Bonding & Grounding
What is the Difference?

November 1st Meeting Topic:
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!

About our 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.

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 and Emeritus Members of ASSE.
Your RSVP is appreciated! Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 201-2651 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.
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-30XIIS.

We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training.

You can purchase the work books from:

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.

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

You can view the agendas for past and future meetings here.

Bakersfield Chapter Study Group

Professional Development Achievements

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!

Felipe Guerra with Sierra recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional (CSP)

Let us know about your professional development successes too!
Certification info at www.bcsp.org.

“Members on the Move”

Congrats to Bakersfield Chapter Members on their New Assignments

Jennifer Franks — EHS Specialist at SUEZ, North America

Gil Quevedo — EHS/QA Manager at KSB Pumps Inc. Western Division
ASSE to become ASSP at Safety 2018, with the debut of a new website.

No Cost Classes at Westec
Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSE members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes.

https://www.westec.org

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We change people's lives!

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.

Adalin Llerenas Acevedo—Sierra Recycling
Aaron Aragon—CSUB Student Section
Mc Arthur Blackledge—CSUB Student Section
Marcos Castro—CSUB Student Section
Christopher Connelly—People Ready
Sabina Delgado—CSUB Student Section
Abel Gonzalez—CSUB Student Section
Jesus LaSalde—CSUB Student Section
Jon LeVan—Aera Energy LLC
Donnie Swann—CSUB Student Section
Hazel Turner—CSUB Student Section
Josh Worthen—CSUB Student Section

Joe Bariffi and Felipe Guerra
Thank you for sponsoring new chapter members. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSE, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!
OSHA Still Considering Revising Electronic Recordkeeping Rule

With the December 1, 2017 deadline fast approaching for covered employers to electronically submit injury and illness records to OSHA, the Agency has indicated that it is close to completing its review to the Obama-era Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses final rule. In a Status Report filed on October 10, 2017 with U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, which has stayed litigation over the rule pending further rulemaking, the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) indicated that OSHA continues to develop a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) to “reconsider, revise, or remove provisions of the [Rule]” as announced in the July 20, 2017 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs’ regulatory agenda.

DOJ went on to state that it understands that OSHA has “drafted substantial portions of the NPRM, including draft regulatory text and a summary and explanation of the proposed changes, and that OSHA’s economists have made significant progress on the economic analysis and continue to refine it. Once the analysis is finalized, the draft NPRM will proceed through the agency clearance process.”

The Status Report gives no indication as to when this process will be completed or when the NPRM will be published. Many industry groups and the Commerce Department have urged the new administration and OSHA to eliminate provisions under the rule that would make employer injury and illness data publicly available online and which would restrict existing employer policies such as safety incentive programs and post-accident drug testing.

Unfortunately, the filing does not reveal what parts of the rule may be subject to revision or removal. There are some expectations that OSHA will maintain the electronic reporting requirements but will not make the information publicly available. OSHA may also eliminate the rule’s anti-retaliation provisions.

A Look Ahead: Upcoming Chapter Meeting

December 6th Topic:

What to do when a camera is shoved in your face!
A.k.a. Tips to be Better Prepared for Media Encounters

The last thing you want to do is pick up the telephone or walk out the door and find a reporter in your face. But if you do, don’t think it’s the end of the world. There are some things you can do to be prepared for the next time the media comes calling. This session will show you how to assess your potential for becoming the news and take a look at what you can do to help you survive the media “storm”.

Speaker: Cindy Pollard
Cindy Pollard is public affairs director for Aera Energy. She has more than 30 years of public and media relations, corporate and crisis communications experience, coaching numerous clients and companies on how to survive the glare of the spotlight.
Get involved with WISE

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:

End of Year Party

Date: November 16
Time: 6:00—8:00PM
Where: NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Bakersfield WISE October Professional Development

Bakersfield WISE would like to thank Anna Marie Frank, Owner of Happy Whole You and Wellness Specialist for KHSD, for her enlightening presentation on Wellness and Safety.

End of Year Party and 2018 Planning

Come join Bakersfield WISE for our annual End of the Year Party. We will be serving dinner (GRATIS), holding a White Elephant Gift Exchange ($15-$20 value), and planning next year’s professional development topics.

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

by Donald Springfield

A group from Environmental Safety Solutions presented at October’s meeting. This included a demo on confined space entry where students were able to learn about equipment and processes involved in confined space rescue. Students were able to better understand how OSHA standards for confined spaces are implemented in the workplace. Environmental Safety Solutions frequently works with hazardous environments associated with different aspects of oil production, so students were introduced to the importance of properly testing an atmosphere before allowing entry. This was another great presentation/demo, it gave students even more insight on potential career paths in the health and safety field.

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

Wonderful citrus

Chemical Safety/Pesticide
On November 8th, we will be featuring Sandra Sanchez, Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor from the Wonderful Company. She will speak on chemical & pesticide safety. 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 presidentelect@bakersfield.asse.org

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.
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GRAND PRIZE SAFETY 2018!

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

Refer 3 — FREE Webinar
Refer 5 — FREE 1-year Membership Extension
Refer 10 — FREE Polo Shirt + FREE Seminar

Your Colleagues Win Too! In addition to all of their new member benefits, your colleagues will receive a FREE webinar valued at $99 by using code 1701RAF.

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