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Central NM Science and Engineer Research Challenge

On Thursday, May 12th, the NM Chapter was pleased to have one of the 56th Annual Central NM Science & Engineering Research Challenge (aka - Science Fair) participants at our Technical Meeting at Furr’s Cafeteria. The Science Fair has over 400 exhibitors from the surrounding schools. Each year the NM Chapter presents two Special Awards, normally one to a senior and one to a junior participant whose projects have safety-related themes. This year, we awarded Mr. Jackson Mclaughlin with the Middle School award. The second award was presented an Elementary School student, Ms. Adeline Ashcraft. At the May 12th meeting, Ms. Ashcraft joined our gathering and presented a brief description of her project and the work she conducted on evaluating fire protective coatings for residences in wildfire prone areas. Ms. Ashcraft was presented her award by Mike Starr, Treasurer of the Chapter. Also on hand was Ms. Ashcraft’s teacher and Research Coordinator for San Antonio Elementary, Ms. Stacy Sensie. Ms. Sensie was also presented a Teacher Award for promoting and supporting Science in the school. Mark your calendar now for next year’s Science Fair event tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2017.
Conference continued...

by name, product category or country. You can even request meeting times to make your exposition experience more efficient. Visit safety.asse.org to view the ASSE Virtual Expo.

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Stop by the ASSE Foundation booth, in the ASSE Resource Center, for your chance to participate in a raffle, with a portion of the proceeds to support the Foundation Scholarship Program. You could walk away a winner!

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Counterfeit Respirators / Misrepresentation of NIOSH-Approval

When NIOSH becomes aware of counterfeit respirators or those misrepresenting NIOSH approval on the market, we will post them here to alert users, purchasers, and manufacturers.

Figure 1 is an example of a counterfeit N95 Respirator that was brought to NIOSH’s attention. While the TC number and private label holder are valid, this unapproved unit can be identified by the misspelling of NIOSH on the front of the respirator.
OSHA ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Why is OSHA issuing this rule?

This simple change in OSHA’s rule-making requirements will improve safety for workers across the country. One important reason stems from our understanding of human behavior and motivation. Behavioral economics tells us that making injury information publicly available will “nudge” employers to focus on safety. And, as we have seen in many examples, more attention to safety will save the lives and limbs of many workers, and will ultimately help the employer’s bottom line as well. Finally, this regulation will improve the accuracy of this data by ensuring that workers will not fear retaliation for reporting injuries or illnesses.

What does the rule require?

The new rule, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2017, requires certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness data that they are already required to record on their onsite OSHA Injury and Illness forms. Analysis of this data will enable OSHA to use its enforcement and compliance assistance resources more efficiently. Some of the data will also be posted to the OSHA website. OSHA believes that public disclosure will encourage employers to improve workplace safety and provide valuable information to workers, job seekers, customers, researchers and

Article by Marina Heights

Joined by numerous residential building employers and workers, an Area OSHA representative participated in one of Arizona’s only residential construction publically open Fall Stand Down events. For the last three years Maracay Homes, LeBlanc Building Co., Inc., ACTA Safety, the Arizona Chapter of the ASSE and others have been partnering to promote fall protection best practices during National Stand Down week. As an Arizona home builder, Maracay Homes remains the only builder in the state who consistently ensures permanent anchor points are installed on structures throughout all their Arizona communities. Of special note, in 2007 Maracay Homes began working with trade partners to ensure permanent fall protection anchors points are installed and available to all workers in their communities throughout Arizona. By getting involved in the preconstruction interaction with all contractors including large subcontractors or event those with less than five workers and an owner. Maracay Homes and LeBlanc Building have demonstrated safety is more than about simple OSHA compliance. Working together, builders and subcontractors of all sizes can ensure all workers are protected at heights.”

WASHINGTON - The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has scheduled an informal stakeholder meeting July 13, 2016, in Washington, D.C. to collect information on hazards in the tree care industry. The agency will use the information to determine the need for a proposed rule to protect workers from fatalities, injuries and hazards in tree care operations.

Tree trimming and removal operations expose workers to hazards including: falling from trees and aerial equipment; being hit by falling trees, flying objects and vehicular traffic; being cut by chain saws and chippers; and contacting energized power lines.

The meeting will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., July 13 in Room C-5515 1A&B, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210. Those interested in participating or observing can register online at https://projects.erg.com/conferences/osha/register-osahtree-meeting.htm. Individuals also may register by facsimile, mail, express delivery and hand delivery. See the Federal Register notice for details.

For more information, contact Amy Wangdahl, director, Office of Maritime and Agriculture, OSHA Directorate of Standards and Guidance at Wangdahl.amy@dol.gov.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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Figures 2 and 3 are examples of counterfeit respirators. These respirators are being sold as if they are NIOSH-approved even though the manufacturer, Zubi-Ola, is not listed as a NIOSH approval holder or a private label holder.

Figure 4 is an example of misrepresentation of the NIOSH-approval. All approvals for Wein Products (WPI) were rescinded in 2011. However, the manufacturer’s website continues to state the ViraMask N99ESC is certified by NIOSH. View the user notice announcing the rescission. Check the respirator approval markings (graphic below) or the Certified Equipment List to verify your respirator is NIOSH-approved. Additional information is available on the NIOSH Trusted Source page.

Example of the Correct Exterior Markings on a NIOSH-Approved
Electronic Recordkeeping cont.

the general public. The amount of data submitted will vary depending on the size of company and type of industry.

Anti-retaliation protections

The rule also prohibits employers from discouraging workers from reporting an injury or illness. The final rule requires employers to inform employees of their right to report work-related injuries and illnesses free from retaliation; clarifies the existing implicit requirement that an employer’s procedure for reporting work-related injuries and illnesses must be reasonable and not deter or discourage employees from reporting; and incorporates the existing statutory prohibition on retaliating against employees for reporting work-related injuries or illnesses. These provisions become effective August 10, 2016.

Compliance schedule

The new reporting requirements will be phased in over two years:

Establishments with 250 or more employees in industries covered by the recordkeeping regulation must submit information from their 2016 Form 300A by July 1, 2017. These same employers will be required to submit information from all 2017 forms (300A, 300, and 301) by July 1, 2018. Beginning in 2019 and every year thereafter, the information must be submitted by March 2.

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World Standards Day 2016: “Standards Build Trust”

About the 2016 Theme

Reliability and trust are fundamental components of any process, business, or service. Behind the scenes, standards and conformity assessment ensure this reliability and trust. In short, standards make everyday life work. Everything from tech gadgets and the products we rely on in our offices and homes, to services that fuel the global economy and ensure health and safety, relies upon standards and conformance to ensure safety, dependability, and interoperability.

A product or service conforming to an international standard represents a trusted symbol of quality, safety, and compatibility. Most of all, standards—developed through a process that is balanced, open, and transparent—help engender trust among the people, businesses, and governments that have placed their confidence in the standardization process. ★
Arizona ASSE Renames Scholarship

Arizona ASSE renamed its second scholarship after Edgar Atzin, past Construction Section Chair who passed away in 2011. He is still remembered and admired by many members of the board and Jere-my Bethancourt wrote the following tribute for his friend.

Edgar was a good a loyal friend and was at the time of his death, the same age I am now.

I first met Edgar shortly after the tragedy at my company which occurred on June 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM. It was Edgar who first helped me channel my compassion by providing guidance as we became the first subcontractor in Arizona to have an official partnership with ADOSH. He also was the first peer to demonstrate, in real world terms, the financial benefits to companies who embrace safety management. He constantly challenged me to do better and be better at not just at safety management but also in understanding how safety cannot be the whole of a company process. Safety is interconnecting to the process which cannot be removed or negotiated out through contract. It was his inspiration which has lead me to my own realization that if you separate safety, you lose. Safety cannot be first, second, or third... it must be also!

He was always ready and willing to provide his company job sites for learning (and a little showing off I think).

One of the most notable qualities was his dedication to the community. He was a supporter of Kids’ Chance and was always there when I called upon him for support and help. He arranged for his company to provide monies and in-kind donations for fund raising events and regularly engaged peers to ask them to give back to the community through Kids’ Chance support.

He provided great mentoring and guidance to me during the years up to his death. We did not always agree on everything, but we did have a lot of common goals and desires regarding community involve-ment. I am proud to admit I regularly incorporate what I learned from him into my dealings with others and when I myself teach younger (experience not age) safety professionals.

It was Edgar who was to follow me when I stepped down as Construction Section Chair. His death all but destroyed the section because of the true connection we all had to him and his vision. To me that speaks volumes as to his influence. It’s sad that he was taken from us. I say with an endearing snicker, he was the true puppet master and most of us never even knew it. It is the reason I would have been honored to nominate him for our Chapter SPY... but alas never got the chance, and why I have been asking for years that we honor him some sort of annual award in his name.

THANK YOU!

Four Corners Chapter Hosts Poster Contest for NAOSH Week

The Four Corners Chapter hosted a poster contest for grade school kids ranging in age from 5-12. First and second place was awarded in four age groups. Each winner was awarded a check for $100 for first place and $50 for second place. They also received certificates from the Four Corners Chapter and the Farmington Police Department.
Region II Networking Event at Safety 2016
Sunday Night, June 26, 2016, 6:00 PM
Meehan’s Public House
200 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA

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