to protect the safety and health of workers involved in construction and demolition operations for wind generation/turbine facilities, the “American National Standard for the Safe Construction and Demolition of Wind Generation/Turbine Facilities” (A10.21-20xx).

“The committee decided to develop this standard because of the national emphasis on green energy, recognizing that thousands of these ‘green’ structures are going to be built and as such present challenging safety and health issues,” A10 Committee Chair Richard King said. “The purpose of the new standard is to sort out the safety and health issues and provide practical solutions to constructors.”

During the January 2009 A10 ASC meeting, the committee approved the A10.21 subgroup to develop the standard. Ryan J. Jacobson, P.E., manager of wind energy services for Black & Veatch, will serve as the subgroup chair and Walter A. Jones, M.S., associate director, occupational safety and health for Laborers’ Health & Safety Fund of North America, will serve as the A10.21 liaison.

Safety and health issues of concern during construction and demolition of wind generation/turbine facilities that the A10.21 subgroup will address in the development of the standard include working at heights, mechanical assembly of large components, medium voltage electrical safety, and working in exposed environments. The subgroup will cite and recognize other existing voluntary national consensus standards in the development process.

In addition, major construction tasks in a wind project that will be considered include: wind turbine assembly and erection; civil construction (roads and pad clearing); structural construction (foundations); placement of electrical collection system (buried medium voltage lines); and substation and transmission line construction. Major activities that will also be discussed include: wind turbine generator component offloading; site staging; base tower section placement, which could include anchor bolt tensioning, leveling and grouting; tower assembly; nacelle placement; rotor assembly (typically on the ground); rotor placement; and mechanical completion and commissioning.

ASSE serves as the secretariat for the A10 Accredited Standards Committee on construction and demolition operations. The A10 standards serve as guides to contractors, labor and equipment manufacturers in the construction and demolition industry.
Are you aware that the NJ Chapter has 2 scholarships that are given away each year?

Below is a quick description of the scholarships. You can find the application and more details on our website: www.njasse.org under the Education tab.

Scholarships

NJ ASSE Scholarship Program

Do you have a son or daughter who is currently a college student? How about a niece, nephew or grandchild who is in college? If you fall into any of these categories, and are a member of the NJ ASSE Chapter in good standing, you are eligible to submit the name of that student to the Scholarship Committee for either the Ted Brickley/Bernice Shickora Scholarship or the Joyce Cunningham Scholarship. Below is a brief description of the general requirements for the two scholarships and some specific requirements for each. The amount of the scholarships vary based on the number of applicants and the available scholarship pool. In past years recipients were awarded $1000 each.

General Requirements

Students must be enrolled in an accredited college or university as either a full-time or a part-time undergraduate or graduate student. Applicants must be a resident of New Jersey, but they can be enrolled in an out-of-state school. They can be a son/daughter, nephew/niece, or grandchild of a NJ ASSE Chapter member.

All applicants must complete the application for the award that they are eligible for and submit an official transcript, reference letter from a high school teacher, a professor from the University they are attending or a supervisor at a current job. All applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a scale of 4.0. Other criteria used to evaluate all applicants include demonstrated leadership skills in extracurricular activities, involvement in professional organizations, communications skills, and other awards & honors earned at educational institutions.

The Board of Certified Safety Professionals has recently recognized Barry R. Weissman for being the Winner of Safety Exchange Contributor of the Year

Criteria: The heartbeat of SafetyXChange is made up of the articles and insights contributed by its members. This year, we created a special Saxcie™ award to recognize these contributions. The SafetyXChange Contributor of the Year award will go to an outstanding member who has distinguished him/herself through service to the SXC community, sharing timely and meaningful articles, actively participating in the forum or some other form of sharing that has contributed to the success of our community as a whole. And SafetyXChange Members got to select the winner.

The Winner: Barry R. Weissman REM, CSP, CHMM, CHS-IV, CIPS

Profile: Barry is Vice President with the Hillmann Group, in Union, NJ and is Director of the Hillmann Institute of Training. He’s a member of ASSE, ACHMM, AIHA and NFPA and is also an active member of the SafetyXChange Advisory Board. Since he joined the Advisory Board in 2005, Barry has:

- Written 21 articles for the SafetyXChange newsletters;
- Fielded questions in the SafetyXChange “Ask the Expert” feature last year;
- Presented Audio Conferences and Webinars for SafetyXChange; and
- Sat as a Saxcies™ Judge for all three years, voluntarily reviewing numerous (and occasionally lengthy) submissions and casting his votes. (Note: Saxcies™ Judges do not cast a vote in the Contributor of the Year category.)

Barry’s a wealth of information and the SafetyXChange staff and the SafetyXChange community are grateful to him for sharing so generously. Thank you!
One of our main focuses of the Chapter is to increase monthly meeting attendance. To achieve this, we are offering incentives for those members who attend the monthly meetings. Here are a few of the incentives that are being utilized for this year:

- Attend all scheduled meetings - 1 free PDC voucher for the next year
- Come to 4 meetings - receive a $20 gas card
- Bring your boss/supervisor - The boss gets in free
- Sponsor a monthly meeting w/tour - Free PDC voucher
- Member meeting speaker - Free meeting in addition to speaker gig
- Bring 2 or more colleagues (same company) - 1 free meeting (for you)
- Four or more from the same company - All 1/2 price
- Write an article and have it published in the monthly newsletter (min. 300-500 words) - 1 free meeting
- Provide meeting speaker - 1 free meeting
- All new members - 1 free meeting

Another goal is to obtain the ASSE Society Recognition Award (STAR Chapter Achievement).

President's Message

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this May 3-9.
Frank Gesualdo (President Elect), Julie Park (ASSE Member) and I spoke to kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades in the Branchburg and Mount Olive school districts. We discussed safety and promoted the poster contest. Thanks to everyone who encouraged the submission of entries!

On January 22, 2009, we had joint meeting with the Health Physics Society at Rutgers in New Brunswick, NJ. Thanks to Tom Block, CIH for presenting on “ANSI Laser Standards: Current Status, Future Directions”. It was a great presentation and a successful joint meeting.

On February 26, 2009, David Korman, EHS Director Skanska USA, presented on the Project Safety - The New Meadowlands Stadium. This meeting also included a tour of the stadium. We had a fantastic turnout - 50+ members attended and enjoyed it tremendously. Thanks to Brian Connell for assisting in setting up the meeting.

We are looking forward to our March meeting, which is a joint meeting with the NJ AIHA. This meeting will be at Snuffy’s Panthagis in Scotch Plains, NJ on Thursday, March 19th. The ‘before dinner’ topic Return to Work Programs & the Safety Professional. The ‘after dinner’ presentation would be Industrial Ergonomic Applications. Also, please ‘save the date’ Sunday, April 26th for the Special Olympics NJ - 23rd Annual Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5 K walk/run.

Please see all of our up to date information on www.njasse.org.
We hope to see you at Snuffy’s on March 19th with NJ AIHA.
Please register on www.njasse.org prior to the meeting.
I look forward to seeing you at a meeting and welcome your comments and ideas president@njasse.org.

Sincerely,

Kristin (Kelley) Herman, ASP, CHMM
President, NJ Chapter ASSE
Former ASSE president Charles R. Dancer, P.E., CSP, passed away on Jan. 4, following an extended illness. Dancer, an emeritus professional member of ASSE's Savannah Chapter, joined ASSE in 1969. During his career and into retirement, he was an active member of the New Jersey and Savannah chapters. He served the New Jersey Chapter as vice president, president-elect and president. At the Society level, Dancer served as region vice president (1978-80), vice president, finance (1981-82) and ASSE president (1987-88).

Following his term as ASSE president, Dancer served 6 years as a director on the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. While there, Dancer "played a key role in developing the continuance of certification program, which still exists today," explains William Nebraska, P.E., CSP, ASSE's 1986-87 president. "He encouraged many safety practitioners in his company to become CSPs, noting the incentives that come with the designation, such as higher salary positions, bonuses and promotions."

Dancer was also known to encourage employees to join ASSE and become active. One example is Jerry Ray, who served as ASSE’s 1997-98 president. Ray remembers the significant impact Dancer had on the workplace. "When he became a safety director, his company was experiencing high injury rates, including fatalities," Ray says. "He reorganized the safety and health department and reduced the injury rate 30% the first year. The company never experienced another fatality while he was the director." Dancer was also a respected mentor. "He would provide guidance without being obvious and overbearing. He was regarded as a teacher," Ray explains.

During his career in safety, Dancer served in the U.S. Army Reserve artillery division for 29 years, retiring as a highly decorated colonel. He began his safety career with the Glidden Co. and also held safety positions with Tenneco Chemical and M&T Chemical. From 1973 to 1998, he worked for Allied Corp. (now Honeywell) in Morristown, NJ, where he rose to the position of senior vice president.

Dancer was named the ASSE's Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year in 1981, and he was honored as an ASSE Fellow in 1987. "He stood out because of his unquestioned dedication to the profession and ASSE," says Nebraska. "More than 25 years of active service at the chapter and Society level reveals the person of commitment and dedication."

Many companies and organizations with ASSE members such as Clorox, Disney, the Shockey Companies, the Oregon Department of Corrections, RH Construction and several ASSE chapters sponsored poster contest entrants. This year’s theme for NAOSH Week is "Safety Means Always Coming Home". A theme that reverberated throughout the thousands of posters received from children over the past six years of the contest. NAOSH Week is a tool ASSE members, along with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) and more than 60 corporations and trade association partners (http://www.asse.org/naosh09 for the full list) use to help raise awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health.

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Welcome New Members!

- Marshall Walker
- Charles Peruffo
- Helene Prichonnet

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

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**NJ Chapter Newsletter**

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**Chapter Stars Recognition Program**

Chapter Stars Points 1477

Only 523 to go
For the second consecutive year, members of the New Jersey Chapter have used ASSE’s Safety Suitcase to educate students about workplace safety. This year, Chapter President Kristin Herman used the suitcase to promote ASSE’s Safety-on-the-Job kids’ poster contest. “We were really promoting the poster contest and used the Safety Suitcase as a guide when going to talk to the kids,” Herman says. She visited six classes at Mountain View School in Mt. Olive, NJ. Chapter President-Elect Frank Gesualdo and member Julie Park also visited Old York School and Whitten School in Branchburg, NJ. They used PPE items donated by Roche Molecular Systems in Branchburg, NJ, to demonstrate workplace safety to the students. Together, the members submitted more than 85 posters they collected from the students.

For more information about ASSE’s Safety Suitcase, visit the ASSE newsroom or contact Joanna Climer at (847) 768-3404.

SAGE O’NEILL and TYLAN PORTERFIELD from New Jersey Win in ASSE’s Global Safety Art Contest

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health in everyone’s lives. All poster contest entrants receive a prize and are invited, along with their families and all ASSE members, to attend the ASSE poster contest afternoon awards ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 4. This is preceded by the NAOSH kick-off and poster recognition event at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to be hosted by OSHA and to feature a panel discussion with safety and health experts on cutting edge best practices. OSHA will also host a NAOSH program on occupational safety and health the afternoon of May 4 at the DOL in D.C. A special recognition brunch will be held and sponsored by ASSE members from Region III (Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma) for the poster contest winners, all entrants and their families Sunday, May 3 at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. For more information on the events and how you can participate in NAOSH Week please go to www.asse.org/naosh09. To order a free NAOSH 09 poster please contact customerservice@asse.org or call 847-699-2929.

Amongst the winners was SAGE O’NEILL, 8, Neshanic Station, NJ taking second place in the 7 - 8 age group and TYLAN PORTERFIELD, 6, Branchburg, NJ taking third place in the 5 - 6 age group.
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs...

Quality and EHS Manager
Location: Long Branch, NJ – Reports to: Operations Director – Organization Unit: Cooper Notification
Summary of Position
This position is accountable for the implementation and administration of the environmental, health, and safety (EHS) activities for Cooper Notification. The aim is the creation of an environment where all employees’ behaviors exhibit an understanding and commitment to an injury free workspace that is also fully compliant with all applicable EHS regulations. The position will administer Cooper’s formal Occupational Safety and Health Management Evaluation (OSHA/NE program, and deploy the program through its various functions with cross-functional program owners to reach best-in-class EHS performance.

The position is also accountable for the implementation and administration of the ISO 9000 registered quality management system. The aim is to continually reduce the cost of poor quality experienced by the organization and to exceed our customer’s quality expectations.

For a complete description of this and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org.

Safety Engineer
T. Moriarty & Son, a sixty-year old general contractor located in Brooklyn, NY is seeking a construction safety engineer for a permanent position with this firm. This person must of five years of construction related experience; completed the 30-Hour OSHA Construction Outreach Training; be a New York City Site Safety Manager; a strong working of federal, state, and local regulations, implement safety compliance programs; proficient in MS Word and Excel and be a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). If interested contact Henry Gong @ T. Moriarty & Son, Inc. @ 718-858-4800.

Safety Compliance Professional
Safety compliance professional needed for the greater Manhattan area. This individual will be responsible for managing the Safety Section including implementing the Firm’s safety policies and procedures and developing safety policies and procedures and guidance document for staff to ensure safety compliance on all construction projects. The selected candidate will utilize a working knowledge of safety standards to assess compliance with regulations and permit safety plans, site safety personnel submissions and to perform inspections of the facilities where the firm has active construction activities to identify areas of non-compliance and to advise construction resident engineering and contract supervisors in correcting non-compliance issues and in monitoring EHS requirements.
Those applying should hold at least a 4 year degree and have knowledge and experience with OSHA as well as PESH and must have experience with construction safety standards. Please Contact Brian Martin at 570 696 5572 or martins@huntsvillesearch.com Huntsville Executive Search

Health and Safety Specialist
Location: Fort Lee area – Salary: to $70,000
General Responsibilities:
● Develop and implement H&S policies and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Communicate H&S goals, methods and practices to the all employee populations.
● Provide H&S expertise support to all staff
● Provide technical H&S assistance to operations managers and project engineers.
● Remain current on H&S regulations, evaluate and communicate the effect of new or changing laws and regulations on current operations and suggesting modifications when necessary.
● Conduct compliance assessments and audits of facilities and operations and communicate results to operational managers.

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EHS Specialist
Location: Wayne, NJ – Our client, a global pharmaceutical manufacturer is seeking an EHS Specialist.
Responsibilities:
● Facility EHS expert
● Ensure compliance with NJDEP and OSHA Regulations
● Maintain all compliance records such as air and water permits, inspections, accident investigations, OSHA logs, etc.
● Develop and implement H&S programs and ensure training and implementation
● Maintain knowledge of all changing legislation/regulations that affect EHS
● Assist management in all accident investigations, root cause analysis and make recommendations for corrective actions

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Environmental, Health and Safety Manager
Location: New Jersey
Position Summary
● This is the top position which encompasses safety, health and environmental for the site.
● Responsible for formulating and implementing safety, environmental control and health policies and practices to prevent safety accidents, illness, damage to company property, accidental spills and releases and community exposure.
● Prepares and maintains necessary records and reports required by the company, associations, and governmental bodies, insures compliance with federal, state, and governmental ordinances.

Responsibilities
Oversees the management of all safety and loss prevention activities (safety, fire, security, medical and respiratory including all emergency fire rescue activities, loss prevention programs and For a complete description of this and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org.

Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
LOCATION: Clifton, NJ – SALARY: 60-70K + bonus
DESCRIPTIONS:
Environmental Health and Safety Specialist needed for a global manufacturing company. Will focus on Health & Safety for Clifton facility and field offices.

REQUIREMENTS:
● BA/BS in Safety, Engineering, Environmental Science or related field; 5+ years experience with EHS.
● MUST be out of a large facility (1,000 employees +) and have knowledge of government safety and environmental protection regulations.
● MUST have experience with: OSHA, NOISE CONTROL, VISIBILITY, EPA/NJDEP regulations, audit procedures, electrical, ergonomics, ‘Lock out/ Tag out’ injury investigation, and insurance administration.

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The above listings may have been condensed at the newsletter editors discretion – for a complete description and listing of these and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org. This is a free service offered to NJASSE chapter members, their employers and supporters of NJASSE. We charge "recruiters" to post position announcements with possible exception to postings within the chapter’s geographical area.
We don’t know the story behind this particular piece of idiocy, but perhaps a stuck gas cap figures into the story. If so, that’s not much of an excuse.

Our contributor snapped this photo when he noticed that the truck appeared to be filling up extra quickly. Our minds are boggled. Maybe that really isn’t a gas tank, and maybe that is a fake pump handle stuck in there as a joke.