Legalized Marijuana Risk Management

What's being covered on October 5th?
This discussion will look at how California and Colorado manage risks associated with legalized marijuana.

About our Speaker
Bernadette M. O’Brien is a partner at Floyd, Skeren & Kelly, LLP and an SPHR certified/SHRM-SCP Human Resources Executive. Ms. O’Brien serves as general counsel and executive advisor to the law firm’s Human Resources (HR) Department and is managing attorney of the firm’s employment law department. She is a published author, distinguished speaker, and website content developer.

Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings are held from 7:00—8:45 AM on the first Wednesday of every month at Hodel’s Country Dining located at 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) 617-5286 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.
Study Group Meeting Location Has Changed!

Starting September 5th (Labor Day) the Professional Development Study group will be meeting the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00p.m.—7:30p.m. at Continental Labor and Staffing (900 Mohawk St, Suite 120).

As before, 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: www.spansafetyworkshops.com. Please direct emails to Heath Taylor if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.

Have you thought about becoming a Certified Industrial Hygienist?
Would you be interested in participating in a CIH study group?

If the answer to either of these questions is “yes”, read the sidebar below to learn more about getting support with turning your CIH dreams into reality.

Interested in becoming a Certified Industrial Hygienist?

The Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE would like to gauge the level of interest in sponsoring a CIH Study Group targeting the Spring 2017 exam window.

If interested, join us on October 5th at 9:00 a.m. immediately following the chapter monthly meeting at Hodels. We will be:

- Determining interest level
- Providing a CIH test overview and information about the application process
- Discussing recommended resources

Here is the proposed timeline for this study group:

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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

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One of our very own: 2016 Rising Stars of Safety

Jose Perez has been selected from many outstanding applicants as one of the 2016 National Safety Council Rising Stars of Safety. His contributions to workplace safety have fundamentally set him apart from his peers and the National Safety Council is proud to recognize Mr. Perez as one of NSC’s “40 under 40” safety stars. Jose Perez is featured along with the other Rising Stars of Safety in the cover story of the NSC’s October 2016 issue of SAFETY+HEALTH magazine and will receive a personalized plaque at the 2016 NSC Safety Conference and Exposition, October 15 through October 21, at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Eager to get involved with the Chapter, but don’t want to get in over your head?
As a short-term Volunteer opportunity, the 2017 Symposium Planning Committee could be a great fit for you! See page 5 of August’s newsletter for more information.

Welcome to our Taft Student Section
2016-2017 Executive Committee

Miguel Bojorquez
President

Chase Hunter
Vice President

Luis Barron
Treasurer

Chad Chitwood
Secretary

Thank you to Chad Sicari for taking on the role of Faculty Advisor once again!
Please Welcome Our New Chapter Liaison for Bakersfield College

Catherine Jones (CSP®) has been a member of ASSE since 1995! In addition to this new role, she has also served in the following positions:
- Newsletter Editor 1996-2001
- Secretary 1998-2000
- Delegate 2000-2001
- President Elect 2001-2002
- President 2002-2003
- Scholarship Chair 2003-2004

Recent Professional Certification Achievements

Congratulations for successfully advancing your professional development!

Kyle Silvers (left) with KS Industries, LP recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®)

Bryan Krugman (right) with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

Allan Makalintal (left) with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health and Safety Technician® (CHST)

Stephanie Ohman (right) with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®)

In a Job Transition Situation?
The ASSE Career Center connects safety professionals with top employers. Members can register to upload their resume to http://jobs.asse.org/. It's free and you can also set up job alerts. Good luck!

November 2nd Chapter Meeting


Imagine this... you get a call from the CUPA inspector requesting an inspection at your facility next week. Wait, what is a CUPA? An inspection?? What are they going to look at? No need to panic... well, not just yet. This session will provide an overview & insight on what a CUPA inspector looks at and reviews during a hazmat inspection. We’ll look at the most commonly cited violations & how to stay in compliance. And most importantly, how to avoid sitting in that awkward enforcement hearing.

Speaker: Vicky Furnish, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist Hazardous Materials Program, Kern County Environmental Health - Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Vicky Furnish is the CUPA Program Supervisor and a Hazardous Materials Specialist with Kern County Environmental Health. For over 12 years, her focus has been in the implementation of the CUPA program. Ms. Furnish obtained her BS degree in Biology from St. Mary’s College of California and her Masters of Arts in Security Studies, Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School: Center for Homeland Defense & Security. As a Hazardous Materials Specialist, she responds to and manages a 24/7 emergency response team that works closely with local Fire and Law Enforcement agencies.
In the spring, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) published its new rules on blowout preventers and well control for offshore oil and gas companies. Most of the attention was focused on impacts to drilling operations through tighter regulation of blowout equipment, maintenance and mud densities.

However, a new analysis indicates that the impact may be much broader, forcing changes to the entire offshore oil and gas industry. The analysis comes from the Van Ness Feldman law firm and it focuses on one small section of the rule.

Under the section of 30 CFR 250.107 titled “What must I do to protect health, safety, property, and the environment,” BSEE added this:

(a)(3) Utilizing recognized engineering practices that reduce risks to the lowest level practicable when conducting design, fabrication, installation, operation, inspection, repair, and maintenance activities;

The article points out three reasons why that is important:

1. It applies to just about everything that happens on offshore leases. Instead of specifically targeting activities that control hydrocarbons in drilling and production, the section of the regulations applies to the entire process of exploration and development.

2. What does the term Lowest Level Practicable mean? It doesn’t mean “lowest priced” and it may not even mean “reasonable.” One definition is “capable of being put into practice.” In BSEE regulations, a reference to “maximum extent practicable” means “within the limitations of available technology.” Chances are the courts will have to weigh in on what practicable means here.

3. It is now the law! Industry experts will tell you they are always looking for ways to reduce risk and they are right. The challenges of offshore work, the costs of making a mistake and the level of government oversight have driven industry to work at a high level of safety. But now there is a regulation that says, if the decision is between two options, engineers need to choose the one that presents the lowest level of risk and there are penalties for the operator and the contractor if that doesn’t happen.

How much offshore activity does this cover? Since almost all significant activities offshore take some level of engineering, it will impact a lot of activities. How about well interventions? Liftboat or crane operations? Pipelines that are regulated by BSEE?

What changes could it force? Here is a partial list:

- Construction and maintenance records. No documentation, no proof the rule is being followed.
- Documentation of engineering processes. Engineering is usually focused on designs and processes. Now it may need to look at how options were weighed in reaching decisions.
- SEMS compliance, especially contractor oversight. This has largely been performance-based, but this change could mean operators need to get into the decision-making process of their contractors.
- Coordination. What happens when an operator’s or contractor’s choice of the lowest risk option raises the risk for some other contractor or phase of a project? For example, a larger BOP with redundant systems may be better for preventing a blowout, but it may be too big to be safely installed by the driller. Whose risk is more important?

This would be a good time to review your policies and decision-making processes, especially management of change, if you want to make sure your safety management system addresses this new change.
Get involved with Bakersfield Chapter 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:

Business & Event Planning
Every 1st Wednesday of the month after the Chapter meeting.

Professional Development & Networking
Date: October 20th
Handling Hazardous Waste
Date: November 17th
Leading Through Influence
Time: 6:00—8:00PM
Where: NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Planned Events
November: Christmas for Seniors

Welcome new members!

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

Diane Nieblas—Health Edge Administrators
Jordan Thompson—Aera Energy LLC
Juan Arguello—CSUB Student
Eric Castillo—NuSil Technology LLC
Carlos Torris—CSUB Student

Thank you to Gary Chambers for sponsoring one of our new chapter members! This not only helps our Chapter, but also our profession grow!

WISE September Meetings

Thanks to (L to R) Sandra, Sarah, Joanna, Norma, Isabel, Jarib, Elizabeth, Jess, Abby, Lisa & Elaine for your input at the September Business & Planning meeting this month.

Thanks to Heath Taylor and Sandra Sanchez for presenting on Professional Certifications at the September WISE Professional Development meeting. Don't worry if you missed out on all the helpful study tips, you can always attend one of Heath's bi-weekly study groups (see page 2 for more information).
Become a Member!

Wondering how you can join the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE?
You can join by:
- visiting www.asse.org,
- mailing in an application form (available at the monthly meetings),
- Or by calling (847) 699-2929.
- Use promo code 169Bakersfield to waive the $25 Application Fee and receive a $50 Restaurant.com Gift Card!

Are your friends safety pros too?
You can refer a friend by visiting: http://www.asse.org/membership/refer/

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.

The CSUB Student Section meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the business development center at CSUB. Pizza will be served! If you would like to attend please RSVP to Elizabeth Hollman.

Benefits When You Join

Read the Best – Our top ranked member benefit, Professional Safety
Enhance Your Skills – Explore discounted educational opportunities
Connect with Peers - Reach out to 37,000 fellow professionals with ASSE social sites
Access members only resources - Such as Free Webinars & Body of Knowledge

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 or Taft Student Section president to learn more!