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****** MEETING NOTICE ******

Please come out and bring a friend to our monthly meeting this Thursday, the 17th, at the Gondolier in Farragutt. We start about 6:00pm and our guest will be Brian Lewis with TOSHA.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greeting Fellow East Tennessee Safety Professionals:

I hope this newsletter finds you happy, in good health and keeping your New Year's resolutions. Judging from the last job opportunity mail out, it is a great time to be a Safety Professional as more business are recognizing the positive impact a professionally managed safety program has on the financial statements.

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for the East Tennessee Chapter of ASSE. During the November and December break the Executive Board met to plan out the 2008-year agenda. Brandon Viars, our program chair, has lined up a series of monthly meetings with topics that will offer plenty of opportunities for professional growth. The topics range from those with a technical focus some that will provide guidance on how to improve your marketability in a complete job market and a topic that will enlighten you on the legal liabilities of being a Safety Professional.

The first opportunity will be at the January 17th monthly meeting. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Brian Lewis from TOSHA. Mr. Lewis will be discussing some of the newly promulgated occupational safety codes and standards along with the proposed revisions of the standards and codes under TOSHA and OSHA consideration. Mr. Lewis is new to East Tennessee so please attend this meeting and welcome him to our area.

Remember to “Save the Date” for our Spring Professional Development Conference scheduled on April 25th at the Rothschild’s’ Catering Service in Knoxville. Our Conference Development Chairs, Sandy Redmon and Kim Enoch (2007 Safety Professional of the Year) have put together another slate of topics that promises to be both exciting and informative. Look for the announcement flyer with details coming soon.

Other changes that are in the development stage is an enhanced web site. Kris Thomasson, our recording secretary and Web Page Chair is working with our web page developer and the National ASSE to provide technical reference links and a library of training and safety meeting presentations. We hope to have this resource available very soon to registered ASSE members.

As always, we encourage feedback and participation from our membership. If you have a meeting topic you would be interested in hearing or if you have an area of expertise on a subject you would like to present please let us know by contacting one of the Executive Board Members.

Wishing you a safe and prosperous New Year,

Chris Jones

Upcoming Webinars offered by ASSE

Working With NFPA 101 - The Life Safety Code®

Webinar - Wednesday, January 16, 2008 - 11am-12:30pm CST

Learning Objectives

After completing this virtual classroom, you will:

- Understand how to identify what aspects of the NFPA Life Safety Code® apply to your particular facility and how to find them within the code itself.
- Recognize the construction, protection, and occupancy features specified within the code that are designed to minimize fire spread and aid in egress of the occupants.
- Understand the role of other protective systems discussed in the Life Safety Code®, such as building services, operating features and maintenance activities.
- Recall techniques designed to protect life in non-fire emergencies.

January 30 & February 6, 2008

Title: The Coming Workplace Shortage Crisis: Exploring the Future of Workers' Compensation

Session 1: Workers' Compensation—Where the Industry is Heading

Session 2: Risk Management—Working With a Changing Workforce

Speakers: Matt Sather & Shari Falkenburg

February 27, 2008

Title: Lean Six Sigma—Innovative Safety Management

Speaker: Peter Furst

March 5, 2008

Title: Excavation Safety

Speaker: Mike Hayslip

March 19, 2008

Title: Beyond Compliance: Breaking Through to the Next Level of SH&E Excellence

Speaker: Michael Topf

For more information or to register, contact ASSE's Customer Service Department at

(847) 699-2929

Other Training Opportunities

(1) 17th Annual Business & Industry's Environmental, Health & Safety Symposium – March 26 & 27, 2008, Cincinnati

<http://www.mecseminars.com/>

(2) 4th Global Congress on Process Safety - April 6-10, 2008, New Orleans

<http://www.aiche.org/Conferences/Specialty/GCPS.aspx>

(3) Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference – June 24-27, 2008, Portland

Items of interest

OSHA Announces

Employer-Paid PPE Final Rule

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration

(OSHA) announced a final rule on employer-paid personal protective equipment (PPE). Under the rule, all PPE, with a few exceptions, will be provided at no cost to the employee. OSHA anticipates that this rule will have substantial safety benefits that will result in more than 21,000 fewer occupational injuries per year. The final rule contains a few exceptions for ordinary safety-toed footwear, ordinary prescription safety eyewear, logging boots and ordinary clothing and weather-related gear.

The final rule also clarifies OSHA's requirements regarding payment for employee-owned PPE and replacement PPE. While these clarifications have added several paragraphs to the regulatory text, the final rule provides employees no less protection than they would have received under the 1999

proposed standard. The rule also provides an enforcement deadline of six months from the date of publication to allow employers time to change their existing PPE payment policies to

accommodate the final rule.

—Adapted from OSHA news release, “OSHA Announces

Employer-Paid Personal Protective Equipment Final

Rule,” November 14, 2007.

American Ladder Institute (ALI)

ALI to Revise Standard

ALI (ASC A14) plans to revise its standard, “Safety Requirements for Job-Made Wood Ladders” (BSR A14.4- 200x). This standard prescribes minimum requirements for construction, design, installation and use of job-made ladders in order to minimize personal injuries. It does not cover portable manufactured ladders, permanent fixed ladders or mobile-equipment ladders.

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

29 CFR Parts 1926

[Docket ID-OSHA-2007-0026]

OSHA Proposes Rule for Confined Spaces in Construction

OSHA has proposed a rule to protect employees from the hazards resulting from exposure to confined spaces in the construction industry. Under the proposed rule, employers would first determine whether a confined space exists at a jobsite. If there were a confined space, the employer would determine if existing or potential hazards were present in the space. If such hazards were present, the employer would then classify the space according to the physical and atmospheric hazards found in it. The four classifications are Isolated-Hazard Confined Space, Controlled-Atmosphere Confined Space, Permit-Required Confined Space and Continuous System-Permit-Required Confined Space. The proposed requirements for each type of confined space are tailored to control the different types of hazards.

Link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-21893.htm>

NEWS from CPSC

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **DeWalt's Recall Hotline: (888) 742-9168**
December 20, 2007 CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
Release #08-143 CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

DeWALT Recalls Cordless Drills due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: DEWALT Cordless Drills

Units: About 346,000

Manufacturer: DEWALT Industrial Tool Company, of Towson, Md.

Hazard: The trigger switch of the cordless drill can overheat, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: DEWALT has received 11 reports of trigger switches overheating. No injuries or property damage have been reported.

Description: This recall involves DEWALT individual cordless drills listed below:

Model Number	Description	Date Codes
DC920	Heavy-Duty XRP™ 1/2" (13mm) 18 Volt Cordless Drill/Driver	200723 through 200742
DC930	Heavy-Duty XRP™ 1/2" (13mm) 14.4 Volt Cordless Drill/Driver	200625 through 200746
DC935	Heavy-Duty XRP™ 1/2" (13mm) 14.4 Volt Cordless Hammerdrill/Drill/Driver	200627 through 200746
DC936	Heavy-Duty XRP™ 1/2" (13mm) 14.4 Volt Cordless Hammerdrill/Drill/Driver	200635 through 200746
DC940	Heavy-Duty XRP™ 1/2" (13mm) 12 Volt Cordless Drill/Driver	200635 through 200746

The model number is printed on a sticker on the side of the unit. The date code is embossed on the bottom of the unit. Units stamped with an "M" following the date code have been repaired and are not included in this recall. The packaging of repaired drills has a green dot sticker near the UPC label.

Sold at: Wholesale distributors and retailers from about June 2006 through December 2007 for between \$180 and \$280.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the drills immediately and contact DEWALT for the location of the nearest service center to receive a free inspection and, if necessary, free repair.

Consumer Contact: Call DEWALT toll-free at (888) 742-9168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit firm's Web site at www.DEWALT.com

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 28, 2007

Release #08-106 **Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 500-4982**

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

Lazy Lounger Chairs and Recliners Sold at Dick's Sporting Goods Recalled for Collapsing Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Lounge Chairs and Recliners

Units: About 125,000

Importer/Distributor: Dick's Sporting Goods, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Manufacturer: Rankam Group Ltd., of China

Hazard: The plastic support brackets can break and cause the chairs to collapse, posing a hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Dick's Sporting Goods has received 19 reports of the chairs and recliners collapsing, including 17 injuries involving lacerations and back pains.

Description: This recall involves the Lazy Lounger chair (Style # CEH00415), recliner (Style # CEH00320) and oversize recliner (Style # CEH00414, CEH00345, and CEH00443). Style numbers are printed on the packaging. The chairs have a mesh covering that attaches to a black or tan metal frame by a woven cord. The mesh covering is sold in: blue, orange, black, natural, burgundy, pink, white, green, red, khaki, and camouflage. A padded headrest pillow is sewn on to the mesh. Beneath the padded headrest are two tags. The first reads: "! WARNING !", followed by 9 numbered statements, and "Made in China". The second is the "Do Not Remove Under Penalty of Law" tag and includes the manufacturer's Registration No: OHIO36462HK.

Sold at: Dick's Sporting Goods stores nationwide and www.dickssportinggoods.com from February 2006 to August 2007 for between \$40 and \$80.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the chairs and recliners immediately and contact Dick's Sporting Goods for a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Dick's Sporting Goods toll-free at (866) 500-4982 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or send an email to DicksLazyLounger@rankam.com - consumers can also visit the firm's Web site at www.dickssportinggoods.com

Job Postings

- Entry Level Professional – ES&H, Inc. has an immediate opening for an Entry Level Professional to assist in supporting one of our client's ES&H functions. A Minimum of an Associates Degree or Bachelors of Science Degree in Safety, Environmental, or other technical fields with 0-3 years experience implementing ES&H functions is required. The successful candidate will assist a manufacturing client with daily ES&H operations including management of their chemical inventory and MSDS system, work order and incidence tracking management system, training and program implementation (hazard communication, respiratory protection, lock out / tag out), ISO 14001 and TOSHA VPP implementation, and hazardous waste disposal. The candidate should possess good problem solving skills including the ability to prioritize multiple projects and adjust workload accordingly to client specific needs. Excellent interpersonal skills and proficiency in MS Office applications including Excel and Access is a must.

- Mid Level Professional – A minimum of an Associates Degree or Bachelors of Science with a minimum of 5-10 years experience with providing site safety oversight for construction and demolishing activities with private and government sectors (DOE and DOD experience with security clearance is a plus). Current EPA asbestos and lead inspector licenses, 40-hour Hazwoper, and industrial hygiene experience are also a plus. Must be willing to travel and have flexible work schedule. Great opportunity to gain experience with numerous work environments.

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Safety, Health and Environmental Job Openings (January 11, 2008)

Following is a list of some of the available job openings in the Environmental, Health and Safety area that I am working on. Should you know of anyone that might be interested in learning more about these positions please have them contact me, Paul Shrenker, directly or feel free to contact me yourself and I will give you more details. My phone number is 413-267-4271; email address pshrenker@comcast.net fax 413-726-9099. All searches and candidate conversations are held in strictest confidence and no resume will be mass distributed. Thanks for your help.

job openings...<http://www.psassociatesinc.com>

Safety Manager (1 hour North of Dallas, TX) for this 200 employee unionized manufacturer. The candidate should have 5+ years safety experience in a manufacturing environment and a BS in Safety Engineering or related. This position reports to the General Manager at the facility. This is a hands-on position and the sole Safety role for the site.

Product Stewardship Manager (Southeastern PA) for this small coatings company totaling approximately 500 employees. This person is responsible for the oversight of regulatory issues to support the development, sale distribution and safety handling of products worldwide. This person will be the lead representative for the company at U.S. and Canadian trade associations and for government agencies on

issues of Product Stewardship/Regulations and participating member of NPCA Product Stewardship committee. BS in Industrial Hygiene, Toxicology or related, experience developing MSDS's. Plusses would include environmental and industrial hygiene experience in a manufacturing setting.

Corporate Safety Director (Southeastern PA) for this specialty commercial and industrial construction company. The company has 35 branch locations across the U.S. with approximately 2500 employees. The ideal candidate will have 10+ years of safety, health and environmental experience in the construction industry, a BS in Safety or related, previous supervisory experience and certification preferred. There will be approx. 35% travel. This position has 3 regional safety, health and environmental managers reporting into it.

EHS Manager (Portland, OR) for this heavy manufacturer. This position will be promotable to a Corporate EHS position within a couple years. The person will initially "sit" in a plant of approximately 150 employees and the total company employee population is approx. 1400. This position is heavily weighted toward environmental. The ideal candidate should have 5+ years air, water, waste and safety experience from a manufacturing company, and a BS in environmental, safety or related.

Two Entry Level Safety Coordinators (South Bend, IN; Quincy, IL) for manufacturing facilities. The candidate should have a BS in Safety and internship experience.

EH&S Coordinator (Western, MA) for this 280 employee manufacturing facility. The ideal candidate should have 3-5 years experience in eh&s at a manufacturing facility. The majority of the work will be safety. This position reports to the HR Manager.

EHS Manager (Lubbock area) for this 600 employee non-union manufacturer. This position will have 2 direct reports (Nurse and environmental tech) with a focus on safety (75%/25%, s/e) and will report to the VP and General Manager. The ideal candidate should have a BS in Safety, IH, Environmental Science or related, 5+ years of strategic and tactical ehs experience in a manufacturing environment, demonstrated leadership ability and a history of improvement in the following areas - management systems, environmental compliance/stewardship, sustainable injury reduction, employee led safety programs/culture & ergonomic improvements.

Safety Superintendent (Northeastern, OH) for this chemical manufacturer. This position will report to the EHS Manager and have 3 direct reports. The Safety Superintendent will have responsibilities for 2 manufacturing plants totaling

approximately 450 employees. The candidate should have 5+ years experience in a chemical or related manufacturing environment, and a BS in Safety or related.

Corporate Industrial Hygienist (Birmingham, AL area) for this large heavy manufacturing company. The ideal candidate will have 10+ years industrial hygiene experience in a manufacturing environment, and BS in industrial hygiene or related. The candidate must be certified (CIH) to be considered for this position. The position will involve 30-40% travel and it reports to the VP of Safety and Health.

I have a few other jobs that I can't publish: Safety Manager, IA

Positions are added weekly. If you or someone you know would like to be informed of future job opportunities as they become available, please forward their name and email address to pshrenker@comcast.net. Additionally I usually have a few other openings that I can't "publish" so please give me a call or email me if interested.

If you do not want to receive any more job opportunity listings, please email me at pshrenker@comcast.net to let me know.