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Welcome back to all EHS

Professionals!

ASSE-CNY Officers have been busy brainstorming and setting up the monthly meetings, speakers, and programs to enhance both our profession and chapter. I believe we have developed a great and exciting year for us. The meetings are, as in previous years, easy to remember, they will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month. However, there is the exception of the occasional joint meeting with other professional organizations.

The ASSE CNY September kick-off meeting is scheduled for September 21st at 6:00 pm at the Onondaga Lake Club

House. The scheduled topic; Health & Safety Aspects of the Onondaga Lake Clean-up will be presented by Jerry Clark, CSP and Jeff Parson, CIH.

We are excited to announce the kick-off meeting for our chapter will have the Dinosaur BBQ supplying the dinner and the cost will only be \$ 14.00 per person.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you and thank this years officers; they bring both expertise and enthusiasm;

Mike Quirk (President Elect)

Dave Daignault (Vice President)

Jennifer Lawless (Secretary)

Jeanette Kinsella (Treasurer and past President)

Nathan Hunter (Area Director, newsletter & webpage editor)

I am confident you will, once you have reviewed the following, agree that this year will prove to be an outstanding year. September we have the Kick-off dinner. October, we will be having a joint meeting with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), that meeting, will take place on October 11 (not a Thursday-another exception), the meeting will incorporate OSHA and fire inspections. November 16th we will be hosting a joint meeting, at the Past Time Club with AIHA, the topic;



Your 2006-2007 chapter officers (from left): President Ken Waldby, Secretary Jennifer Lawless, Treasurer Jeanette Kinsella, Vice President Dave Daignault, President Elect Mike Quirk, Area Director Nathan Hunter

WELCOME, CONT.

Pandemic Flu. We end 2006 with our December meeting at a Syracuse Crunch game and we will, during dinner, have a short lecture on the AED

We start the New Year hosting a virtual meeting with other chapters in our region with guest speaker Steve Kane the ASSE National Director. February is a joint meeting being hosted by the Certified Occupational Health Nurses (COHN). In March our guest speaker will be Neil Murphy President of ESF and former President of O'Brien & Gere Engineers.

The Professional Development Conference, which will be held on **April 18 and 19, 2007**. Yes, two days, with

courses held on the first day, stay tuned for up-dates.

Visit our web site <http://cny.asse.org> to keep current on chapter events and also visit the ASSE's site www.asse.org to update your information as necessary.

The chapter is looking into an ASP/CSP Review course. If interested in taking it, please contact me or any officer. This is a great opportunity to add to your credentials and it is cost effective for ASSE members.

There is a lot to remember so start marking your calendars based on your interests and time allotments. Keep in mind those with a CSP you

can receive CEU's for meeting attendance and participation. Also a CEU is gained for an officers position! As an officer, depending on the amount of hands that assist the Chapter, minimal time will be required. If interested contact us...or we may contact you!

If you have ideas to make our ASSE Chapter better, please contact us. We encourage you to help; there are nearly 200 members in our chapter let's get involved.

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Onondaga Lake

OSHA CERTIFIES THE NEW YORK STATE PLAN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced that it will approve plan amendments and certify the state of New York's occupational safety and health plan for its public employees. This certification reflects OSHA's determination that all developmental commitments have been met and that the state's plan is structurally complete.

"This is a major milestone for the state of New York in the development of its occupational safety and health program," said Edwin G. Foulke Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA. "We congratulate them on this accomplishment and for their ongoing commitment to the safety and health of their public

employees."

OSHA's certification indicates that the state plan contains all the necessary structural elements (standards, statutory and regulatory authorities, and procedures) to operate a program for its public employees which is "at least as effective" as the federal program. Absent a state plan, state and local government employees are not covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

New York's state plan is administered by the New York Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) program and covers nearly 1.3 million state and local government

employees.

OSHA encourages states to develop and operate their own safety and health programs. While most state plans cover both private sector and public sector employees, New York is one of four jurisdictions that cover only public sector employees; the others are Connecticut, New Jersey and the Virgin Islands. Private sector enforcement authority in the state of New York remains the responsibility of federal OSHA.

Notice of OSHA's approval of plan supplements and certification of the New York state plan for public employees is in the Aug. 16, 2006 **Federal Register**.



OSHA REVISES RESPIRATORY PROTECTION STANDARDS

WASHINGTON (8/23/06)-- **New Assigned Protection Factors** (APFs) for respiratory protection programs are being incorporated into the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) respiratory protection standard, the agency announced.

This APF final rule completes the revision of the reserve sections of OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard as published in 1998. The Respiratory Protection Standard will now contain provisions necessary for a comprehensive respiratory protection program, including selection and use of respirators, training, medical evaluation, and fit testing.

"This standard helps employers and employees select the right respirator for the job," said Assistant Secretary of La-

bor for OSHA, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr. "And with the right respirator employees will have adequate protection to be safe and healthy at work."

APFs are numbers that indicate the level of workplace respiratory protection that a respirator or class of respirators is expected to provide to employees when used as part of an effective respiratory protection program. An APF table is being included in the final standard to guide employers in the selection of air-purifying, powered air-purifying, supplied-air (or airline respirator), and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) respirators.

Employers must follow these new requirements and use APFs to select the appropriate type of respirator based upon

the exposure limit of a contaminant and the level of the contaminant in the workplace. Employers select respirators by comparing the exposure level found in the workplace and the maximum concentration of the contaminant in which a particular type of respirator can be used (the Maximum Use Concentration, or MUC). Employers generally determine the MUC by multiplying the respirator's APF by the contaminant's exposure limit. If the workplace level of the contaminant is expected to exceed the respirator's MUC, the employer must choose a respirator with a higher APF.

OSHA's final respiratory standard on APFs are published in the Aug. 24, 2006 Federal Register.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov.



ARE WE MEETING YOUR NEEDS?

Our chapter is run by dedicated volunteers who strive for excellence. We need your feedback in order to continue to work towards the satisfaction of the entire membership. Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire today. The survey can be found on our chapter website (<http://cny.asse.org/>), and has been e-mailed to all our membership in early September. Your participation is critical to the success of this chapter. Thank you!

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SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING DETAILS

What: Onondaga Lake Cleanup Project, presented by Jerry Clark, CSP and Jeff Parson, CIH.

Dinner catered by Dinosaur BBQ, \$14 per person

When: Thursday, September 21st @ 6pm

Where: Onondaga Lake Yacht Club House

RSVP: Please contact Ken Waldby at kenw@ecmcorp.net if you plan to attend.

Directions: There is no address per se but the Onondaga Yacht Club (OYC) is located in the Village of Liverpool at the foot of Sycamore Street. Carefully drive across the bike/skate/ walking trails and park in the lot adjacent to the Clubhouse. OYC Ph # (315) 457-9786

Save the Dates

Wednesday, October 11—joint meeting with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), the meeting will incorporate OSHA and fire inspections.

Thursday, November 16—joint meeting with the local AIHA chapter, exploring issues with the Pandemic Flu.