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September Meeting

The September meeting will be at Berlin Raceway. For those of you that are going, here are the details:

When: Saturday, September 9
Where: Berlin Raceway
Cost: \$20 adults
\$11 kids 6 - 12 years

Host: Clara Davis

October Meeting

The meeting will be a joint meeting with the WMIHS group on Welding Safety:

When: Thursday, October 12
8:30am Register & Eat
9:00am to 12:00pm meeting
Where: WMU in Grand Rapids
Cost: \$20

More details will be coming very soon!

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Protecting people, property, and the environment since 1911

Certification:

Congratulations to Bill Walkowiak! He is now a Certified Safety & Health Manager (CSHM).

Recruit NOW Get Paid NOW!

Spill More Beans and Get More Bucks

The more members you recruit, the more incentives you earn. For every 5 members you sponsor you'll earn a \$25 American Express Gift Cheque (up to \$100 maximum per year)

So Spill the Beans about the benefits of ASSE membership!

Spill the beans and get your coffee mug ready... you could WIN!

Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can before March 31, 2007 and you could win a trip for two to Hawaii valued at \$5,000! Each time you sponsor a new, full member you'll be entered into a drawing to WIN!

Plus, the three members with the most recruits wins too! \$1,000, \$500, or \$250 in CASH!*

So get ready to Spill The Beans about the benefits of ASSE membership! Here's how:

- Call ASSE Customer Service at 847-699-2929 for a supply of applications
- Download applications from the ASSE website: www.asse.org/gohawaii
- Email your friends and colleagues with the "refer a friend" tool on the upper right hand corner of our home page

All cash prizes are awarded in the form of American Express Gift Cheques.

No double winners as the winner of the trip will not qualify for the \$1,000 prize.

WMASSE - Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)

Notice to anyone who wishes to nominate a Safety Professional for the West Michigan ASSE Professional of the Year.

The deadline for applications is November 15th. The WMASSE SPY application is located on the website at www.wmassse.org. Please select someone you would like to nominate and submit the form to any board member at any meeting, or contact Eric Longman, Pat Knight or Kevin Quigley

If you have further questions or want to nominate someone, please call Eric, Pat or Kevin.

Eric Longman (616) 891-7949

Pat Knight (616) 554-1949

Kevin Quigley (616) 669-8095

New Hazardous Waste Manifest Form

On September 5th, the new Universal Hazardous Waste Form MUST be used and there is no conversion period from the old forms. Everyone needs to be ready with the new forms and they are available to order and are ready to ship now at www.newhazmat.com or by calling 800-868-7018.

If you have a submission for a newsworthy event such as a job change, promotion, obtaining a certification, etc. please pass on the news so we can all celebrate!!!

Contact me at boczepek@wm.com

The West Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society invites you to the following seminar:

Review of the MIFACE Program

**Speakers: Debra Chester, MS
Martha B. Yoder**

Traumatic occupational deaths are not random events. Prevention of work-related fatalities can be accomplished if information about the settings and circumstances in which the work-related death occurred and root causes are identified. Practical and implementable prevention information is then shared with stakeholders who can effect work practice changes in their workplaces.

Surveillance and prevention activities of traumatic work-related deaths by the Michigan Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (MIFACE) research program began January 1, 2001. MIFACE, funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), is a joint research project of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine's Occupational and Environmental Medicine Division, Wayne State University Department of Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Ms. Debra Chester, MS is an Industrial Hygienist with the Michigan State University, Department of Occupational & Environmental Medicine. As one of the MIFACE investigators Ms. Chester conducts on-site work-related fatality investigations, writes reports citing the findings of the investigation and recommendations to prevent similar future incidents; coordinates information gathering concerning work-related fatalities; customizes data gathering instruments about various types of work-related death causes and has authored several reports summarizing MIFACE progress to date.

Ms. Chester and Ms. Yoder will provide a detailed review of the MIFACE program including:

- Fatality Assessment and Control (FACE) Program History at NIOSH
- MIFACE Program History
- What does the MIFACE program do?
 - Case Ascertainment
 - Case Follow-up
 - On-site Investigations
 - Outreach efforts: Investigation Reports and Hazard Alerts
- MIFACE Program's Impact on Health & Safety
 - Working with MIOSHA
 - Collaboration with Lansing Community College
 - National Impacts
- Review selected Five-year data sets
- Case Examples of Interest

When: Tuesday, September 12
8:30am Registration and Breakfast
9:00am to noon Seminar

Location: WMU Graduate Center - Beltline
2333 East Beltline SE
Grand Rapids, MI 4954

The cost is \$20 and please pay at the door by Cash or check, we do not accept credit cards.

You will be billed if you make a reservation and cancel after September 4, 2006.

Call Julie Callaway for reservations at (269) 329-1237 or email at jcallaway@bdnihc.com
RSVP by Tuesday, September 5, 2006

* This meeting is pending approval for 0.5CM points through the ABIH.

Chemicals Policy Training

The European Union's REACH Proposal, Global Chemicals Policy Initiatives, and Sustainable Chemicals Management

September 12, 2006

At the Metropolitan Hotel (formerly DoubleTree Hotel) at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, MI

REACH — Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals — is the proposed overhaul of the European chemicals management system. Due to be in force in 2007, REACH will have important implications for U.S. firms exporting to Europe. In order to help US companies prepare for REACH and move beyond the law toward sustainable chemicals management, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Lowell Center for Sustainable Production (LCSP) are presenting this workshop.

Workshop participants will learn about the key features of REACH and have a chance to ask experts how REACH will affect their companies. The workshop will also cover the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) which will be integrated into REACH; tools for more sustainable chemicals management, product design, and green chemistry; and how businesses can turn REACH around from a challenge to an opportunity. Attendees will receive a database of tools and resources to help them make informed decisions about chemicals and alternatives.

Andrew Fasey, one of the key authors of REACH and the GHS, will be the lead trainer in the workshop, along with LCSP senior staff. European companies are preparing for the challenges and opportunities of REACH — it is time for U.S. companies to prepare to go beyond REACH.

The registration fee for this training is \$100, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. For complete conference agenda and registration information, go to www.chemicalspolicy.org/registration.shtml, scroll down to "September 12, 2006 – Detroit, Michigan" and click on "Registration Form" or "Preliminary Agenda."

Hexavalent Chromium and Metal Particles Technical Seminar

The Seminar will provide updated information about OSHA's new Hexavalent Chromium Standard, affected industries and applications, exposure determination, compliance directives, timelines and respiratory protection requirements. In addition, the seminar will include general information on metal particle exposure and personal protective equipment.

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2006

Time: 8:00am Registration
8:30am to 11:00am Seminar

Location: Nichols - Grand Rapids
4767 Broadmoor SE, Suite 1
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Register online at www.enichols.com or call (800) 442 0213 ext. 111

* This seminar is approved by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene for 0.5 certification points.

Grand Valley Occupational Safety and Health Program News

The fall semester at GVSU has started and the Occupational Safety & Health program has again experienced a growth in the number of students enrolled in the undergraduate program. New undergraduate courses include Product Liability and Safety (fall 2006), Health Care Facility Safety (winter 2007), Motor Fleet Safety (fall 2007) and Construction Safety Management (winter 2008). In addition, the University's reorganization has placed the undergraduate Health Professions degree under the directorship of Dr. Eric VanFleet.

The Master of Science in Safety Management degree is on track for approval with graduate level courses scheduled to be offered in the fall 2008 semester. The degree is designed for working safety professionals with courses offered in the evening and on weekends. Online courses will be offered at a later date. The degree requires 36 credit hours and includes courses in OSH management, technical areas (ergonomics, fire, etc), research and statistics with a thesis or a work-related project required for graduation. Up to 9 credits of electives outside of OSH may be taken to tailor the degree to the student's professional or career needs. The University would like to see additional letters of support from the OSH professional community, so if you are willing, send an e-mail indicating your support to Greg Green at greeng@gvsu.edu. If you would prefer to write a letter of support, mail it to:

Dr Greg Green
Occupational Safety & Health Program
Grand Valley State University
301 Michigan NE, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

The winter 2007 semester schedule of courses includes:

OSH 314	Toxicology	MW 6-7:50
OSH 400	Critical Incident Analysis	MWF noon – 12:50
OSH 414	Environmental Regulations	MWF 11-11:50
OSH 420	Health Care Facility Safety	T/Th 2:30-3:45
OSH 424	Fire Science	T/Th 1-2:15
OSH 440	OSH Program Development	MWF 10-10:50

If you have any questions about the courses, or the graduate degree, contact Greg Green at greeng@gvsu.edu or 616-331-3686.

West Michigan MIOSHA Training

Sept 7	Health Issues in the Healthcare Industry	West Branch	Mark McCully	989.705.3631 or mccullym@kirtland.edu
Sept. 7, 14, 21	Fundamentals of Safety and Health	Battle Creek	Connie Dawe	269.965.4134 or fax 269.692.7370
Sept. 18 & 19	MIOSHA 10 Hour For Construction	Lansing	Adriane Truss	517.371.1550 or fax 517.371.1131 petea@mi.agc.org
Sept. 26	When MIOSHA Visits	Holland	Brian Cole	616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu
Sept. 28	Self-Inspection to Identify Hazards	Holland	Brian Cole	616.331.7180 or coleb@gvsu.edu

Looking for a career change, or to take the next step? Take a look at this months posting, and also reference the WMASSE website for additional updated postings

Safety Manager

We are a recruiting company specializing in the plastics industry. Our client, a plastics manufacturing company, is looking for a Safety Manager for their plant which is located in Holland, Michigan. This person would be responsible for promoting and maintaining a safe, accident free, healthy work environment. Responsibilities include implementation of safety policies and procedures in accordance with local, state, and federal OSHA rules and regulations. Other duties include the following:

- Chair the Safety Team with the goal of administering the company's safety program
- Implement the fire prevention program, evacuation plans, and facility security plans
- Conduct inspections to detect any accident or health hazards and recommend corrective or preventive measures
- Train managers and employees in work site safety practices
- Provide safety assessments on new and existing equipment
- Oversee administration of workers' compensation program
- Manage environmental compliance
- Represent company in community and industry safety groups and programs.

A minimum of five years' experience in a manufacturing environment is essential for this position. Interested candidates should contact Jim Slate, our executive recruiter at Jim@topsfpc.com or (800) 536-2032.

The "Jobs" page is continually updated throughout the month on the West Michigan ASSE website at:

www.wmasse.org

Loss Control Administrative Position

Here is a part time position in a Grand Rapids based insurance agency - Berends, Hendricks Stuit that may be of interest to a Grand Valley student looking for an internship.

Position: Part time Loss Control Administrative position. This person will be working with Kevin Roelhing, Loss Control Manager in support of our larger client's loss control and prevention efforts. This is a part time administrative support position, 24-30 hours per week, necessary skills include word, excel, some math and excellent verbal and written communication. The hours are flexible during normal business hours. The position does not include benefits. The pay is 10-13\$ per hour depending on experience.

Contact: *Gary Boyer*, ASP
Senior Loss Control Consultant
The Cincinnati Insurance Companies
(231) 354-0066 office

Risk Management Consultant

United Heartland which is an affiliate of Accident Fund Insurance Company of America is hiring for the three positions listed below. The hiring is being processed through our Lansing, MI office. Both of these companies are monoline worker compensation providers. I would be happy to answer any questions an applicant may have. Contact Kevin Quigley if interested.

- Missouri (St. Louis area)
- Wisconsin (New Berlin office)
- Nebraska (Omaha area)

www.unitedheartland.biz
www.accidentfund.com