Oct 7, 7:00 - 8:45 AM at Hodels restaurant.

Topic: What You Need to Know About Valley Fever Cases-From a Legal Perspective

Valley Fever is an illness that usually affects the lungs. It is caused by the fungus Coccidioides immitis that lives in soil in many parts of California. When soil containing the fungus is disturbed by digging, vehicles, or by the wind, the fungal spores get into the air. When people breathe the spores into their lungs, they may contract Valley Fever. There have been several cases recently where employees have filed claims for Valley Fever that they believe were exposed to the fungus while working for the Employer.

Speakers:  Michael Gaston, Managing Partner
Pilar Mitchell, Associate Attorney
Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP

Ms. Mitchell, Supervising Attorney in the Fresno office, manages the staff and cultivates client relations while overseeing all aspects of the firm’s workers’ compensation defense cases for the Central Valley WCAB. Ms. Mitchell received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kansas School of Law, and her undergraduate degree from Pepperdine University in Malibu and speaks fluent Spanish!

Nov 4, 7:00 - 8:45 AM at Hodels restaurant.

Topic: Stop Meth Now
Speaker: Kern County Mental Health and the Kern Stop Meth Now Coalition

This presentation will encompass three primary themes: (1) the impact of methamphetamine on Kern County children, families, businesses, and services; (2) the efforts of Kern Stop Meth Now to reduce the impact of methamphetamine and other drugs on the community; and (3) the role of the County’s GATE team in providing assessment and treatment referrals to employees who are terminated due to their substance abuse problems.

Dec 2, 7:00 - 8:45 AM at Hodels restaurant - Topic/Speaker: TBA

Jan 6, 7:00 - 8:45 AM at Hodels restaurant


Speaker: Cathi Marx, ALCM, COSS, COSM, CHS-V
Principal and President-Aspen Risk Management Group

Recent changes to OSHA reporting requirements now have some similarities to California requirements — but they’re not identical. And, if you have locations in multiple states, it’s critical to understand which states require what reporting and recording criteria.

The OSHA 300 log is one injury and illness recording tool used in all states; however different states may require different verbal reporting criteria to OSHA for certain injuries. In addition to the traditional reporting options that have been in place, soon you will be able to report required events online. Organizations will need to determine if this is a safe and viable option and whether to continue to report using the traditional methods.
Recent Membership Renewals – THANK YOU

Brad Aragon-County of Kern
Bob Hassebrock-Weatherford
Ben Laverty-CA Safety Training Corp
Dennis Machado-WorklogicHR
Joel Sherman-Grimmway Enterprises
George Wolfe-Chevron (ret.)

Bob Boston-Linn Energy
Mike Garcia-Chevron

Dr. S Aaron Hedge-CSUB
Elizabeth Liske-Chevron

Leslie Moseley-American Safety Svcs
Tim Ridley-CSUB

Chris Collier

George Gillam

Nancy Weinstein-BBSI

Michael Williams-CSUB

Renewal Reminders - Renew at http://membersasse.org

Doug Adams-10/31
Randy Keddy-10/31
Taylor Bateman-10/31
Shawna Beaver-10/31
Jackie Bowers-9/30
Fred Braun-9/30
Jennifer Buentempo-10/31
Linda Bustamante-9/30
Jim Clark-10/31
Chris Collier-8/31
Jimmy Dean-9/30
Leslie Elliot-10/31
Ernie Ernest-9/30
Tori Furman-10/31
Michael Geyer-10/31
George Gillam-8/31

Luis Gonzalez-10/31
Steve Groves-10/31
Jesse Gutierrez-10/31
Chyng Han-10/31
Charlie Heard-10/31
Casey Hogg-10/31
Bob Johnson-9/30
Larry Johnson-7/31
Carl Klingenbergs-9/30
Bryan Krugman-8/31
Dean LeBreton-10/31
George MacDonal-10/31
Jim Mahoney-9/30
Bob Mahan-10/31
Kara Mbuko-10/31

Chris McCarty-8/31
Scott McElwain-10/31
Jared McKnight-8/31
Chris Miller-9/30
Stevie Mudge-9/30
Debra Noriega-7/31
Rick Pablo-7/31
Noe Paredes-10/31
Greg Peters-10/31
Tim Poulin-9/30
Ernie Ramirez-8/31
Joey Rico-7/31
Adam Rogge-10/31
James Sharp-10/31
Shelia Shearer-10/31
Tony Shelton-9/30

Jim Smith-10/31
Esteban Solano-10/31
Louis Suniga-9/30
Andy Spraggs-8/31
Jenette Bowers-10/31
Debra Noriega-7/31
Darren Thornberry-9/30
Tim Wachtman-8/31
Darren Wraith-10/31
Guy Waski-9/30
Nancy Weinstei-9/30
Joe White-3/31

53 Guests in September - We Love Having Guests!

Hurry Back! 6/30-Casey Cook/Tom Romano/Doyle Tripp/Sal Tuipelehake

A Membership Renewal Bridge Process is Available for Members in a Job Loss/Transition situation
If you are in a job loss/transition and your membership is up for renewal, the Society has a bridging provision available.

Don’t let your membership expire. For more information, contact Chris Vochoska.

We Love Having Guests

Kevin Banks-NuSil Technology
Valentin Barbosa-Wonderful Citrus
Kevin Beahm-K County Env Health
Brandon Boren-WorklogicHR
Zodiac Buar-Pro Safety & Rescue
Antonio Buenrostro-
Ed Caban-Premier Equipment
Erica Caldera-Sun Pacific
Joe Canas-KC Env Health
Cole Cates-PPI Equipment
Anthony Cisneros-3-Way Chevrolet
Jaime Cisneros-Process Instruments
Lonnie Cobb-Baker Hughes
Bryan Colt-Linn Energy
Mark Davies-Certex USA
Kevin Dodd-Weir Seaboard
Myles Frazier-ESS/Linn Energy
Desmond Fuze-RLS Industries

David Garcia-PCL Industrial Svcs
Francisco Gomez-WorklogicHR
Daniel Gonzales-American Inc.
Richard Guerrero-PCL Indus Svcs
Anthony Gutierrez-NuSil Technology
Tim Hamilton-Jorgensen Co.
Danny Harris-Direct Safety Solutions
Mike Hatten-
Jesse Hertenandez-American Inc.
Tom Holiday- Networking
Martin Jeppeson-CALAMCO
Curt Johnson-Telepess Technology
Dale Johnson-Chevron Power/Enery
Bill Jones-Total Safety
Matt Kennedy-MMII
Ann Kyler-Kern County Public Works
Steven Martinez-OMG
Bobby McGowan-MMII

Mayra Montano-
Pete Perich-Soc Cal Gas
ian Perry-Creative Concepts
John Pryor-Risk Mgmt Consultant
Roger Putnam-Total-American
Gil Quevedo-Bowman Asphalt
Alice Salas-Networking
Denise Sacedo- KC Public Works
Erik Schmitt-James Madison/BLM
Andy School-Wm Bolthouse Farms
Chris Settlemire-Guardian Safety
Denise Waters-KC Env Health
Maier Walker-Continental LSR
Karen Zanoff-Chevron
Carlos Zepeda-NuSil Technology

Common Membership Questions

1. Do I have to be an engineer to join ASSE? Answer: No
   A better name for the organization would probably be the American Society of EHS Professionals.

2. Do I have to be a “full time” safety pro or be “certified” to be eligible for membership in ASSE?
   Answer: No
   There are different categories of membership including Associate Member (provides services or cooperates with safety), Member, Professional Member, Student and Emeritus, etc.

3. What's the next step for becoming a member? Complete a Membership App or on-line App- www.asse.org

Students! On-Line Membership only $15/yr http://www.asse.org/asse-student-membership-application/

Bakersfield Chapter New Member Promotion

Complete application at www.asse.org/membership (or mail application form).

Use code 1510Bakersfield to waive the $25 Application Fee and receive a $25 Restaurant.com Gift Card

Bakersfield student member Mike Mosher, known by all as “The Race Doctor” recently lost his battle with cancer. Mike was a huge part of the Bakersfield Speedway family and his presence will be greatly missed.

Mike was a member of the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE from 2004-2007.
Congratulations for successfully advancing your professional development!

Chuck Cartwright with Arthur J. Gallagher & Company recently earned his Certified Risk Manager (CRM) designation through The National Alliance.

Tharold Dill recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health and Safety Technician® (CHST)

Felipe J. Guerra, OHST with Sierra International recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®)

*Associate Safety Professional (ASP) - interim designation denoting progress toward the CSP

Joey Rico with Rain For Rent recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

Josh Rose with Braun Electric has completed the requirements for an AS degree in Occupational Safety & Health from California Southern University.

Steve Wittens with Rain For Rent recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

Please let us know about your professional development successes too! For info on safety certifications, go to www.bcsp.org

80 Bakersfield Chapter Members Present in September – Thank You!

Adkins, Tyler-ESYS
Alva, George-NuSil Technology
Ano, DeLynne-RL Environmental
Aревалос, ОсCAR-VS Transportation
Bishop, Lynn-Networking
Boston, Bob-Linn Energy
Bravo, Isabel-Wonderful Citrus
Bunk, Gary-Orion Safety Services
Burnett, Mike-Sparkle Uniform
Carnahan, Kevin-CSUB-Cal/OSHA
Cawelli, Kenneth-NuSil
Chambers, Gary-A-C Electric
Clark, Jimmy-Tech-Safe Consulting
Clarke, George-WESTEC
Cone, Shawn-CSUB
Cooke, Heather-Aera Energy LLC
Crow, Dave-Braun Electric
Deford, Robby-C&J Energy Svrcs
Dill, Therald III-Networking
Dwyer, Neil-BW Technologies
Eklund, Erik-Monarch Nut Co
Elliot, Leslie-Arpoint Labs of Bksfdl
English, Lisa-CSUB/PGE
Esquivel, Paul-Oil Well Service
Evans, Dr. Gary-Bkrsfld Drug Testing
Fowler, Carrie-CSUB/RHC
Fuller, Mellari-Taft College

Geyer, Michael-Roll Global
Go, George-
Gregory, Hailey-Taft College
Hall, Jonathan-NuSil Technology
Harmon, John-SoCal Gas
Henslee, Steve-RL Environmental
Hester, Laura-Taft College
Hrenchir, Fred-Stan tec
Huston, Callie-Networking
Kenison, Kenny-Taft College/Cravins
Langdon, Kira-NuSil Technology
Laverty IV, Ben-CSTC
Laverty, Terra-CSTC
Lee, Dave-KC Waste Mgmt
Machado, Dennis-WorklogicHR
Mahony, Jim-SARM Instructor
Marriott-Smith, Lisa-Aeros Environmtl
May, Greg-May/Day Marketing
Mena, Joel-Columbia Southern
Mersereau, Dave-KVS Transportation
Miller, Chris-Aera Energy LLC
Miller, Kayli-Taft College
Moe, Donna-Invochem
Ojeda, Danny-CSUB/BLM
Ordway, Helen-Alon USA
Peace, Tom-Consultant
Perez, Jose-Wonderful Company
Perez, Nestor-WorklogicHR
Redden, Roger-Gas Clip Technology
Renaudo, Joel-Baker Hughes
Renuk, Allen-Superior Cont.
Ridley, Tim-CSU Bakersfield
Roquemore, Angelica-Taft College
Rosenlieb, Fran-CRACO LLC
Ruder, Mark-Lone Star Trucking
Sanchez, Sandra-Continental L&S
Sandoval, Rodrigo-Nestle USA
Schulz, Steven-Taft College
Sicard, Chad-Chervon
Smith, Mark-KBA Engineering
Squires, Rhett-RKI Instruments
Stanfill, Gary-Mobile Testing & Eqmt
Tackett, Robert-RL Environmental
Terrell, Lonnie-Total American
Thoele, Randy-Pac Van
Traffanstedt, Sam-West Kern Wtr Dis
Trubey, Mel-Networking
Vandervert, Ted-Kaplin College
Vargas, Jessica-NuSil Technology
Vochoska, Chris-Aera Energy LLC
Wagh Ed-SoCal Gas
Waski, Guy-Turn 2 Safety
Zander, PK-MidCal Labor

Job Opportunities recently communicated through the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE

Safety Coordinator-B&L Casing-Bkrsfld-2-5 yrs. oilfield safety exp-rshipp@blservicesinc.com or www.blservicesinc.com
Workforce Development Mgr-ABC-Bkrsfld-Resume/Salary requirements marias@abccentral.org
Safety Supervisor-Wonderful Citrus-Delano-bilingual/dynamic/safety passion- Apply at www.wonderfulcitrus.com
Regional H&S Mgr--Patriot Environmental Srvs--Bkrsfld
Regional Safety Specialist- Patriot Env Srvs-Bkrsfld & Santa Paula
Environmental Advisor--Kern Oil & Refining-Bkrsfld
Safety Manager - West Valley Construction – California
Risk Control Consultant-Church Mutual Ins-So CA-50% travel/work out of home- www.churchmutual.com/jobs
Loss Control Specialist-Vensure Employer Services-So CA/Kern County
Loss Control Specialist (or Sr.)-Nationwide Agribusiness-Central Valley
EHS Technician - Scaled Composites - Mojave, CA
Cal-OSHA-Associate Safety Eng-
Cal-OSHA-Assistant Safety Eng-
Cal-OSHA-Junior Safety Eng-
Quality Regulatory Stfy Mgr-Townsend Design--Bkrsfld-ISO Process/Proc knowledge req- clismith@townsenddesign.com
Environmental Professional - Macpherson Oil – Bakersfield - 3 yrs exp. HR@MacphersonOil.com
Facility Environmental Specialist (Job#15001129)-Nestle USA-Bkrsfld
Env Advisor--Kern Oil & Refining-Bkrsfld
Indust Hygiene Tech--SMS-West Coast Ops-Desc/apply: https://safetym.s CandidateCare.jobs/job_positions/preview/1146
Safety Technician-WorklogicHR--Bkrsfld-

Filled Vince Moreno