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NEXT MEETING:

DATE: TUESDAY – March 13, 2007

PLACE: Garcia's Mexican Restaurant
5050 S. Syracuse St., Denver, CO 80237

TIME: 11:00 Registration
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 - 1:00 Program

DIRECTIONS:

I-25 to Belleview Rd. Exit
East on Belleview Rd. to Syracuse
North on Syracuse to Garcia's.

COST: \$16.00 with reservation by 5:00 P.M. Friday,
March 9, 2006. \$21.00 at the door without a reservation.
For reservations please e-mail
michael.lorenzo@pinnacol.com

TOPIC: Review of the Safety Posture for the Defense Contract Management Agency in Iraq

From 13 November to 22 January ASSE Colorado Chapter member, Paul Dickinson was deployed to Iraq to review the safety posture for his Agency, the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). During this period, he traveled to 14 forward operating bases (FOB's) throughout Iraq. He will provide an overview of the safety situation on the bases in Iraq, show a few photos, and answer questions for the ASSE members.

SPEAKER: Paul W. Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson entered civilian federal service in 1977 as a Safety and Occupational Health Management intern at Fort Stewart, Georgia where he progressed to the specialist level. From 1982 to 1985, he was assigned as Safety and Occupational Health Manager for the 1st Armored Division in Ansbach, Germany. After returning to Ft. Stewart in 1985, he was reassigned in 1987 to the US Forces-Korea/Eighth United States Army Safety Office in Seoul, Korea. In June 1992, he returned to the United States and a Contract Management Safety (aircraft, industrial, and ammunition & explosives certifications) position with the Defense Contract Management Agency office located in Denver, CO. He is a principal member of the National Fire Protection Association, committee on Explosives and a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. He is a Level II Defense Acquisition Corps professional.

Machine Guarding and Control of Hazardous Energies

The Colorado Chapter of ASSE is pleased to announce a MINI-PDC on March 28, 2007 at the Colorado Contractors Association located at 6880 South Yosemite Court Suite 200, Centennial. The registration form is attached to this newsletter. Here are the details:

Machine Guarding

- ~ OSHA standards and common citations pertaining to machine guarding and LO/TO.
- ~ Common machine guarding and hazardous energy exposures.
- ~ Solutions to safeguard machinery including effective alternatives to conventional guarding.
- ~ A systematic approach to risk assessment.
- ~ Attendees will participate in a hands-on approach to hazard identification, guarding/safeguarding selection, and implementation.

The Control of Hazardous Energies (Lockout / Tagout)

- ~ Overview and hierarchy of OSHA & national consensus standards
- ~ Energy Control Program
- ~ Energy Control Procedure
- ~ Energy-Isolating Devices
- ~ Requirements for Lockout/Tagout Devices
- ~ Employee Training
- ~ Periodic Inspections
- ~ Application of Controls and Lockout/Tagout Devices
- ~ Removal of Locks and Tags
- ~ Additional Safety Requirements

Your instructors: Lane McKnight CSP, ARM, OHST and Larry Reichert PG, CHMM

Lane McKnight joined Pinnacol Assurance in 2001 after working for four years as the safety and health coordinator for ICG Communications. He works closely with policyholders, business associations, and their agents in the development and implementation of flexible loss control plans that result in reduced losses for those customers. Lane is currently also an instructor of risk management for the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (AI/CPCU) and the Insurance Institute of America (IIA).

Mr. McKnight has a bachelor's degree in industrial technology and occupational safety from Iowa State University. He is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) with specialty designations in Construction and Ergonomics, as well as an Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST). He also holds an Associate in Risk Management (ARM) certification and is an authorized OSHA Outreach trainer for general industry. Prior to his career in occupational safety, Lane worked five years as an electrician for Nikkel and Associates, Inc., one of Iowa's premiere commercial and industrial electrical contractors.

Mr. Reichert is a Registered Professional Geologist (PG) and has been a Certified Hazardous Material Manager (CHMM) at the master level since 1995. He is currently the Senior Partner at Enhanced Performance Solutions, LP (EPS), and serves as a board member at large for the Rocky Mountain chapter of the CHMM organization. In the past, he's worked as a Director of EH&S at Southern Pacific Transportation and Qwest Communications, and has provided consulting services to the Federal Aviation Administration and National Park Service.

Board Member Elections

The Colorado Chapter nomination committee has nominated two members for election to the Executive Board. Elections will be held at the April 10th lunch meeting. Please see the bios below and make an informed decision in April.

Dan Klimek is Loss Control and Safety Manager for Thomas J. Sisk & Company. He is responsible for providing loss control and claims management services for our clients. Dan is a degreed safety professional with over 27 years of experience implementing safety and loss control programs, working with government regulations, implementing change and managing people and projects. He has worked with many segments of industry including: surface and underground mining, electric utilities, construction, environmental compliance / cleanup activities, and abatement of hazardous materials.

Jeffrey Citrone is a Certified Safety professional and a Certified Industrial Hygienist with almost 30 years of industry and/or consulting experience. He has experience with and intimate knowledge of the health and safety aspects of the petroleum industry, which is a major part of the Colorado and Rocky mountain economy. In his role as a consultant, he comes in contact with a wide variety of health and safety professional. He is a good communicator, and "can talk to anyone." Lastly, he is interested in giving something back to the professional community that has help support my career.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, it is not too late, contact Craig.Halpern@imacorp.com to express interest.

Changes to the Bylaws

The following items are suggested changes to the Colorado ASSE bylaws. The purpose of these changes was primarily to coincide with national requirements and the requirements of our original charter. Please provide any comments you have on these proposed changes to Mark.Semonisck@Lockton.com.

Article IV – Organization

- Section 2. Change minimum number of members to preserve an active chapter status from 40 to 25 to coincide with Chapter Charter document.
- Section 5. Change wording from quorum to majority
"In order to conduct business at an Executive Committee meeting a majority of the elected officers must be in attendance."
- Section 11. Change chapter year to coincide with national by-laws
"July 1 through June 30th."

Article V – Officers

- Section 1. Delete delegates to the Society House of Delegates from the list of elected officers.
- Section 3. Subsection g, change due date for submitting Chapter officers from June 1 to May 31st and delete "delegates"
Add "President will serve as delegate to the Society House of Delegates or appoint a designee for two Delegate Meetings beginning one year after their elected term expires."

Article VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

- Section 5. Add "election shall be by written ballot or electronic ballot, as along as a basic quorum of 20 or more members cast their votes."

Article VII – Sections

- Section 2. Add item 7. "Submit copy of Section Bylaws"

Article VIII – Dues

- Section 3. Add definition of Quorum "quorum of 20 or more members are present"

Article IX – Meetings

- Section 1. Change minimum number of meetings from 8 to 6 to coincide with National Bylaws.
- Section 5. Add this section" Executive meetings shall be held a minimum of 6 times per year and presided over by the President."

Article XI – Amendments

- Section 2. Change from 15 to 30 days to coincide with National Bylaws.

Strike all references to appendices throughout and move appendices into Standard operating Guidelines outside of the bylaws due to their need for regular modification.

NOCO CHAPTER:

The NOCO chapter cordially invites you to attend their March 5, 2007 luncheon at Johnson's Corner on I-25 at exit 254.

TOPIC: Creating an Ergonomics Process for Preventing Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs)

This presentation will discuss the four key components of an effective ergonomics process and why each component is an important step in identifying and controlling MSDs. Examples from general industry and construction will be provided of how companies have successfully implemented an ergonomics process that improved health and safety and reduced costs. The role of training will also be discussed and why training alone will is *not* an effective approach for controlling MSDs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES:

Mark Your Calendar for:



Safety Fest of the West will be held March 21 and 22 at the Auraria campus. Safety Fest of the West provides low-cost safety training in English and Spanish to construction personnel, as well as an advanced safety course called Focused Advanced Supervisor Training (FAST) to help foremen, supervisors, and safety personnel provide safety leadership on the job site. There's also an exhibition featuring vendors of safety supplies and materials. Visit the Safety Fest Web site at www.safetyfest.org for more information and to register for the event.



NETWORKING. DISCOVER IT. ADVANCEMENT. KNOWLEDGE. IT'S SAFETY 2007.

SAFETY 2007 is June 24-27 in Orlando, FL and features more than 200 sessions, an Exposition with 300 exhibitors, special Pre- and Post-conference seminars, conference proceedings on CD, numerous networking events and more!

For registration, session info, hotel reservations, visit: WWW.SAFETY2007.ORG

ASSE NEWS:

ASSE National has a Newly Redesigned Website

ASSE's redesigned website provides members with a fresh, clean look coupled with robust navigation and real-time report functionality. But this is not a one-time event; ASSE will continue to phase in improvements and functionality as they become available. It will be an ongoing process.

Our overall objective is to provide a "better" user experience. It's about providing you with the information you need and want -- whether it is learning about ASSE products and services; registering for an event or buying a book; reviewing the latest TQA bulletin or downloading the latest practice specialty newsletter. The goal is to provide these quickly and efficiently.

Prior to redesign, research was gathered and best practices were integrated from sites such as Apple and Adobe (formerly Macromedia) User groups. Studies from the Nielsen Norman Group were also incorporated. The site is consciously intended to help ASSE members and other SH&E professionals communicate the value of the Society and the profession to their employers, employees and the general public.

Features of the site include:

- Flash messaging system
- Clean, concise layout
- Standardized icons
- Back office integration (reporting functions)
- Google search engine

We have also incorporated a new [feedback form](#) on our home page, so please let us know how we can continue to improve our online efforts.

OSHA NEWS:

U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA Unveils New Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for Influenza Pandemic

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today unveiled new workplace safety and health guidance that will help employers prepare for an influenza pandemic.

Developed in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), *Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for an Influenza Pandemic* provides general guidance for all types of workplaces,

describes the differences between seasonal, avian and pandemic influenza, and presents information on the nature of a potential pandemic, how the virus is likely to spread and how exposure is likely to occur.

Under the president's National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan, the Labor Department is responsible for promoting the health, safety and welfare of employees and providing guidance to assist employers in protecting the health and safety of employees during a pandemic flu.

"In anticipation of a flu pandemic, our top priority is protecting the safety and health of America's working men and women," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Edwin G. Foulke Jr. "Employers and employees should use this guidance to help identify risk levels and implement appropriate control measures to prevent illness in the workplace."

To help employers determine appropriate workplace practices and precautions, the guidance divides workplaces and work operations into four risk zones, according to the likelihood of employees' occupational exposure to pandemic influenza. Recommendations for employee protection are presented for each of the four levels of anticipated risk and include engineering controls, work practices and use of personal protective equipment such as respirators and surgical masks and their relative value in protecting employees.

The Labor Department/HHS guidance also encourages employers to prepare a plan to deal with a depleted workforce during a pandemic. In addition, the guidance includes links to helpful Web sites with additional information and a list of technical articles and resources, including a history on flu pandemics, symptoms and outcomes of various strains of the influenza, and details on the transmission of the virus.

It is important to note that workplace safety and health guidance may evolve and change over time as new information becomes available. For instance, the characteristics of the specific strain of influenza virus ultimately responsible for the pandemic may affect the way in which the disease is spread and therefore additional guidance would be tailored to that information. Up-to-date information and guidance is available to employers, employees and the general public through www.pandemicflu.gov, the federal government's Web site for information regarding pandemic flu.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 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 working men and women by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

JOB POSTINGS:

Safety Officer (2-23-07)

Company: Elkhorn Construction

Qualifications: Refinery experience preferred, but not required; OSHA 10 or 30 hour card or higher; 1st Aid/ CPR Certified.

Looking for someone who isn't a SAFETY COP but who will teach and explain.

Company Info:

- 100% Employee Owned Company
- 401K offered
- Insurance (Med, Dental, and eye)
- Vacation
- Pay depending upon experience
- Equal opportunity Employer
- Any additional training a plus

Send resume to mgoodrich@hoadinc.com

Environmental Health & Safety Professional (2-2-07)

Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., a global provider of occupational health and safety, environmental, and laboratory services is seeking an **Environmental Health & Safety Professional** for the Denver area office. Qualifications are: 8+ years experience in environmental health and safety, including occupational safety, industrial hygiene, air and water quality, hazardous waste, and EHS program implementation. Must have excellent interpersonal, technical, writing and communication skills, and experience to provide services to a wide variety of manufacturing, commercial, insurance, government and other clients. Duties will include, but not be limited to: audits, regulatory compliance, quality assurance, client relations, proposal preparation, project management, writing and review of technical reports, and field sampling. Qualified applicants may submit a letter of interest and resume to: jan.burnham@us.bureauveritas.com, or 303.988.2583 (fax).

Safety Coordinator (2-16-07)

Whiting Petroleum Corporation is a growing, mid-size oil and gas company located in downtown Denver, Colorado. We have exploration and production facilities in 15 states. For more information, see our web site at www.whiting.com.

In conjunction with our growth, we are seeking a Safety Coordinator to work in our Environmental, Health and Safety Department. The ideal candidate would have a B.S. Degree in safety or related field, and a minimum of 5 years experience in the upstream, exploration and development oil and gas field. He/she will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of OSHA regulations. A CSP certificate is a plus.

This person would perform the following functions:

- Initiate and maintain an in-house safety auditing program tracking findings and documenting corrective action completion
- Conduct accident investigations, prepare reports and keep accurate records
- Participate in the Safety Training and Awareness Program
- Participate in the Contractor Safety Management Program
- Lead and manage the Process Safety Management program at several facilities
- Be a member of the EH&S emergency preparedness and response team
- Update corporate and site specific manuals as well as assist with the departments "Siteview" program and update company policies as needed
- Lead Industrial Hygiene Program
- Assist with the Whiting MSDS and SARA III programs

Travel is estimated at 25% to 50% of the time. Whiting offers competitive salaries and an EXCELLENT benefits program.

Please submit cover letter and resume to: humanresources@whiting.com

Owner-Controlled Insurance Program Safety Manager (2-12-07)

Position: Prairie Water Safety Manager

POSITION OBJECTIVE

The primary function of this position is the ongoing development, implementation, and maintenance/management of the safety and health program relative to the Owner-Controlled Insurance (OCIP) for the City of Aurora's (COA) Prairie Water Project (PWP). The PWP Safety Manager will continually monitor and evaluate the project's conformance and effectiveness with contract requirements and field safety. The position will report functionally to the Lockton Risk Control Services Manager and indirectly to the project's construction and OCIP management teams. The position will serve as the COA's safety representative to the PWP.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Responsible for the oversight of all aspects of safety program implementation at the field level.
2. Assist the Owner-Controlled Insurance Program Administrator in any enrollment field monitoring.

3. Directly interface and partner with all contractors, construction managers, and the OCIP team.
4. Perform safety inspections, documented and undocumented, as determined by the OCIP team.
5. Review contractor safety plans for compliance with OSHA, federal, state, local ordinances, and best industry safety practices; negotiate any suggestions for improving safety levels with the contractor.
6. Participate in accident/incident investigations and provide reports to the OCIP team; make recommendations to mitigate future incidents. Develop and implement a project-wide Lessons Learned Program.
7. Provide statistical data tracking for incidents and trends to the project and OCIP management teams.
8. Audit performance to contractual requirements in the form, detail, and frequency negotiated with the OCIP team and dictated by the needs of the project.
9. Provide all safety reports and records in electronic and hardcopy, and make available than when requested/needed by the OCIP team.
10. Coordinate all loss control survey visits with the insurance carrier, site safety personnel, and OCIP team as needed; communicate all visits and/or reports to the Project Safety Manager (PSM).
11. Make necessary requests for assistance and/or any additional required technical resources to the Lockton's assigned Loss Control representative.
12. Attend prebid conferences prior to bidding and preconstruction conferences prior to Notice to Proceed with contractors to communicate the project safety requirements as a top priority and whenever available.
13. Attend any and all other project and/or OCIP team meetings, monthly progress meetings, project safety committees, and any other meetings as requested to make safety-related reports.
14. Participate in the implementation of the project contractor's site worker safety orientation program as needed.
15. Ensure preparedness for emergency responses to incidents and that personnel are adequately trained in emergency response plans.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelor's degree in a safety engineering program or equivalent education and/or experience required.
2. Must have 40 hours of OSHA certified training.
3. Five years' field construction safety supervision/oversight experience required.
4. Must have knowledge of accident investigation and corrective actions development skills.
5. Knowledge of basic construction means and methods required.
6. Knowledge of construction industry safety best practices, regulations, codes, and standards required.
7. Must have knowledge of field construction contractual conformance inspection and auditing practices.
8. Organizational and time management skills to prioritize workloads to meet time sensitive deadlines required. Must be results-oriented with the ability to change priorities as needed.
9. Must have above-average verbal, written, and interpersonal skills to interact with management and employees at all levels of responsibility, along with the ability to communicate with tact and diplomacy.
10. Must be highly computer literate and familiar with safety technical reports and documentation.
11. Must be able to adapt to a fast-paced environment with changing circumstances, direction, and strategy.

HOW TO APPLY:

We are looking for talented, self-directed individuals to join the Lockton team. If you are a committed professional with a passion for delivering unparalleled service, Lockton is interested in hearing from you. Please E-mail your resume to hr@lockton.com

EchoStar Communications (2-2-07)

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Englewood, CO) has an exciting position for an organized and detail-oriented safety professional. Position requires 40-50% overnight travel in the Eastern U.S.

Responsibilities include:

- Ensure overall compliance with OSHA and other applicable regulations, including state-specific regulatory programs.
- Conduct site audits to maintain compliance activities with federal, state and local regulations, company policies, training initiatives, workers' compensation requirements and risk mitigation programs.
- Identify risks/deficiencies and ensure issues are addressed and resolved (e.g. using the site safety committee).
- Work with contracted services to ensure that services are timely and necessary reports are generated (e.g. ladder maintenance program, Driver's Alert).
- Promote company safety initiatives, including safety recognition program, site safety committees and other company/divisional loss control programs.
- Conduct accident investigations with site representatives to assess unsafe acts and conditions, process changes and other injury prevention/reduction activities.
- Act as the divisional safety resources for all safety/loss control issues and questions.
- Create and disseminate safety communications, including weekly safety communications.
- Conduct periodic technician ride-alongs and audits using job-safety audit forms. Ensure site management conducts required safety-related audits (e.g. ladder, vehicles, technician).
- Review loss information to determine trends to plan needed safety initiatives.
- Ensure workers' compensation and auto claims are reported accurately and timely. Follow-up with site management when improvements and training are needed. Participate in divisional claim reviews.
- Review Driver's Alert calls to determine if training opportunities exist. Ensure sites are following established guidelines with disciplinary action and training.
- Identify required safety training for field staff and partner with Training department to develop training programs. Provide necessary safety training to field staff in conjunction with Training department.
- Work with General Managers, Divisional Management, Fleet Management, Training department, insurance brokers, insurance carrier and other departments to identify additional risk mitigation issues. Communicate issues and recommend changes to Risk and management.

The individual must work well without direct supervision, have excellent written and oral communication skills, including training experience. The individual must also be driven to succeed and dedicated to the safety of our employees. Applicants must include salary requirements to be considered. Please send all resumes to RiskManagement@echostar.com