Can You Hear Me Now?

October 4th Meeting Topic:
Learn how to evaluate, recognize, and control hazards found in the workplace to help prevent hearing loss in your employees. Occupational noise induced hearing loss is preventable, but is unfortunately among the most common work-related illnesses throughout all industries. According to NIOSH, approximately 17% of the US work force is exposed to hazardous noise and 19% of these exposed workers have hearing loss. By knowing how to properly evaluate, recognize, and control occupational noise, we as safety professionals will be able to help prevent occupational noise induced hearing loss in our workers.

About our Speaker:  Ron Nunley, CSP, CIH
Ron has a degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Montana Tech and has 24 years of experience working as a health and safety professional. Ron is a member of the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE and is recognized by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and the American Board of Industrial Hygiene. Currently, he serves as a Corporate Health and Safety Lead for Aera Energy LLC and is responsible for stewarding the industrial hygiene program and leads the corporate EHS auditing team. Previously, Ron has worked in the nuclear, construction, food/beverage, and aluminum sectors.

Bakersfield ASSE Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings are held from 7:00—8:45AM on the first Wednesday of the month at Hodel’s Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308). Cost of meeting attendance is $13 and includes breakfast buffet or custom-crafted omelet (cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted). The cost is only $5 for Student Members and Emeritus Members of ASSE.

Your RSVP is appreciated! Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 201-2651 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.
**Bakersfield Chapter Study Group**

The Professional Development Study group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. at Continental Labor and Staffing [900 Mohawk St, Suite 120].

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP).

Anyone can join the group at any time; this is a “go at your own pace” study group. The only purchases required are study materials and a calculator. Most participants are using TI-30XIIIS.

We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training. You can purchase the work books from: [www.spansafetyworkshops.com](http://www.spansafetyworkshops.com).

Please direct emails to Heath Taylor if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.

**The rewards for recruiting new members have been substantially improved!!**

For example, if you refer 5 new members, YOUR annual ASSE membership is FREE — wow!

For details, you can view the Member-Get-A-Member flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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**Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board**

The Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB) meeting is where California stakeholders can attend and be heard on issues relating to the current and future enforceable standards that exist to ensure the health and safety of California workers. For more information on the OSHSB, visit: [www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb)

You can view the agendas for past and future meetings [here.](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb)

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**Professional Development Achievements**

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!

- **Nina Burt** with *Aera Energy LLC* recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional (ASP)
- **Jarib Cockerel** with *Nestle Dreyers and CSUB Student Section* recently completed the requirements to become a Safety Trained Supervisor (STS)
- **Jason Kibbey** with *ESI, Inc.* recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional (ASP).

Let us know about your professional development successes too! Certification info at [www.besp.org](http://www.besp.org).

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**“Members on the Move”**

**Congrats to Bakersfield Chapter Members on their New Assignments**

- **Bob Berkowitz** — EHS Manager at Field Core/GE
- **Kevin Cook** — Safety Manager at Brinderson

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ASSE to Become American Society of Safety Professionals

Following a historic membership vote, ASSE will become ASSP. The organization will continue to be called ASSE until June 2018 when it debuts a new website and makes the conversion to its new name in alignment with Safety 2018.

Support U.S. Veterans: Donate to Leadership Conference Drive

From now through October 10, ASSE is collecting donations for the 2017 Chicago area Winter Veteran Stand Down. Using the donations, attendees at the Society’s 2017 Leadership Conference will assemble snack and clothing packages for homeless veterans in the Chicagoland area.

This is an excellent opportunity for our members communities to support a great charitable cause. The best way for communities to participate is to donate gift cards that ASSE will use to purchase supplies. Communities can also donate shelf-stable snack-size items (granola bars, jerky sticks, nuts, dried fruit, energy bars, trail mix, raisins, crackers) and/or undergarments and plain t-shirts.

Send donations to ASSE Chapter Services, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Want to volunteer with the Chapter, but don’t want to get in over your head? Joining the 2018 Symposium Planning Committee might be right for you! Check out page 7 for more information.

Welcome New Members!

Although guests are always welcome, ASSE loves it when new members join. Here are a few of the most recent new members. If you see them at an ASSE meeting, please give them a friendly welcome.

Pete Armagost—E&B Natural Resources
Brian Bigley—Lehigh SW Cement
Ray Hunt—KBA Engineering
Diane Johnston
Joe Simmons—Columbia Southern & Safety N.E.T
Roger Tilford—Columbia Southern & RTSafety1
Government Affairs

On August 1, 2017, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration launched the Injury Tracking Application (ITA). The Web-based form allows employers to electronically submit required injury and illness data from their completed 2016 OSHA Form 300A. The application will be accessible from the ITA webpage.

Recently, OSHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking to extend the deadline for submitting 2016 Form 300A to Dec. 1, 2017, to allow affected entities sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the electronic reporting system, and to provide the new administration an opportunity to review the new electronic reporting requirements prior to their implementation.

The data submission process involves four steps: (1) Creating an establishment; (2) adding 300A summary data; (3) submitting data to OSHA; and (4) reviewing the confirmation email. The secure website offers three options for data submission. One option will enable users to manually enter data into a web form. Another option will give users the ability to upload a CSV file to process single or multiple establishments at the same time. A third option will allow users of automated recordkeeping systems to transmit data electronically via an application programming interface.

The ITA webpage also includes information on reporting requirements, a list of frequently asked questions and a link to request assistance with completing the form.

A Look Ahead: Upcoming Chapter Meeting

November 1st Topic: Bonding & Grounding—What is the Difference?

Bonding is the joining of metallic parts to form an electrically conductive path. Bonding ensures electrical continuity and capacity to safely conduct any current likely to be imposed. Grounding is permanently connecting to earth through a ground connection that has sufficiently low impedance (less than 25 ohms) and sufficient ampacity to ensure any ground fault current that may occur cannot build up to dangerous voltages. Did you get that? No? Do not feel bad, bonding & grounding is the single most important electrical practice, but unfortunately, it is also the least understood. Mick will be here to help!

Speaker: Mick Swen, MBA, CSP

Mick is a Health & Safety Supervisor for Aera Energy and has been in the safety profession for over 25 years including a number of years as an EHS trainer. He is a past president of the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE and is recognized by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. He is a lifelong Bakersfield resident. He is a husband, father, and grandfather.
Get involved with

WISE stands for Women In Safety Engineering, but don’t let the name fool you. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Chapter. We invite all WISE women, WISE guys, and guests to participate in our monthly meetings and activities.

Our Objectives:
⇒ Fostering an environment that allows members to share ideas
⇒ Promoting EHS in our community
⇒ Networking to strengthen professional relationships
⇒ Advancing the professional development of our members
⇒ Mentoring women

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**October**
Date: October 19
Time: 6:00—8:00PM
Where: NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Speaker: Anna Marie Frank
(KHSD & Happy Whole You)
Topic: Safety and Wellness
Go Together Like Peas and Carrots

For more information, please email your Bakersfield WISE Chair Lisa Marriott-Smith or join us on Facebook!

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**ASSE WISE Webinar**

“Five Safety Training Ninja Tricks to Improve Your Presentations”
Everyone can use a few tricks to improve training development and delivery. Come to this fast-paced webinar designed to give you real tools and knowledge to make your design and delivery the best it can be!

Date: October 23rd  Time: 8:30am-10:00am
Cost: $115 non-members, $95 ASSE members, & Free for WISE Members

**Presenter:** Regina McMichael

Ms. McMichael is President of The Learning Factory, Inc., an education and training design and delivery company with a focus on safety, risk management, and leadership. She has 28 years of safety and health training experience. She has hands-on expertise in the research, writing, and production of training manuals, videos, and articles. She is a frequent conference speaker, committee moderator, published author, and content expert witness. Regina has worked in the construction, insurance, aerospace, automotive and service industries.

If you are a Society Wise member and interested in attending, request discount code by emailing wise@bakersfield.asse.org.

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**Bakersfield WISE September Facility Tour**

Bakersfield WISE would like to thank NuSil Technology Bakersfield and especially our guides - Steve Helms, George Alva, Kevin Banks, Maricruz Ayala, Eric Castillo, Jessica Vargas, Chris Burbach, and Michael Montague - for a very insightful and interesting tour of the facility where WISE monthly professional development meetings are held.

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**Certificate of Appreciation**

This certificate is awarded to

**NuSil Technology Bakersfield**

Steve Helms, George Alva, Jon Hall, Kevin Banks, Maricruz Ayala, Eric Castillo, Jessica Vargas, Chris Burbach and Michael Montague

For your time and knowledge

in providing Bakersfield WISE a tour of your facility

Lisa Marriott-Smith 09/25/2017
Summer has come to a close, and while the weather is cooling down things are just heating up on campus for the CSUB OSH Club. New classes and new students introduces more opportunity for the student section to grow. Membership growth looks promising as new students took their seat in the first Club meeting of the year on September 13th.

**First Meeting Recap:**
The first meeting of the school year featured Isabel Bravo, Director of Environmental Health & Safety at Wonderful Citrus. Bravo presented on the importance of professional development, and how the use of networking can help you reach your career goals. It was a great example of how a successful career in the safety industry can be developed while working toward a college degree.

**New Officers:**
The new school year also introduces new club officers.
- President: Chris Brand
- Vice President: Donald Springfield
- Secretary: Luis Lopez
- Treasurer: Jarib Cockerel
- Public Relations: Birdie Gonzalez

The OSH Club meets on the Second Wednesday of the month in Science Building III room 120 at 6:30 pm.

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**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

**Confined Space Entry**
On October 11th we will have a presentation and demo on confined space entry by local safety company Environmental Safety Solutions. ESS will be bringing a vehicle loaded with equipment to show off, and help students understand what is required for a safe confined space entry.

**Chemical Safety/Pesticide**
This November we will be featuring Sandra Sanchez, Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor from the Wonderful Company. November’s topic will be on chemical safety/pesticides. This will be a great look into the use and requirements of pesticides in agriculture.
Volunteer Opportunity 2018 Symposium Committee

Members and Guests of the Bakersfield Chapter, we want you to know about a short term volunteer opportunity you are well suited to fill! The 19th Annual Bakersfield ASSE Symposium will take place on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 at the Rabobank Convention Center in Bakersfield, California.

This is the most leveraging event our chapter puts together each year. Planning is essential for the success of the event.

The Symposium planning committee can use your fresh ideas!!

Jon Hall (President-Elect) is the Symposium Planning Committee Chair. Let him know your questions and/or willingness to help by contacting him at jonanthan@nusil.com.

Bakersfield Chapter New Member Promotion.
Complete application at http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember/
Use code 178Bakersfield to waive the $25 App Fee & receive a $25 Restaurant.com Gift Card.

About ASSE

Founded in 1911, ASSE is the oldest and largest professional safety organization. With more than 37,000 members worldwide, ASSE is a global association of occupational safety, health (OSH) and environmental professionals that advances the interests of its members and the profession.

ASSE members create safer work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction and a better reputation, while recording less lost time, and lower workers’ compensation and healthcare costs.

ASSE members are classified in one of six member categories: professional, member, associate, international, student and emeritus. Members also can participate in practice specialties, branches, common interest groups and local chapters.

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you, our members, please contact Gary Ray via email at rayg@kerncounty.com.

Become a Member!

Members: The rewards for recruiting new members have been substantially improved!! For example, if you refer 5 new members, YOUR annual ASSE membership is FREE! To see details on the Member Get-A-Member Campaign, visit http://www.asse.org/membership/mgam-intro/ or see flyer on page 8.


Students: Join for only $15/year and receive a free year membership upon your graduation (wow!)-what a great deal!

Speak at a Student Section Meeting

Our Student Sections are always looking for speakers to present at their meetings. Whether it be at CSUB or Taft, there are eager students who want to learn about the following topics:

- Asbestos Sampling
- Agricultural Production Safety
- Agricultural Sanitation
- Behavior Based Safety
- Regulatory Compliance Overview
- Confined Spaces
- Conveyor Belt Safety
- Crane Safety
- Electrical Standards/Safety
- Excavations Fall Protection
- Heat Illness Prevention
- Industrial Trucks
- Ladder Safety
- Lead Monitoring
- Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO)
- Machine Guarding
- Office Ergonomics
- Pinch Points
- Scaffolding

Contact our CSUB Student Section advisor to learn more.
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For every new paid member you sponsor January - December 2017, you will receive an entry to win a trip to Safety 2018 in San Antonio that includes:

Full Safety 2018 registration June 3-6

3-nights conference hotel accommodations June 3, 4 & 5

$250 AMEX gift card for expenses

For referral tools and complete details of the Member-get-a-member program, visit www.asse.org/mgam.