

## ASSE New Jersey Chapter



### Chapter Officers

Patrick Delaney, President

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### October Meeting

Joint Meeting with AHMP-NJ.

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Location:

Chubb Fire Lab  
15 Mountainview Road  
Warren, NJ

Topic: There will be a demonstration of fire suppression equipment and technical discussion.

### November Meeting

Date: November 13, 2014

Time: 4:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue: SBM Management Group  
1090 King Georges Post Road  
Edison, NJ 08837

Speaker:

Eric Stager, Region VIII Regional Vice-President.

Topic: "Environmental Alphabet Soup for the Safety Professional".

Have you ever wondered how to sort out the Alphabet soup that is the environmental regulations. This presentation will cover an overview of the regulations, how they may apply and handy information for the safety professional that now has environmental responsibilities. CAA, CWA, NEPDES, SARA, RCRA, TIER II, EPRCA, CERCLA as EHS professionals, many of us must comply with these regulations, do you?



### Chapter Visits Chemtura Corporation in Perth Amboy

In August the Chapter's meeting was hosted by Chemtura Corporation in Perth Amboy. Robert Costello, Safety Manager for the site provided a tour of the polyurethane polymers production facility and discussed the day to day challenges faced by the facility.

### Professional Development Conference

HOLD THAT DATE:

**When:** Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Where:**

Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety at Rutgers University, 27 Road 1, Piscataway Township, NJ 08854

Register online at [NJASSE.org](http://NJASSE.org)



## EU-OSHA launches 'OSHwiki' for sharing safety info

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, also known as EU-OSHA, has launched a website that enables visitors to share information – in various languages – about workplace safety.

EU-OSHA unveiled OSHwiki on Aug. 25 at the XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work 2014. Similar to the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, OSHwiki contains about 300 articles on subjects such as ergonomics, chemical and biological substances, prevention and control strategies, and groups at risk.

OSHwiki intends to offer authoritative information that can be easily posted, edited and translated, according to EU-OSHA.

Only accredited authors will be allowed to write and edit articles. Members of occupational safety and health-related professional and scientific organizations can apply to be accredited authors by emailing [info@oshwiki.eu](mailto:info@oshwiki.eu). Article contributors will include national organizations and research institutes.

Note:

0.4 Certification Maintenance Points being applied for.

**Time:** Networking Breakfast at 8:30 AM.  
Program 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Cost:** \$75

The nominal fee is to benefit the NJASSE Scholarship Program.

Do you have kids in college? Log onto the NJASSE website to see if your child qualifies, and submit an application.

### **Overall Theme: Construction Safety:**

everything contractors should do, as well as what site SHE professionals need to know.

### **Potential Agenda Topics being organized:**

- 1) Powerline Proximity
- 2) Excavation
- 3) Markouts
- 4) Cranes
- 5) Scaffolding
- 6) Demolition
- 7) Fall Protection
- 8) OSHA Construction Update

## **Welcome to NJASSE**

The Chapter Members & Officers would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new members who joined this past month:

Alex Gmunder

W. Rachelle Knight

We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting. Please note that your first meeting is free.



## Member Highlights

PEARL RIVER, N.Y. (June 16, 2014) – The Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association Region II chapter awarded its Special Government Employee of the Year award to Dr. Stuart Mirowitz, DrPH, MS, CIH, CSP. The award was presented at the Region II VPPPA Chapter Conference in Atlantic City, N.J. on June 2nd, 2014.

The Special Government Employee of the Year award given for exemplary service in assisting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration with its Voluntary Protection Programs VPP evaluations and providing outreach to other potential VPP sites. The award was presented at Region II's VPPPA' conference held in Atlantic City. The award was presented by Richard Brown, OSHA's Regional VPP manager. Stuart Mirowitz is currently the Safety Manager at the Pfizer Pearl River NY site. Mirowitz graduated from the Columbia University School of Public Health with a Doctor of Public Health degree. He is also a board-certified Industrial Hygienist and a board-certified Safety Professional.

The following article was submitted by Russell Del'Re, Safety & Risk Manager for Dress Barn.



EHS Today is proud to announce the 2014 class of America's Safest Companies. The

18 companies on the list represent a broad array of industries, from construction to retail to manufacturing to commercial diving and more. They don't focus on numbers, they focus on the importance of all workers returning home safely at the end of the shift and do whatever it takes to make that happen.

Dress Barn is the first retailer to make the list since the awards inception in 2002.

The Company philosophy toward safety has been totally transformed in the past year and a half. As with many companies, accidents were just part of

doing business. Our new philosophy is centered around our motto of "Inspiring Women to Look and Feel Beautiful". We recognize that our associates are our most important asset and we stand behind that. We recognize that even the smallest of accidents can be a less than inspiring experience.

In 2013, Dressbarn decided the safety of their associates needed a dedicated leader. Safety had been an ancillary task for Human Resources but was a lackluster effort. They decided to hire a Safety Manager (me) that would oversee the associate safety at the corporate headquarters as well as all 850 retail stores. As Safety Manager I promulgate safety daily through 6 regional personnel, 6 regional store managers and approximately 100 district leaders. I've also created and starred in several safety videos. Dressbarn also hired a Wellness

Specialist and launched environmental efforts at the same time creating a holistic approach.

For some people, the retail environment isn't exactly the most dangerous environment compared to a construction site but it poses the same risks. The demand to work harder and faster pushes people to take short cuts which leads to injury. Our women associate ages range from late teens to early 70's



[www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/mentor.php](http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/mentor.php)



### REGISTRATION OPEN IN OCTOBER FOR:

- Mentees
- Mentors

#### Who Needs a Mentor?

Anyone interested in advancing their career. WISE focuses on women and is interested in matching new Safety Professionals with experienced Safety Professionals. So, if you can answer yes to any of the questions below, we want to help you.

- ⌘ Are you looking to expand your knowledge and experience?
- ⌘ Are you changing careers?
- ⌘ Are you working toward any professional certification?

and day to day activities are varied. This creates a higher risk, so we try to tailor jobs for associates instead of tailoring associates for a job.

In the past year we've dropped our rate of recordable accidents by 20%. From 4.8 to 3.8 using the OSHA formula for Full Time Employees.

⌘ Are you returning to the workforce?

#### What Is W.I.S.E.?

WISE stands for **W**omen **I**n **S**afety **E**ngineering. We are a group of women interested in the advancement of women in the Safety Engineering, Safety Management, Industrial Hygiene, and other safety related positions. We have entered and found a way to prosper in a traditionally male dominated career path. We know what you may face and we can help you acquire skills to advance your career.

#### How Does the Process Work for mentees?

There are several steps in the process:

1. First you need to obtain an application at:  
[http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/mentor\\_request.php](http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/mentor_request.php)
2. Second, give some thought to your goals. What do you want out of this relationship?
3. Talk to other people in your profession. Get some ideas from them.
4. Complete the application giving as many specifics as you can. This will help us match you with the best mentor.
5. Submit your application.

6. WISE professionals will examine your application and match you with an appropriate mentor.
7. You will be notified of your mentor's name and contact information and provided with a mentoring notebook.
8. The rest is up to you! WISE follows up progress during this one year program.

### How to Become a WISE Mentor

Send your resume to:

[Louisevallee7@gmail.com](mailto:Louisevallee7@gmail.com)

### WISE Mentoring Committee CHAIR

Louise Vallee, CIH, CSP, CPE

[Louisevallee7@gmail.com](mailto:Louisevallee7@gmail.com)

908-763-5573

### Become a Member of WISE

Any ASSE member is welcome to join WISE.

Visit [www.ASSE.org](http://www.ASSE.org).

## Regulatory Update

*This update provides a quick overview of new or in progress regulatory issues and helpful resources. Entries are grouped by Topic Category and include links where pertinent. Thanks to Aaron Trippler of AIHA for his "Happenings on the Hill". Other information was obtained from OSHA, NIOSH, EPA, CSHS, and C2ES web sites.*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH!

- September is Emergency Preparedness Month. To mark this event, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) announces the new NIOSH Emergency Preparedness and Response Directory web page <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/>
- Free NIOSH Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance Training <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2014/07/29/erhms-trainin/>

### COMBUSTIBLE DUST

- Delays in convening small business panel to review planned regulations

### CONSTRUCTION

- NIOSH Construction Vehicle and Equipment Backing <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2014-125/>
- OSHA Preventing Backovers <https://www.osha.gov/doc/topics/backover/regulation.html>
- NIOSH Ladder safety Smart Phone App <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-05-29-14b.html>
- Confined Space in Construction standard still in process [https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=FEDERAL\\_REGISTER&p\\_id=20174](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=20174)
- OSHA's Cranes and Derricks Final Rule and Hearings <https://www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks/>

- OSHA’s Fall Protection Campaign <https://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/>

**FEDERAL CONTRACTORS BIDDING - OSHA VIOLATIONS SCRUTINY**

- President Obama has released an Executive Order requiring OSHA violation transparency for contractors bidding on federal contracts which will impact the contract award decision.

**HEALTH CARE**

- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) last week updated their 2004 Alert: [Preventing Occupational Exposures to Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Health Care Settings](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2014-138/), adding 27 drugs and eliminating 12 <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2014-138/>
- 2014 OSHA Safe Patient Handling – Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in Nursing Homes brochure <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/healthcarefacilities/>
- OSHA Healthcare E-Tool, including Ergonomics <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/hazards/ergo/ergo.html>
- OSHA rulemaking on worker exposure to infectious diseases – delays in convening a small business review panel to accumulate more substantive and clearer documentation
- Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducting a study on the necessity of a workplace violence regulation for Healthcare

- NIOSH Ebola we page <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ebola/default.html>

**INJURY REPORTING**

- A new final rule released Sept. 11 expands the list of severe work-related injuries that all covered employers must report to OSHA. The rule, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, requires employers to notify the agency when an employee is killed on the job or suffers a work-related hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye. Under the new rule, employers must notify OSHA of work-related fatalities within eight hours and are required to report work-related hospitalizations, amputations, or losses of an eye within 24 hours. <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014/index.html>
- In addition to the new reporting requirements, OSHA has also updated the list of industries that, due to relatively low occupational injury and illness rates, are exempt from the requirement to routinely keep injury and illness records. The previous list of exempt industries was based on the old Standard Industrial Classification system and the new rule uses the [North American Industry Classification System](#) to classify establishments by industry. The new list is based on updated injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The new rule maintains the exemption for any employer with 10 or fewer employees, regardless of their industry classification, from the

requirement to routinely keep records of worker injuries and illnesses. <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014/index.html>

- Electronic reporting comment period extended until October 14, 2014 to address concerns about under-reporting and accuracy

## NOISE

- NIOSH recently released a database of noise measurement results collected by agency investigators during health hazard evaluation (HHE) surveys conducted from 1996–2012. The new database includes more than 760 personal noise exposure measurements and more than 530 area noise measurements from 73 different HHE reports. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/data/datasets/RD-1005-2014-0/>
- NIOSH rolls out “Buy Quiet” web resources <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-06-27-14.html>
- NIOSH Accuracy Report on Smart phone Apps <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2014/04/09/sound-apps/>

## PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMITS

- OSHA air contaminant PELs remain 1968 ACGIH TLVs except where state programs have adopted an update. OSHA is trying for the second time to update the PELs. OSHA sent Office of Management and Budgets (OMB) a Request for Information to attain the White

House position but to date has received no response.

## PREVENTION THROUGH DESIGN (PTD)

- Dr. John Howard announces a 5 year program extension due to the growing momentum and successful results.

## SILICA

- Proposed OSHA rulemaking reducing allowable exposure <https://www.osha.gov/silica/>

## SMALL BUSINESS

- OSHA released a small business hazard identification on line interactive training tool <https://www.osha.gov/hazfinder/>

## SUSTAINABILITY

- Resilience and sea level rise impact evaluation resources; a) EPA CREAT <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/climate/creat.cfm>, b) Surging Seas [http://ssrf.climatecentral.org/#state=New+Jersey&level=5&category=Population\\_highSV&folder=Socioeconomy&geo=County&pt=p&target=&p=5&protection=tidelthresh](http://ssrf.climatecentral.org/#state=New+Jersey&level=5&category=Population_highSV&folder=Socioeconomy&geo=County&pt=p&target=&p=5&protection=tidelthresh)
- NIOSH Safety Sustainability <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2014/06/10/safety-sustainability/>
- EPA regulation of greenhouse emissions from power plants <http://www.c2es.org/federal/executive/epa/q-a-regulation-greenhouse-gases-existing-power>
- Sign Up for ASSE Center For Safety and Health Sustainability Monthly Newsletter <http://societyupdate.asse.org/2014/08/>

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#### TEMPORARY WORKERS

- OSHA is working on a memorandum clarifying responsibilities of both employers and temporary employee agencies.

#### TRUCK DRIVERS

- NIOSH Quick Sleep Tips For Truck Drivers <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2014-150/>

#### WELLNESS

NIOSH Worker Total Health Affiliate Program launched <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-07-10-2014.html>

OSHA extends compliance date for crane operator certification requirements

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today issued a [final rule](#) extending the deadline for crane operator certification requirements in the [Cranes and Derricks in Construction final rule](#)\* published Aug. 9, 2010 by three years to Nov. 10, 2017. The rule also extends by three years the employer's responsibility to ensure that crane operators are competent to operate a crane safely. The final rule becomes effective Nov. 9, 2014.

During the three-year period, OSHA will address operator qualification requirements for the cranes standards including the role of operator certification. The final cranes and derricks rule required crane operators on construction sites to meet one of four qualification/certification options by Nov. 10, 2014. After publishing the final rule, a number of parties raised concerns about the Standard's requirement to certify operators by type and capacity of crane and questioned whether crane operator certification was sufficient for determining whether an operator could operate their equipment safely on a construction site.

The agency published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Feb. 12, 2014, proposing to extend both the deadline for operator certification and the employer duty to ensure competent crane operation for three years. After publishing the proposed rule, a hearing was requested and held in Washington, D.C. Comments from the hearing are available at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=OSHA-2007-0066>. OSHA analyzed the comments to the NPRM and the hearing testimony and decided to extend both the crane operator certification deadline and the existing employer duty for three years. OSHA has already begun the process of developing a standard to ensure crane operator qualifications.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

## Apology

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Recently an email was sent out that showed the email address of all our members. It was our understanding that the email address that were provided would remain confidential using this email client. While this was not done intentionally, I would like to apologize to anyone of our members that viewed this as a violation of trust.

While the Chapter is experimenting with different methods of communicating with our members to keep you better informed of our activities, we will conduct more extensive testing to ensure that this does not happen again.

Finally, I would request that if you received this email that our members refrain from disseminating or providing these addresses for anything else. This information is for the strict use of Chapter business.

Thank you,  
Patrick J. Delaney



President, NJASSE

## **How to submit an article**

The Chapter is in need of a newsletter editor, if you have a special talent and would like to assist in getting the word out about what our Chapter is doing please send me an email at [president@njasse.org](mailto:president@njasse.org).

Finally, if there is a member that would like to submit an article or a personal highlight for publication, please send it to me at the email above.