The Latest Cal-OSHA Updates

May 2nd Meeting Topic:
Valley Fever, Indoor Heat Illness, Silica, Beryllium, Workplace Violence, the Solus Decision, and More…

About our Speaker: Jeffrey Tanenbaum

Mr. Tanenbaum is a member of Nixon Peabody’s Labor & Employment firm and chairs the firm’s OSHA practice. He represents employers in a wide range of employment and labor law matters, with an emphasis on occupational safety and health compliance and litigation. Mr. Tanenbaum was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the fields of Employment Law, Management and Litigation, and Labor and Employment. He has been recognized for exceptional standing in the legal community in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2017 for Labor and Employment (California). He has been recognized as a “Super Lawyer” and is considered one of California’s leading employment litigators.

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.

Bakersfield Chapter Study Group

Professional Development Achievements

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!

Jeff Eldridge with Chevron successfully passed the CIH exam administered by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

Brian Lane with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements for a M.S. in Safety, Security, & Emergency Management with a concentration in Occupational Safety from Eastern Kentucky University.

Let us know about your professional development successes too!

Certification info at www.bcsp.org.

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.
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 function, please give them a friendly welcome.

Chris Vochoska - Membership Chair

Shawna Beaver
Guinn Construction

Sean Carlsen
Nestle Dreyer's Ice Cream

Walter Coley
KC Public Works

Gloria Miranda
Wonderful Citrus

Kevin Purvis
Scientific Drilling

Chuck Templeton
Advance Beverage

Simon Garcia
Bowman Asphalt Inc.

Keith Newsome
Aegion Energy Service

Sarah Layton
E&B Natural Resources
Workplace Violence, Indoor Heat, Cannabis Regulations on Cal/OSHA 2018 Schedule

Starting the year with a bang, the Cal/OSHA Division said it intends to finalize several new standards this year, including one on indoor heat illness prevention. It also intends to release new workplace violence prevention for general industries regulations and new regulations to affect the cannabis industry.

Workplace Violence Prevention Plan for General Industries

In 2017, a rise in workplace violence incidents (including active shooter situations and theft) has OSHA pushing for a higher, heavily regulated standard to ensure that all employees are safe and to hold employers liable for preventable workplace violence incidents. Expectations are that it will be included in employers’ existing IIPP, yet many employers are asking for a separate, standalone Plan. The expected workplace violence prevention standard for general industries likely will affect all employers, except the Department of Corrections and health care employers. The Cal/OSHA advisory board began accepting comments in January 2018.

Cannabis Industry

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health convened an advisory committee to evaluate whether there is a need to develop industry-specific regulations related to marijuana use. The Division plans to have an advisory board to discuss the unique health and safety hazards faced by workers employed in the marijuana industry, including:

- Exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke;
- Potential risks of fire and explosions;
- Potential risks of exposure to airborne contaminants;
- Potential risks of armed robberies and other workplace violence issues; and
- Repetitive strain injuries.

The advisory board began accepting comments on this subject on January 31.

Some employers are concerned over the lack of focus on how cannabis impacts their worker population, who are employed in other industries outside of the cannabis growing/farming community.

Indoor Heat Illness

The indoor heat illness prevention plan standard likely will affect employers who operate an indoor facility that at any time may increase to above 80 degrees Fahrenheit. A non-exhaustive list of industries subject to this standard are kitchens, manufacturing, refineries, factories, retail and other warehouses, and construction sites. If your facility is not air-conditioned, this standard likely will apply to your workplace. The advisory board began accepting comments starting at the hearing on this subject, which was set for February 8, 2018.

One specific draft proposal that stands out is the provision to provide a 10 minute break every hour when employees work in 100 degree conditions.

A Look Ahead

June 6th Topic: Corporate Responsibilities for Emergency Management and Preparedness

Determining a corporate approach for emergency events can be daunting. This discussion will outline emergency planning options and organizations tips, provide training suggestions, and offer guidance for working with local authorities to maximize response efforts.

Speaker: Joseph Cobb, Spill & Emergency Response Coordinator, Aera Energy LLC

Mr. Cobb is responsible for emergency preparedness planning and development. He supervises the execution of drills and exercises, performs hazard evaluations, and conducts training for Aera’s wide variety of response teams. He regularly interacts with agency representatives, and acts as the Incident Command System coach during live responses. Prior to joining Aera, Mr. Cobb pursued a career in municipal emergency response, as a firefighter, paramedic, and hazardous materials specialist for a number of California organizations. He holds an Associate’s Degree in Fire Technology from Allan Hancock, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the ERM Program at CSUB, and is currently completing Graduate work in Crisis & Emergency Management at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mr. Cobb was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee.
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

May
Facility Tour
Date: Friday, May 18th
Time: ~noon
Where: Lehigh Southwest Cement, Tehachapi

June
Professional Development Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 21st
Time: 6:00—8:00 PM
Where: NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Speaker: Michael Nisser
Kern County Human Services
Topic: Emergency Preparedness

August
Valley Fever Walk
Date: Saturday, August 11th
Time: 7:00—9:30 AM
Where: Kern County Museum
3801 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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

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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!

“Members on the Move”

Congrats to Bakersfield Chapter Members on New Assignments

Timothy Day, CSP, OHST—Safety Manager at Fortis Construction, Inc.

Terry D. Ellis, CET, RHSP—Director of Safety at Wonderful Orchards
Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients

Aaron Aragon—Recipient of $5,000 Scholarship
California State University, Bakersfield
*Bachelors of Science in Environmental Resource Management with a concentration in Occupational Safety & Health Management*
Recipient of the National Leadership Award from the Military Order of the Purple Heart
Recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award from Golden Empire Drum and Bugle Corps
Student Conductor and Leader of the CSUB Pep Band
Project manager of the CSUB Division of Student Affair’s Runner Nights Marketing Team

Chad San Juan—Recipient of $2,500 Scholarship
California State University, Dominguez Hills
*Masters of Science in Quality Assurance*
Obtained Registered Environmental Health Specialist designation (March 2014)
Obtained Associate Safety Professional designation (November 2015)
Obtained Certified Hazardous Materials Manager designation (October 2017)
Obtained Certified Safety Professional designation (January 2018)

Michael Crow—Recipient of $2,500 Scholarship
Columbia Southern University
*Bachelors of Science in Occupational Safety & Health*
Graduated with an Associates of Arts Degree from Ventura College (2001)
Completed CSUB’s Safety and Risk Management Program (2006)
Member of the ASSE Bakersfield Chapter since 2007
Obtained Occupational Safety and Health Technologist designation (2008)
Planning on obtaining CSP designation in 2019
Full time student, volunteer on the Montague Fire Department’s Fire and Rescue Squad
Devoted dad to three amazing kids
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

Become a Member!

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

ASSE's Member-Get-A-Member Campaign
The more of your friends who join, the more REWARDS
*Refer 3 friends to receive 1 FREE ASSE Webinar
*Refer 5 friends to receive a FREE 1-year extension of your ASSE Membership
*Refer 10 friends to receive an ASSE Polo Shirt + 1 FREE ASSE Seminar (amount not to exceed $350)

Grand Prize Drawing: For every new paid member you sponsor January - December 2018, you will receive an entry to win the Grand Prize drawing for a trip to SAFETY 2019 in New Orleans including:
*Full SAFETY 2019 registration June 9-12 in New Orleans, LA
*Three nights hotel accommodations June 9, 10 and 11, at one of ASSE’s conference hotels
*$250 AMEX card to use for expenses
*Prize not to exceed $2,000 US.

Your Friend wins too!
In addition to all of their new ASSE Membership benefits, every time a new member joins with code 1801RAF they receive 1 FREE ASSE Webinar.

Questions?
Contact ASSE customer service at +01.847.699.2929 orcustomerservice@asse.org.

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.

NAOSH Week 2018
North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week, occurs every year during the first full week of May. Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (OSHP Day) falls on the Wednesday of that week.