C. Christopher Patton, CSP, president of the American Society of Safety Engineers, said the society is saddened by the sudden loss of Chris Walters, an ASSE member since 1981, who died Sunday in the explosion at the under-construction Kleen Power Plant in Middletown, a suburb of Hartford, Conn.

Patton said Walters, who worked as a safety professional for more than 20 years, was not only dedicated to protecting people, property, and the environment, but to his wife, Fran, and their three children. Four other workers were killed in the mid-morning blast, and at least a dozen others were injured.

“Chris was a very active member of ASSE, a fellow St. Louis Chapter member, and respected safety professional,” Patton said. “He was a great volunteer in the chapter, well liked by everyone, and will be sorely missed.”

Walters, a resident of Florissant, Mo., had served as a volunteer in the ASSE St. Louis Chapter for several years, and, to continue his commitment to the profession, he transferred his ASSE membership to the local Nutmeg chapter when he took the job in Connecticut, where he continued to be very active.

“As occupational safety and health professionals, we work every day to make sure that workers, our co-workers, leave work injury and illness free,” Patton said. “That’s what Chris has been doing for more than 20 years. It goes far beyond compliance, as safety professionals must inspire commitment from their leadership and integrate safety into business’ strategic and sustainability plans.”

Walters had master degrees in Safety Management and Occupational Safety and Health. In the summer of 2006, he was featured on the cover of Central Missouri State University’s alumni magazine for his work in the construction of the then-new Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis. According to the story, “Hunt Construction credits CMSU graduates Chris Walters, safety manager, and his assistant Joe Enright, for helping establish one of the best safety programs in the industry. The company’s lost-time injury rate building Busch Stadium was 82 percent below the national average. Their dedication to safety helped the $344 million-plus project stay on schedule and on budget with barely any loss due to incidents.” Walters estimated that it took about 2.5 million hours of labor to build the stadium, which was under construction from October 2005 until April 10, 2006.
The members of the New Jersey Industry Communication Alliance (NJICA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) established a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful workplaces. The Alliance provides leadership, guidance, and a positive example to employers and helps to foster a culture of worker health and safety and accident prevention. OSHA and NJICA work together to develop training and education programs designed to improve and promote worker safety and health and to facilitate communication between OSHA and employers. Information materials redeveloped to enhance industry recognition and prevention of workplace hazards. NJICA members, OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals share information regarding best safety and health practices and effective approaches of NJICA members. The results are publicized through outreach programs, NJICA-developed materials, training programs, workshops, seminars and lectures. Visit [www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/](http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/) for more information on OSHA’s Alliance Program.

**NJICA Members:**
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration - Region II, Avenel, Hasbrouck Heights, Marlton & Parsippany Area Offices
- Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers, New Jersey Chapter
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, North Jersey Section
- American Society of Safety Engineers, New Jersey Chapter
- American Society of Safety Engineers, Penn Jersey Chapter
- BuildSafe New Jersey
- Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey
- Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association
- Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce
- New Jersey Business and Industry Association
- New Jersey Petroleum Council
- New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce
- New Jersey State Safety Council
- Somerset County Business Partnership
- Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Utility Transportation Contractors Association

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**Featured Product Safety Recall**

Starbucks Recalls Glass Water Bottles Due to Laceration Hazard

**Name of Product:** Glass Water Bottle

**Hazard:** The glass water bottle and/or its stopper can shatter when the consumer is removing or inserting the stopper, posing a laceration hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 10 reports of either glass stoppers or water bottles shattering, including eight reports of hand lacerations.

**Description:** This recall involves clear glass water bottles with SKU number 11003503. The 20-ounce water bottles have the words “Glass Water Bottle” printed on a blue label affixed to the bottle.

**Sold at:** Starbucks company-operated stores and at Starbucks locations in Safeway and Target stores nationwide during January 2010 for about $9.

**Manufactured in:** Taiwan

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the glass water bottles and return the product to the Starbucks location where purchased to receive a full refund. Starbucks is also offering a complimentary beverage, of any size, to consumers upon return of the glass water bottles.

**Customer Contact:** For additional information, contact Starbucks at (877) 492-6333 between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm’s Web site at [www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com). Note: Health Canada’s press release is available at [www.hc-sc.gc.ca](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca).

CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting [https://www.cpsc.gov/cqbin/incident.aspx](https://www.cpsc.gov/cqbin/incident.aspx).
This is part of my continuing series of useful links from the Internet. In this installment, we will look at medical uses for marijuana. I have to tell you that I have never smoked a cigarette, let alone marijuana but this was a subject requested by a reader, so I’m going to give you some links on this subject...so here goes.

A five bladed leaf from a three month old female cannabis sativa plant

New Jersey made news recently when it became the 14th location to pass a law allowing for the use of medical marijuana. ([http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/19/AR2010011904463_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/19/AR2010011904463_pf.html)) with Washington, DC close behind.

It was almost a year ago, February, 2009 that the representatives in the New Jersey legislature passed, the “New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act.” (AB04) but it wasn’t until his last day (January 18, 2010) that Governor Jon Corzine signed the bill into law. ([http://www.thealternativepress.com/article.asp?news=9391&Governor-Corzine-Signs-New-Jersey-Compassionate-Use-Medical-Marijuana-Act](http://www.thealternativepress.com/article.asp?news=9391&Governor-Corzine-Signs-New-Jersey-Compassionate-Use-Medical-Marijuana-Act)). You can read a copy of the law at [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/bills/s0500/88_i1.htm](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/bills/s0500/88_i1.htm) (11 pages).

Proponents of the use of marijuana say that it offers them relief of pain and suffering from diseases such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV and AIDS, other chronic illnesses that cause “wasting” syndrome, seizures and severe and persistent muscle spasms. The National Cancer Institute says that in 1985 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allowed the use of medical marijuana for the treatment of nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy for those patients who did not respond to standard drug treatment. ([http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Support/marijuana](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Support/marijuana))

There are many non-mainstream website that are proponents of the use of marijuana and they provide an extensive list of medical conditions where marijuana in some form or other can assist. The two main forms of treatment are smoking marijuana and compounds related to the active chemical constituent of marijuana taken by mouth. Look for example at [http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/index_se_cmu.htm](http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/index_se_cmu.htm) for such a list.

Marijuana is a plant that grows in the tropical and subtropical regions of the earth. Plants in the wild are wind-blow seed propagated. Several states allow uses of medical marijuana to grow their own plants while other states require users to buy the processed plant parts for their “roll-your-own” cigarettes.


I hope I’ve given you some references that will give you some direction if you need further information on medical marijuana.

Barry is a past president of the New Jersey Chapter of ASSE and is currently the Government Affairs Chair. In addition, he hosts RegulatoryPost, an email newsletter that help to keep you aware of happenings in Trenton, Washington and the various agencies. You can sign up for this free service by sending a blank email to: RegulatoryPost-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If you have ideas for the next Web Walking, send them to Barry at RegulatoryMavin@yahoo.com.
stepping stone to becoming Vice President, President-Elect, and then President. If you feel you are the type of person that can help an already established organization move to the next level then please consider getting involved. If you would like a listing of current committee members and officers please visit our website at http://www.njasse.org

All interested parties should reply to me no later than Friday, March 5th to president@njasse.org.

Finally, if you would like to become more involved with the chapter but are just not yet ready to commit to the responsibilities of an officer position, there are a couple of Chair positions available for qualified candidates. The Chapter maintains 21 Chair positions and we currently are seeking candidates for the Health Care and Public Affairs positions. If you are a motivated team player and would like to be considered for one of these positions, please contact me at president@njasse.org

Thank you and have a SAFE day!

Sincerely,

Frank Gesualdo, CSP
President, New Jersey Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers
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JOIN THE NJASSE FAMILY TODAY!

New Members!

Welcome New Members!

- Jean Kristensen
- Jon Senchisen
- Leslie Radanovich
- David Trindell
- Stephen Vogl
- Nick Yin

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

OSHA has recently posted four videos on YouTube that can be used to augment your respiratory training. The videos in English and Spanish include Respirator Safety - a general overview of respirator usage and a video on the difference between a respirator and a surgical mask.

Respirator Safety - English
http://www.youtube.com/ushyspealabor#p/u/4/Tzpz5fko-fg

Seguridad de Máscaras de Respiración
http://www.youtube.com/ushyspealabor#p/u/7/jgRKuRc7GeE

Difference between a respirator and a surgical mask - English
http://www.youtube.com/ushyspealabor#p/u/5/ovSLAuY8ib8

La Diferencia entre Las Mascaras de Respiración y las Mascaras Quirúrgicas
http://www.youtube.com/ushyspealabor#p/u/6/K53pbXueDJw
ASSE Mourns Member Lost in Kleen Energy Blast

“We are all deeply saddened by Chris’ death,” Patton said. “Because of people like Chris, millions of workers in the U.S. go to work and leave work injury and illness free every day. We salute Chris for all he has done the past 20 years as a dedicated safety and health professional and will honor his memory, especially in St. Louis where he touched so many lives.”

ASSE’s St. Louis Chapter has set up a fund to assist the Walters family. For those wishing to contribute, checks should be made payable to the V. Chris Walters Family Fund and sent care of Parkside Financial Bank & Trust to 8112 Maryland Ave. Suite 101, Clayton, Mo. 63105. For more information about the fund, contact Mark Steinbrecher at (314) 220-6345.

ASSE recently launched Group pages on LinkedIn.com for the Practice Specialties and Branches. An invitation went out, and the response was incredible; nearly 3,000 members have joined these Groups in the first week alone. Please take a moment to participate in the discussions, search jobs, contribute articles, find resources and network with other fellow EH&S professionals. Some other ASSE Common Interest Groups (CIGs) have already built their pages as well, such as WISE and more.

Click here to join the discussions today!
100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety
Nomination Ballot

ASSE will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2011. To commemorate this momentous occasion, WISE - Women in Safety Engineering, will honor 100 women who have, or are currently, making a difference through their work and dedication to protecting people, property and the environment.

Starting in October 2009, WISE will honor four women in its Newsletter, and will continue to do so for the next 24 months. Then in October 2011, WISE will consolidate the profiles of those 100 dedicated women into a single publication, 100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety, and will début it at the 2011 ASSE Leadership Conference.

We invite you to join us in selecting our 100 women to be honored. Please send us your nominees for 100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety. Your nominees do not need to be ASSE members, nor do they need to be of the current era. We will honor women throughout the ages, such as, Rebecca Luken who made a difference in safety in the 1800’s and Elaine Chao who, in this century, was the first Asian American woman appointed to a Presidential Cabinet as Secretary of Labor. Your nominee need not be a public figure, well known or famous; simply tell us why you believe this woman should be considered and her contact information. A WISE representative will contact your nominee to ensure they are in agreement with being nominated, and will sign a release allowing us to publish their information and image on our website, in our Newsletter, and in our publication, 100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety.

Complete the information below and email your nomination to: Kelly Bernish, at kelly.a.bernish@disney.com, Jennifer Zipeto at jzipeto@gmail.com, and/or Terrie Norris at tsnorris@earthlink.net

100 Women Nomination Ballot

Name of Nominee: ___________________ Her email: ___________________
Nominator’s email address: ___________________ Your email ___________________

Describe in 100 words or less how this woman is making a difference/why should she be included in our 100 Women collection:

Are you willing to write the article? □ Yes □ No □ Maybe
Would you like to work on the project? □ Yes □ No □ Maybe
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs...

Corporate EH&S Specialist
Position Summary: Responsible for monitoring and interpreting laws and regulations with respect to environmental protection and other related areas as they affect company operations in US and Canada and helping to implement programs to ensure compliance and meet company goals. Specific programs/regulations include air, air permitting, TRI/SARA/NPRI, remediation, greenhouse gases, water, waste, pollution prevention/waste reduction, sustainability, and management systems. Will assist all Company departments with overall compliance, adherence to the company’s safety and environmental policies and implementation of NPCCA Coatings Care program. Will jointly work with manufacturing, distribution retail, administrative and product development groups to develop and implement EH&S programs. This position will play a key part in advancing the culture around sound environmental programs, creating efficient processes, reducing waste/emissions, creating management systems and training programs, and auditing.

Major Duties and Essential Job Tasks: Develops and maintains the Company’s environmental programs for all facilities with the intention of ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and permits, policies and procedures. Supports all facilities with the implementation of these programs.

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

Loss Prevention Associate
New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company (NJM), a leading property-casualty insurer has an opening in our Loss Prevention Department for a Loss Prevention Associate in our West Trenton, NJ location.

Responsibilities include:
• Developing a working knowledge of the policies and procedures of NJM’s Loss Prevention Department.
• Securing OHST certification if necessary.
• Accompanying other Loss Prevention Representatives as they conduct site evaluations, training or provide other Loss Prevention Services.
• Conducting Loss Prevention renewal evaluations of policyholder sites and providing evaluations for use by the Underwriting Department in evaluating the policyholder as an insurable risk.
• Conducting accident investigations and reporting findings to the Loss Prevention Department.

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Senior Industrial Hygienist
Location: New Brunswick/Pliscataway
Qualifications: Qualified candidates must possess a Master’s Degree in Industrial Hygiene or related field, with a minimum of five (5) years of relevant professional work experience. Must be able to walk/stand for extended periods of time, wear Self Containing Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) up to Level A, and provide emergency response services, as needed (including rotating on-call hours services). Qualified candidates must also possess a thorough knowledge of modern principals of industrial hygiene, modern public health methods of prevention, and control of occupational related illnesses and injuries.

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Safety Tech
ISH, Inc, a provider of safety and medical services to commercial and industrial companies is looking for a safety tech to work in Bayonne, NJ. Candidates must have at least 3 years experience in general safety, 30 hour OSHA card desirable. Rate is about 1000, 1200 a week for a forty hour week. For more information contact: Ric Guerrero, Ops Mgr – 504 885-6391

Safety Engineer
Immediate openings for Safety Engineers with experience in construction and related EH&S regulatory experience. Competitive salary and benefits offered to qualified candidates. Send resumes and salary requirements to HRSubmittals@yahoo.com

Safety Security and Environmental Manager
Immediate openings with established consulting firm available for Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) and Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH) with construction and related EH&S regulatory experience. Send resumes and salary requirements to HRSubmittals@yahoo.com

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.
Hmm. Doesn’t see a need for eye protection, but does see a need for a chest protector. Not sure that thought process makes a lot of sense, but maybe this fellow has gotten hit by a kicked-back piece of wood at some time in the past. That being said, isn’t this a nifty piece of PPE? Recyclable, cheap, flexible, and easily adjusted. What more could you ask?