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Empire State Safety 2004



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Join us for the **Empire State Safety 2004** professional development conference and vendor exhibition! Hosted by your CNY ASSE Chapter, our annual conference and vendor exhibition typically draws over one hundred local safety and health professionals and company supervisors though out the construction, manufacturing, and insurance fields. There will be wide variety of presentations available to help you reduce risk, prevent injuries & illnesses, and manage your EH&S responsibilities more efficiently.

The only conference of it's kind in the Central New York area, this is your opportunity to learn from the best. Our annual event will be held this year on April 6th and 7th (Tuesday & Wednesday) at the Wyndham Hotel & Conference Center in Syracuse.

Taking into account feedback from previous years, we've made a few changes to our important event. On April 6th, we will be offering 2 different full day technical seminars, one on improving you safety training program and

the other on machine safeguarding. Also, beginning on April 6th and concluding on April 7th, our chapter will also be offering a 10 hr Construction Outreach Training course.

On April 7th, we will hold our general conference and vendor expo. We have numerous presentations for attendees to choose from, and nearly twenty vendors on hand. CEUs are available for all technical seminars and the general conference.

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OSHA Identifies Workplaces with Highest Injury and Illness Rates

WASHINGTON -- The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health has alerted approximately 13,000 employers throughout the country that their injury and illness rates are significantly higher than the national average and encourages them to take steps to address safety and health hazards in the workplace.

In a letter this month to those employers, John Henshaw explained that while their rates were higher than most other businesses in the country, the notification was simply a proactive step to encourage employers to take steps now to reduce the rates and improve safety and health for their employees.

"The intent of the notification is to alert employers

that their injury and illness rates are above average," Henshaw said, "but, as important, we also want to offer them assistance to help reduce those rates. This process is not necessarily a negative; on the contrary, it provides employers a tremendous opportunity to take steps to improve workplace safety and health and create value for their organization."

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OSHA Identifies Workplaces with Highest Injury and Illness Rates, cont.

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OSHA identified establishments with the nation's highest workplace injury and illness rates based on data reported by 80,000 employers surveyed by the agency last year (that survey collected injury and illness data from calendar year 2002). Workplaces receiving the alert letters had seven or more injuries or illnesses resulting in days away from work, restricted work activity, or job transfer (DART) for every 100 full-time workers. Nationwide, the average U.S. workplace had fewer than three DART instances for every 100 workers.

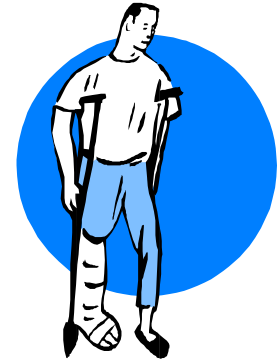
Henshaw sent letters to all employers with high injury

and illness rates, and provided copies of their injury and illness data, along with a list of the most frequently violated OSHA standard for their specific industry. While addressing his concerns for the high rates, Henshaw also offered the agency's help in turning those rates around, suggesting, among other things, using the free safety and health consultation services provided by OSHA through the states, developing an internal process to identify and control hazards, or hiring outside safety and health consultants.

"The data collection initiative is conducted each year and gives us a clearer picture of those establishments with higher than

normal injury and illness rates," he said. "This information allows us the opportunity to place our inspection resources where they're most needed and to plan outreach and compliance assistance programs where they will benefit the most."

The 13,000 sites are listed alphabetically, by state, on OSHA's website at: http://www.osha.gov/as/opa/foia/hot_10.html. This list does not designate those earmarked for any future inspection. Also, the sites listed are those in states covered by federal OSHA; the list does not include employers in the 21 states and one territory (Puerto Rico) that operate OSHA-approved state plans covering the private sector.



CNY ASSE Student Scholarship

The CNY Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, in keeping with its mission to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals in its geographic area, has established a scholarship program to financially assist deserving individuals pursuing a degree in Occupational Safety or other related curriculum at a college or university. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$1000 per recipient, and is awarded annually.

College students and high school students are both eligible, but must be enrolled in a safety and health related program for the coming year. Preference shall be given to students who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Central New York Chapter and maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Applications can be downloaded off the CNY ASSE web site, <http://cny.asse.org>, and must be submitted by March 31st. All applications must be made on

the form provided along with a copy of all transcripts, current course registration, one (1) personal letter of reference, one (1) academic letter of reference, letter to the committee outlining scholastic and career goals, and any other pertinent information.

Recipients will be notified by June 1st. Questions regarding this application can be addressed to knnyager@dreamscape.com or mglea21789@aol.com.

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OSHA Stakeholder Meetings for Construction Hearing Conservation Program

OSHA has invited the public to participate in informal stakeholder meetings on a Hearing Conservation Program for Construction Workers to address noise exposure monitoring, audiometric testing, and portability of records for workers in the construction industry with significant noise exposures.

The meetings will be held

on March 24th and 25th, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois, at Embassy Suites Hotel -- Rosemont, 5500 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018 (telephone 847-678-4000, fax 847-928-7659). Both meetings will begin at 830 a.m. and end at 1230 p.m.

Interested parties are requested to notify OSHA of their intent to participate in

one of the stakeholder meetings by March 8, 2004. Each half day session will have the same agenda and format. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend only one half-day meeting. OSHA plans to schedule an additional meeting in the Washington, DC area at a later date.



OSHA Forms Workplace Safety And Health Alliance With Safety Council of Upstate N.Y. and N. Y. Department of Labor

NEW YORK -- Improving workplace safety and health for Upstate New York workers is the goal of a new alliance among the U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Safety Council of Upstate New York, Inc., and the New York State Department of Labor's On-Site Consultation Program (NYS Consultation).

OSHA alliances are part of U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao's ongoing efforts to improve the health and safety of workers through cooperative partnerships.

The purpose of the alliance is to provide members of the Safety Council of Upstate New York, Inc., a

Chapter of the National Safety Council and others with information, guidance and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety. A particular emphasis is placed on workplace violence, motor vehicle safety and highway work zone safety.

Four OSHA area offices will take part in this alliance: Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse and Tarrytown.

"This alliance is an example of Secretary Chao's commitment to find cooperative ways to improve health and safety for all workers," said Patricia K. Clark, OSHA's regional administrator in New York. "We want to help educate Upstate New York workers to recognize and avoid haz-

ards on the job."

The alliance signatories will work together to ensure the delivery of safety and health training programs related to workplace violence and security in health care and related settings, occupational motor vehicle safety and work zone flagger safety. They will also promote related training and educational programs through various outreach and communications efforts.

NYS Consultation will provide resources to support the priority training and technical assistance needs of the participants of this alliance.

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March Chapter Meeting Information

Anheuser-Busch operates one of 12 breweries in its nationwide system in Baldwinsville, N.Y. Opened as an Anheuser-Busch brewery in 1983, this brewery has the capacity to produce more than 8 million barrels annually. Makers of Budweiser, Busch, Michelob, Natural, and Bacardi Silver, just to name a few. Come take a tour with us and sample a few of their products!

What: March CNY ASSE Chapter Meeting

Where: Anheuser-Busch, 2885 Belgium Road (Route 31), Baldwinsville, NY 13027

When: Thursday, March 18, 2004, tour starts at 5:00 pm

Dinner: following the tour, Blue Water Grill, 2 Oswego Street (off Rt 48), Baldwinsville 315.638.3342 (\$15 covers dinner, taxes & tip)

RSVP: required by Monday, March 15, 2004 to nph4@cornell.edu or 607.254.5439.

