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## A Word From Our President...

I hope all is well with everyone as we bring the summer to an end and look forward to the fall season. I would like to thank Herrick Teeter (Past President) and all the officers and members that made last year such a great year. The Chapter is much stronger because of these fine people.

Looking ahead, I would like to share some ideas for this coming year. Our officers held several meetings this summer to establish our programs,

update our web site, prepare financial reports, discuss membership needs, the PDC 2003, and our scholarship. I have also met with our Regional Director Donald Garman several times.

Our fall meeting schedule is being finalized, and I believe you will find the topics very interesting. We plan to have joint meetings with the Occupational Health Nurses Association, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the So-

ciety of Fire Protection Engineers. As always, there will be a large variety of topics.

As you can see it has been a busy summer for ASSE. Please feel free to contact any of your officers to provide your feedback and comments. Hope to see you at our first meeting!

Sincerely,

*Vince Taylor*

CNY ASSE President

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# OSHA ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING PLAN

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8/27/02

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today a restructuring and realignment of the Agency. The reorganization features the creation of a new Office of Small Business, which will be part of an overall change in the Agency's structure that for the first time will establish a separate organization in OSHA to coordinate compliance assistance activities.

"The workers in this country, and the businesses and organizations that employ them, deserve the very best performance from OSHA," said John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for

Occupational Safety and Health. "This reorganization realigns our resources and functions around proven strategies that will produce the best results in reducing workplace injuries and illnesses."

The new dedicated compliance assistance organization, the Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs, formalizes OSHA's efforts to expand compliance programs, training, outreach and education programs, and create an organization that builds on and expands the knowledge and successes of the compliance assistance programs currently in place. In addition to the new Office of Small Business Assistance, other new offices created by the reor-

ganization include the Office of Partnerships and Recognition and the Office of Outreach Services and Alliances, both designed to reach out to the business and employer communities.

A second feature of the restructuring is the consolidation of the Directorates of Safety and Health Standards into one unified organization that will address both regulatory and non-regulatory approaches for safety and health standards and guidelines. This change streamlines OSHA rulemaking by integrating all safety and health standards development activity within one organization. The agency will also rename its

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## OSHA TAKES FIRST STEP IN PROPOSED NEW CRANE AND DERRICK SAFETY CONSTRUCTION STANDARD

Washington, DC  
July 15, 2002

In response to industry representatives, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced its first step in updating its construction safety standards for cranes and derricks through the Negotiated Rulemaking Process.

"Changes in technology and work processes over the past 30 years call for new, revised crane and derrick safety requirements," said John Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. The existing rule (29 CFR 1926.550)

dates back to 1971, and was based in part on industry consensus standards from 1967 to 1969.

OSHA expects that a range of issues will be considered, including work zone control, crane operations near power lines, qualifications of individuals who operate, maintain, repair and assemble cranes and derricks, and requirements for fail-safe operation, warnings and other safety-related devices and technologies.

With publication of its intent to enter into negotiated rulemaking - - scheduled for the July 16, 2002 Federal Register -- OSHA outlines the basic procedures involved in

forming a negotiated rulemaking advisory committee to develop a draft proposed rule, identifies the stakeholders who may be affected, solicits nominations for committee members and ask for public comments regarding any aspect of the negotiated rulemaking process. Comments will be accepted for 60 days following the Federal Register notice.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE—CNY ASSE NEWSLETTER

## **This will be your last mailed CNY Safety newsletter!**

In an effort to reduce costs, improve & expand our newsletter, and provide more timely information, the CNY ASSE will now be providing our monthly newsletter electronically. Chapter members in good standing will be e-mailed a copy of the newsletter each month, and the

newsletter will also be posted on our chapter web page, [www.assecny.org](http://www.assecny.org). **Don't be left out—if you didn't receive a test e-mail on 8/23/02, you are not on our list.** Please contact [nph4@cornell.edu](mailto:nph4@cornell.edu) to have your address added to our list. In addition, if you do not have access to a computer and would like to continue to receive hard copies of the newsletter,

please contact us and we will accommodate your request.

### ***Looking for job opportunities?***

*Check out the "forum" section of [www.assecny.org](http://www.assecny.org) for up to date listing!*

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## **OSHA ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING PLAN**

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Directorate of Compliance Programs as the Directorate of Enforcement to clarify and emphasize the strong enforcement that will continue to be pursued under the new restructuring.

"These changes will also enable OSHA to more effectively accomplish the agendas articulated by President Bush and Secretary Chao," said Henshaw, "as well as meet our four strategic program priorities: strong, fair, effective enforcement; expanded compli-

ance assistance, education and outreach; expanded partnerships and voluntary efforts; and national leadership in promoting the value of occupational safety and health."

Other changes taking place under the restructuring plan include replacing the Directorate of Policy with the Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis to better monitor and measure the agency's performance and to track its progress against strategic objectives, and changing the name of the Directorate of Technical Support to the Director-

ate of Science, Technology and Medicine.

More details about the restructuring, including a fact sheet, can be found at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

**ASSE members—attend our meeting on Thursday, September 19th to find out more about OSHA's future! OSHA area director Diane Brayden will be on hand to give you the scoop about OSHA's restructuring plan. See page 4 for more details.....**

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## **LONG-AWAITED BILL CALLS FOR STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF MOLD WORKERS**

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan has introduced his long-awaited legislation on mold. The bill, HR 5040, is titled the "United States Toxic Mold Safety and Protection Act of 2002."

The bill mandates EPA to promulgate standards for certification of mold inspectors, mold remediators, mold testing labs, mold risk

assessors and industrial hygienists involved with mold remediation planning, according to the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

The proposal addresses the qualifications needed to do mold work, but does not define what one would call "pre-qualified" individuals.

It would also create a national toxic mold hazard insurance program and indoor mold hazard assistance. There are also provisions regarding housing and real property sales. AIHA doubts the bill will be enacted this year, but is certain that Congress will take it up in 2003.

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**Important information about  
your membership inside!**

## CNY ASSE MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION

Join the Central New York chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers for our September Kickoff meeting! This is our first meeting back after an enjoyable summer off, and we've got something special in store.

On Thursday, September 19th we will be exploring the current state of the safety profession. ASSE Regional Director Donald Garman will be on hand, as well as OSHA Area Director Diane Brayden and distinguished ASSE member Robert Andres. Topics will include OSHA emphasis programs

and restructuring, the safety professional, and the new ANSI TR-3 standard regarding safety through design. Join the fun and get all the member benefits you deserve!

Interested members and friends should meet at 5 p.m. in Foster's Restaurant (upstairs), 105 First St, in Liverpool.

All parties must confirm their attendance by calling Nathan Hunter at 607.254.5439 or e-mail [nph4@cornell.edu](mailto:nph4@cornell.edu) by Tuesday, September 17th. \$15 at the door covers dinner, taxes, and tip.

### Save This Date

#### **Wednesday, October 9th**

- ? CNY ASSE joint meeting with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)
- ? Introduction of the newly adopted NYS Fire Code
- ? Stay tuned for more details, or visit [www.assecny.org](http://www.assecny.org)

Congratulations to Ronald Kitson, CSP, of Corning Inc. Ron received the 2002 International Practice Specialty Safety Professional of the Year award given by National ASSE. Nice job Ron!