



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the new Chapter year September newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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President's Message to Chapter

Good Day Penn-Jersey!!!

Fall is upon us and in full swing, even though some of the afternoon temperatures do not seem really fall-like! The leaves are changing color, cool crisp mornings and everything pumpkin has invaded the local Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks. With the change in season brings change in hazards: wet morning roads, frost, lack of day light, etc. Please be vigilant and ensure our work forces are prepared for the changes.

Hope to see you on Tuesday!

Michael McGowan, CHMM
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

What's New

OSHA News:

PRELIMINARY LIST OF OSHA TOP 10 VIOLATIONS FOR 2017 FISCAL YEAR ANNOUNCED

During 2017 National Safety Council's Congress & Expo OSHA revealed the list of 10 most frequently cited workplace safety standard violations preliminary list (as of September 5, 2017) for fiscal year 2017. List remains very similar to 2016 fiscal year list and details are noted below:

1. Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501): 6,072 violations

2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200): 4,176
3. Scaffolding (1926.451): 3,288
4. Respiratory Protection (1910.134): 3,097
5. Lockout/Tagout (1910.147): 2,877
6. Ladders (1926.1053): 2,241
7. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178): 2,162
8. Machine Guarding (1910.212): 1,933
9. Fall Protection – Training Requirements: 1,523
10. Electrical – Wiring Methods (1910.305): 1,405

The only new addition to last year's list was Fall Protection – Training Requirements, which came in at ninth place. OSHA publicizes the Top 10 list to increase awareness of these standards so employers can take steps to find and fix the hazards to prevent injury or illness.

RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA STANDARD FOR CONSTRUCTION GOES LIVE

Enforcement of OSHA's respirable crystalline silica standard for construction went into effect on Sept. 23. The agency announced in a September 20 memorandum a 30-day enforcement phase-in to help employers comply with the new standard. Citations may be considered for employers not making any efforts to comply. For more information on silica hazards and OSHA's standard is available at the following page:

<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/>
NEW FACTSHEETS FROM OSHA

Two new OSHA fact sheets provide information on assessing and preventing hazards in specific worksites.

- [Preventing and Managing Laboratory Worker Exposure to Zika Virus](#) provides guidance on protecting workers in biomedical laboratories from infection by the virus. It includes information on performing risk assessments and standard biosafety practices for laboratory work involving pathogens.
- [Evaluating Shipyard Competent Person Programs](#) is aimed at protecting shipyard workers from exposure to dangerous atmospheres, particularly in or around confined and/or enclosed spaces aboard vessels. The fact

sheet offers guidance on determining the necessary qualifications of experts who must be employed to determine whether a confined space is safe for workers and prescribe protective measures.

Safety this Month Daylight Saving Time:

Sunday, November 5th marks that time of year when it starts to get darker earlier. So during this time of year remember to stay safe driving as we set our clocks backward by one hour. Here are some tips brought to you by the National Safety Council for [driving at night](#).



ASSE Local Chapter News:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Penn-Jersey Election – Vice President

During our October 17, 2017 Technical Meeting, there will be an election to fill the vacant Vice-President position. Mr. Howard Spencer is running unopposed. Per our Chapter By-Laws, we will be holding a vote.

Please come out and cast your vote!!

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TO LONG TERM MEMBERS

Penn-Jersey Chapter wishes recognize long-term (25+ years) of membership with the Society and/or Chapter to the following members. Many thanks to their contributions to the EHS profession and Society. Chapter wants to invite them for recognition dinner during November meeting.

Years.	Member Name	
25	Kenneth	Bickerton
40	James	Burkhart
25	Kenneth	Child
25	Barry	Conaway
25	Christine	Galzerano
25	Aldo	Gonzalez
25	Maureen	Modica
25	Philip	Solomon

GET INVOLVED

The Penn-Jersey Chapter is always looking for assistance with the Chapter. If you are interest in helping out on a committee or potential running for one of the elected

positions please let any member of the executive board know. The Chapter is always happy to have more volunteers.



Check out the latest [Howard Talks Tech](#) written by our very own Howard Spencer. These articles are perfect discussion starters that are useful in guiding others to safety so please take a moment and explore the collection of topics.



If you are currently signed-up for LinkedIn don't forget to connect with the ASSE Penn-Jersey Chapter network. We have 61 members and counting! Will you be the next member?

Are you always wondering how to support the ASSE Foundation than look no further because we are still selling "I LOVE SAFETY" t-shirts for \$20/each. All proceeds from the sale benefit the ASSE Foundation. Please contact Danielle DiGironimo if you are interested in making a purchase at ddigironimo@hotmail.com.



Upcoming Events

Technical Session:

Our next technical session is scheduled for October 17, 2017. The topic will be "Hours of Service; DOT Update" provided by Chris Rotondo, USDOT.

Chris has served in Federal Service for 30 years. Currently he holds the position of Division Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, New Jersey Office. He has held positions with the USDOT throughout the United States as a Motor Carrier Safety Specialist, Field Agent, Field Office Supervisor, Regional Program Coordinator, State Director, Service Center Director and

Division Administrator throughout the nation in Jefferson City, Missouri, Albany, New York, New York City, Glen Burnie, MD, Trenton, New Jersey and Princeton, New Jersey.



ASP/CSP Review Course:

Sponsored by the Penn-Jersey, Philadelphia and New Jersey Chapters of ASSE

Associate Safety Professional (ASP) Prep Course (3-day course). Monday, November 13, 2017 – Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Prep Course (3-day course). Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Saturday, November 18, 2017

Both will be held at: Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ <http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/>. The instructors for both class are from Langlois, Weygand & Associates, Inc. (Instructors used by ASSE). The cost per course is \$625 from now through October 13, 2017. The fee includes course manual and meals (continental breakfast and lunch). Those with a CSP or other certification can attend it as a refresher course and obtain recertification points and CEU's.

Register using PayPal at the Penn-Jersey ASSE website, <http://penn-jersey.asse.org/>

App of the Month

Checkpoint is an app from International Labor Organization that allows you to create interactive checklists of ergonomic checkpoints to use in the workplace. There are 132 checkpoints in total. Creating a checklist of about 20-30 items suitable for your workplace is the recommended way to use this app. There is how-to guide which provides technical information in using app, as well as best practices recommendation for taking action and implementation effective improvements in the workplace. The app is from

It is available for iPhone, iPad, and Android

Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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