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## From the President...

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Empire State Safety 2003 conference committee, chaired by Nathan Hunter. The conference provided excellent topics and speakers on a variety of subjects. I heard great comments from those that attended, and most of you know the time and effort that is required to have a successful conference. One of the many things we do as a society is to share information. Our conference did just that.

Also I would like to

comment on our web page, [www.assecny.org](http://www.assecny.org). Please take time to look at the resources available here, not only to you as a member, but to anyone that goes to our web site. Again we are providing a valuable service.

Please share the information of our web site to nonmembers as well and encourage them to attend a meeting even if they are not a member. This is one of the ways we can attract new members.

Thanks again to Nathan for chairing this



year's conference committee and making this web site what it is today.

It has been a great year and I am very proud that you have given me the opportunity to serve as your President. Hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting.

Sincerely,  
*Vince Taylor*

## Supporting North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

Help ASSE and its partners in Canada and Mexico in promoting workplace safety and health during North American Occupational Safety and Health week (NAOSH) this May 4-10. This continent-wide event is an opportunity for com-

panies to strengthen their commitment to occupational safety and health by increasing public awareness.

ASSE has produced several tools for members, employees, employers and

the general public to use to spread the word about the importance of occupational safety and health in reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities. Go to [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) for a list of the NAOSH materials available.



# 2003 Safety Professional of the Year, Vince Taylor, NYSEG

## A note of thanks from Mr. Taylor...

I would like to thank the committee and the entire ASSE Chapter for the Safety Professional of the Year Award. It is an honor and a privilege to be the recipient of this award.

I look back at those people that have been the recipient of this award to recognize the honor that it is to have my name listed along with theirs. I



Vince Taylor, right, receives the 2003 Safety Professional of the Year Award

have had the privilege to work with many of them such as Richard Piron, fellow utility safety professional, the first recipi-

ent of this award.

The members of ASSE and this profession have made this a rewarding experience and I will continue to support our activities in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

*Vince*

**Chapter Officer positions are still available for the '03-'04 year. Contact Vince Taylor at 607.762.6142 or [vmtaylor@nyseg.com](mailto:vmtaylor@nyseg.com) for info**

## Revised ANSI Confined Space Standard

DES PLAINES, IL  
April 8, 2003

Reducing confined space injuries and providing more secure rescue operations, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently announced the American National Standard Z117.1-2003 *Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces*. The newly revised standard establishes the minimum safety requirements for confined space operations,

which includes personal protection equipment, safeguarding, confined space permits and emergency response plans.

The Z117.1-2003 standard was approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on February 20, 2003, and it is a revision of the 1995 standard. The new standard includes confined space information such as definitions, identification and evaluation, emergency

response and rescue, permit and non-permit requirements, atmospheric testing, isolation and decontamination, lockout/tagout, warning sign requirements and personal protection equipment. The standard also includes an appendix providing sample permits, surveys and evaluations.

Z117 Committee Chair Edward Grund said, "Confined spaces continue

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to be a significant cause of injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the U.S. and the Z117.1 standard will provide guidelines to help reduce confined space accidents. The standard provides the minimum safety requirements to be followed when entering, exiting and working in a confined space at normal atmospheric pressure."

ASSE, secretariat of the Z117 Committee, is host-

ing a technical conference call April 29, 2003 from 11AM-12:30 PM CST featuring Z117 Committee members Edward Grund and Craig Schroll, who will discuss the new revisions in the standard. Registrants will receive the Z117.1-2003 and 1995 standards, and a written presentation on the revisions as well as be able to e-mail questions to the speakers in advance.

The conference call is \$75

for ASSE members, \$82 for AIHA and ACHMM members, and \$89 for non-members.

The Z117.1 standard, order number 3384, is available for \$37 for ASSE members, \$45 for AIHA and ACHMM members and \$53 for non-members. To order the standard or to participate in the conference call visit [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) or call ASSE Customer Service at 847-699-2929.



## CNY ASSE Makes Donation to Upstate NY Safety Council

The Upstate NY Safety Council received a \$500 donation from the CNY Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers at the April 17th Empire State Safety 2003 Conference & Exposition. Peter Mietus of the

Rochester Safety Council office was on hand to receive the donation.

Mr. Mietus indicated that the donation would be used towards updating their computers.



Peter Meitus accepts the donation

## A New Disease Called SARS

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a respiratory illness that has recently been reported in Asia, North America, and Europe. As of April 24, about 213 suspect cases of SARS

and 40 probable cases of SARS had been reported in the United States. The Center for Disease Control has produced fact sheets about SARS, as well as information on SARS in the workplace. Go to [http://](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/index.htm)

[www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/index.htm) for more information. The World Health Organization (WHO) has also released helpful information on SARS, and can be found at <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/>.



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## CNY ASSE May Chapter Meeting Info

Members and friends are welcome to join us for our May Chapter Meeting. Our topic will be "**Computer and Internet Based Safety Resources**". This will be an open forum for all individuals to share with others the resources they use for safety and health training and information. Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring web sites and computer-based training CDs and information resources to share with the group. A catered meal will be served (\$15).

**What:** "**Computer and Internet Based Safety Resources**" May CNY ASSE Chapter meeting

**When:** Thursday, May 15th  
6:00pm, catered dinner  
(\$15)

**Where:** Cornell University,  
Department of Environmental  
Health & Safety, 118  
Humphries Service Bldg,  
Ithaca

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**Directions** are available on our chapter web site, [www.assecny.org](http://www.assecny.org).

