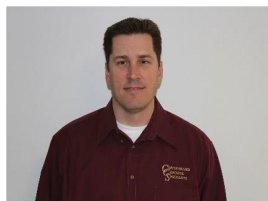




December 4 Meeting Topic

Drug Testing Update: Are You in Compliance

Moriah will cover current drug testing statistics and what is new in both the DOT and non-DOT drug testing programs e.g. DOT FMCSA Clearinghouse (what do we have to do to be compliant), CBD oil (will using this product affect our employees compliance with our drug and alcohol policies), Marijuana in the workplace (how does "legal" marijuana affect our policies). Moriah will spend time on each to make sure everyone is aware of both the problems and the solutions.



Moriah Mendenhall, Contraband Control Specialists, Inc.

Moriah Mendenhall has over 20 years of experience dealing with workplace substance abuse. He is experienced in managing drug testing programs, workplace substance use investigations, contraband control consulting, third-party-administrator services and is a certified instructor.

Contraband Control Specialists is a California based private investigation and professional education and consulting firm which is nationally recognized as a leading authority on the topic of "Drugs in the Workplace."

Bakersfield ASSP 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 \$15 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 ASSP.

Your RSVP is appreciated! RSVP for the upcoming meeting by emailing [Chris Vochoska](mailto:Chris.Vochoska@assp.org).





WISE

Women in Safety Excellence

&

Kern County Christmas for Seniors

Bakersfield Chapter

**Donate items at the December 4th Chapter meeting
and only pay \$10 for breakfast**

**Brighten a low income, isolated, or homebound Senior's Christmas
with donations of full-size "luxury" items (cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc.)**

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| Two-ply Toilet Paper (please no \$1 store) | Razor & Shaving Cream |
| Flushable Wipes | Antiperspirant / Deodorant |
| Tissues | Face Lotion |
| Hand Soap | Body Wash & Body Lotion |
| Hand Sanitizer | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| Small Size Laundry Detergent | Toothbrush & Toothpaste |
| Dryer Fabric Softener Sheets | Calendars |
| Cleaning Supplies | Large Print Books |
| Disinfectant Wipes | Large Print Puzzle Books |
| Paper Towels | Large Piece JigSaw Puzzles |
| \$10 Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Drug Stores, Dollar Tree, etc.) | |

Don't have time to shop? Cash donations will also be accepted.



A Little about ASSP

- ⇒ Founded in 1911, ASSP is the longest running safety organizations and the most respected advocate for workplace safety and health professionals.
- ⇒ Our more than 37,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.
- ⇒ ASSP connects great people to great resources supporting more than 150 chapter communities in the United States and abroad, as well as practice specialties, common interest groups, and student communities that enable occupational safety and health professionals to engage on a global scale.
- ⇒ ASSP 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.
- ⇒ ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.
- ⇒ ASSP produces a [podcast now](#) - Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcast will help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications.

Become a Member!

Guests: Complete application at www.assp.org.

Students: Join for only \$15/year and receive a free year membership upon your graduation! What a great deal!

As an ASSP member, you will elevate your career, gain knowledge, tools and resources to prevent worker injuries, illnesses and fatalities, help improve your company's performance, and become part of a vibrant community of over 37,000 safety professionals working together for a safer, stronger future.

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you - our members - please contact Dave Lee at leed@kerncounty.com.



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Welcome New Members

ASSP loves it when new members join. If you see them at ASSP, please give them a friendly welcome.

- ♦ Katherine Nilbe - Student Member
- ♦ Shelby Eller - California State University, Bakersfield
 - ♦ Anthony Carmona - Nestle USA
 - ♦ Danny Holmes - Student Member
- ♦ Daniel Mendoza - Central Valley Eggs
 - ♦ Samuel Saucedo

Edwina Stewart - Thank you for sponsoring Anthony Carmona.

Dean LeBret - Thank you for sponsoring Danny Holmes.

Tony Meija - Thank you for sponsoring Samuel Saucedo.

Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!



Government Affairs Updates

Valley Fever and Construction Work

On October 10, 2019 Governor Newsom signed into law Cal-OSHA Title 8, Section 6709, that applies to construction employers with employees working at sites in counties where Valley Fever is (per California Department of Public Health's definition) "highly endemic" which includes all of Kern County. An employer shall provide effective awareness training to all employees by May 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, and before an employee begins work that may cause exposure to substantial dust. The Cal-OSHA web site does not yet have a link to this new regulation. That said, the legislative text is provided here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB203

CSB releases Final Report

Philadelphia Energy Solutions Explosion

On October 16 the US Chemical Safety Board (CSB) released a factual update into the June 21, 2019, explosion and fire at the Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) Refinery. The factual update notes that a pipe elbow, which had corroded to about half the thickness of a credit card, appears to have ruptured in the refinery's alkylation unit, releasing process-fluid that included over 5,000 pounds of hydrofluoric acid. The leaking process-fluid formed a large ground-hugging vapor cloud and, two minutes later, the cloud ignited causing a massive fire and explosion. https://www.csb.gov/assets/1/6/pes_factual_update_-_final.pdf

EPA Proposes Changes to Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Regarding the Pesticide Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ)

Changes may be coming to employers and employees who work with or near pesticides on farms. EPA has issued a proposed rule that would change the pesticide Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) requirements so that they apply only to land on a farm owner's property. Current regulations require an outdoor AEZ that extends from 25 to 100 feet in all directions from an application, depending upon the application method. Additional information on EPA's rationale for this action and helpful background on the AEZ can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/worker-protection-standard-application-exclusion-zone>.



More Safety News & Notes

SPAN ASP Exam Prep Workshop

The March 30 – April 1, 2020 SPAN ASP Exam Prep Workshop in Bakersfield is now available for [registration](#) . ASSP members receive a 10% Discount (Regular Price - \$950) by using discount code *BakersfieldASSP*.

For information and qualification requirements for BCSP Certifications, [click here](#). For information about SPAN workshops, [click here](#).

For Prep Class questions contact:
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Board of Certified Safety Professionals

The Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) pursues cases of individuals claiming to hold our credentials without permission. They pursue those cases in which there is clear evidence of the unauthorized use and the individual has a clear responsibility, control, or knowledge of the use. Evidence may be a business card, resume, letter, website, or other publication. If there is no clear evidence, BCSP cannot act on the case.

- ⇒ BCSP Complaint Form - [Report Unauthorized Use](#)
- ⇒ Credential Database - [Find Unauthorized Use on the Certificant Directory](#)



CSUB Student Section

CSUB Student Section Officers Teresa Leone, Jamie Graulich and Eunica Hale attended the 15th Annual ASSP Future Safety Leaders Conference Nov. 7-8 in Oak Brook, IL. Nearly 150 students from 48 different colleges and universities from across the U.S. participated in the event. This year's theme, "Leading Courageously," reflected the goal to provide tools and resources that will enable our student members — the future leaders of the occupational safety and health profession — to grow within the society, within the profession and personally.

Rebecca Bratton, an ASSP member and owner of Courageously Leading delivered the keynote message focused on the conference theme. Julius Rhodes, an ASSP Foundation trustee, shared insights on the role of emotional intelligence in today's world. In addition, Justin Artman, treasurer and past president of ASSP's Illinois State University Student Section shared examples of the section's initiatives. The section was named ASSP's Outstanding Student Section in 2018-19.

Students also attended breakout sessions on topics such as human performance, virtual interviewing and professional manners and leadership, and participated in mock interviews with employer representatives.



ASSP at the Veteran's Day Parade



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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

January 8, 2020

**Topic: OSHA Record Keeping, Worker's Compensation, and
OSHA Reporting**

**Speaker: Joe Bariffi, CSP - Process Manager, EHS-Assurance
Learning & Response, Area Energy LLC**

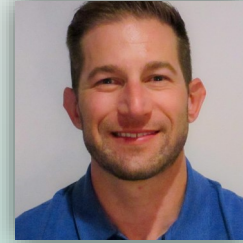
Gain an understanding of appropriate actions, and the pitfalls of inaction, when an employee experiences an injury incident. Learn the definitions of the categories of OSHA injuries for documentation on the Log 300 and actions to take regarding the appropriate times to notify OSHA directly to inform them of injury to your employee.

Joe started his career as an EH&S Technician for Mobil Exploration and Production in Lost Hills, transitioning to Belridge as a Safety Specialist in 1991. In 1996, Joe transferred to Mobil Marketing & Refining in Torrance as a Safety Engineer. In 1998 he was hired as a Safety Advisor for Aera Energy, LLC in Ventura. Joe joined the Bakersfield Community in 2000 as an H&S Team Lead, also for Aera Energy, LLC. Currently Joe stewards Aera's compliance assurance process as well as emergency response and incident investigations as part of the corporate EH&S Management Systems to reduce employee and contractor injuries, illnesses and property losses. Joe also teaches the hazardous material course at CSUB and is on the academic advisory committees for the ERM and Safety Programs at both CSUB and BC.

Additional News & Notes

Congrats to our Members!

Jared McKnight (ASP, OHST) started a new position as Enterprise Risk Management at Aera Energy, LLC.



Congratulations to Bernardo Benitez and Antonia Antunez for each receiving a Certificate of Recognition at the November meeting! They took the effort to create group texts for checking in with their co-workers and drivers throughout the high heat summer days. For creating a safer workplace, thank you both!



No Cost Classes at Westec

Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSP members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes. Visit www.westec.org for more information.



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 the MidCal Labor building located at 5601 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). You do NOT need to be a member of ASSP to join this group! 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: www.spansafetyworkshops.com

Please direct emails to **Floyd Reading** (floyd@tempserv.net) if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.



Awards & Honors Information

Want to recognize someone for having a significant EHS impact in your organization or community? Use the [online submission form](#) and submit your nomination today!

The intent of the ASSP Bakersfield Chapter EHS Awards & Honors Program is to recognize people for something specific they have done to enhance, promote, or otherwise protect people, property or the environment.

