December 19th Meeting
Asbestos – It Is Still A Concern

Location: Community Health Northwest Florida
2315 West Jackson St., Pensacola
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Fee: Free (Hosted by ATC) – Merry Christmas!!

Asbestos materials in buildings, and the debilitating diseases caused by exposure to fibers from those materials, has flown under the radar for many years. Publicity about this deadly material has been so sparse that many people have been lulled into thinking that either there is no asbestos in their building or it is not a problem. This is a risky misconception for building owners as the regulations that control this dangerous material make building owners responsible for any violations, even if the infringements are caused by contractors.

Our Speaker is Mathew Parker, National Program Director for ATC Group Services. ATC is the largest Asbestos consulting firm in the country, with over 125 offices spread throughout the United States. Matthew holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Hygiene and a Master of Science in System Safety Management. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist, Certified Safety Professional, and an Associate in Risk Management. He also retired from the US Navy as a Commander in the Medical Service Corps providing IH to the Navy and Field Medical Support to the Marines. He has 33 years of experience covering safety and health issues for the military, industrial, healthcare, and commercial sectors.

Please RSVP for the meeting at our website.
https://pensacola.assp.org/
We need a count for the meals.

There will be a door prize for those in attendance.
IH Corner
Dermal Sensitizers
Skin sensitization is one of the most frequently encountered hazards in the workplace, yet one of the most perplexing to predict and prevent. This occupational hazard can have significant consequences within and outside of the working environment. If sensitized, workers may be required to avoid being exposed again to a distinct compound or a class of chemicals by changing jobs or rotating to another building; they may also need to attenuate the effects of the immune system’s response with medications or refrain from using various products at home.

In the occupational environment, many efforts are made to identify potential skin sensitizers used in production through available testing and proper risk and hazard communication. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, this toxicological endpoint remains a qualitative assessment, with the resulting conclusion that industrial hygiene procedures should focus on reducing peak exposures.

A sensitizer is a chemical that causes a substantial proportion of exposed people or animals to develop an allergic reaction in normal tissue after repeated exposure to the chemical. Sensitizers are present environmentally and occupationally in many different industries including pharmaceuticals, chemical production, biofuels, and food and beverage; they are also in many consumer products. Studies suggest that the prevalence toward developing a skin sensitization or positive allergic contact dermatitis in the global population is about twenty percent.

Need a good IH???
Give me a call I know a few.
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2018 BLS Data
The ASSP is calling on employers to take steps to protect America’s workers from injury and illness in response to newly released data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The BLS reported that 2.8 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses occurred in private industry in 2018, unchanged from the previous year. It was the first time since 2012 that the incidence rate did not decrease.

ASSP, which represents more than 39,000 occupational safety and health professionals worldwide, recommends that employers implement safety and health management systems and adopt strategies to better protect worker well-being on and off the job. Both can help companies create true safety cultures by shifting from compliance-based approaches to risk-based programs.

Safety and health management systems set an operational foundation that enables organizations to integrate critical processes to help improve safety performance. These systems can help companies continuously identify and eliminate safety and health risks, reducing the potential of a worker getting injured or becoming ill. The ANSI/ASSP Z10.0-2019 standard is a blueprint for any company to develop and administer a safety and health management system.

In addition, organizations should use next-generation approaches such as Total Worker Health to move beyond traditional wellness initiatives and take a broader view of worker well-being. An ASSP task force is exploring opportunities to holistically address environmental and organizational factors that affect an employee’s safety and health. Total Worker Health, a term created by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), calls for employers to be more cognizant of stressors that occur inside and outside the workplace that impact a worker’s behavior.

Membership Benefits
ASSP is where OSH professionals find a vibrant community, one that helps them grow professionally through education, networking and advocacy for the profession. Through our member communities, ASSP connects OSH professionals across all industries, genders, generations and ethnicities, and enables them to engage with one another on a global scale. Safety Education and Training, Safety Publications, Career Support, Safety Advocacy, Safety Standards, Student Resources, Member Recognition. If you need some hints on convincing your boss, click here.
https://www.assp.org/membership/benefits-qualifications/employer-justification

OSHA Inspection Process
OSHA recently posted a video regarding the inspection process. View it here.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA6bixDzeLY
Call for Speakers
We are seeking suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc for speakers for the ASSP meetings. Please contact us with your thoughts!!!

Newsletter Stuff
Please forward this newsletter to any other in the chapter area that might be interested. If you wish to be added to our mailing list please email matthew.parker@atcgs.com

Membership Stuff
Ready to join? You can apply online: https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEBusiness /Membership/Join-ASSP

Photo of the Month
The good old days???? Asbestos snow????

Three Keys to Improving Risk Management
Risk management is at the heart of what safety professionals do every day. Effective risk management is what prevents injuries and fatalities and enables workers to do their jobs safely. The challenge lies in finding solutions that adequately address the hazards and risks workers encounter in your workplace. Three keys to help you and your organization become more intelligent about risk and improve risk management.

1. Educate Yourself - The world of occupational safety and health offers many tools and resources to help keep workers safe. One such tool focused specifically on risk management is ISO 31000, Risk Management - Guidelines, which provides guidelines and best practices for improving risk management, regardless of the size of your organization.

2. Understand Your Organization - This risk examination needs to include internal and external risks, as well as a forward-looking mind-set to assess emerging risks. This will help an organization develop a holistic process for identifying risks so that it can be more thoughtful about risk-based resource allocation, thereby providing assurance that the company is headed in the right direction.

3 - Empower Your Workforce
The first two steps in this process provide insights into the types of risks workers face on a daily basis, providing you the knowledge necessary to formulate suitable solutions. Based on this information, you can tailor training and risk assessment tools to each working environment. This provides workers the knowledge they need to understand the risks they face each day and to properly protect themselves and their coworkers from injuries.
Tallahassee Meetings

Attention Tallahassee Members. We will be holding supplemental meetings at your end of the Chapter territory this year. We will try to do a full chapter meeting there, but at a very minimum will do a local meeting for you to facilitate local networking. If you know a location for the meeting or have an idea for a speaker or topic, contact Matthew Parker.

Quote of the Month

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

Lao Tzu

Safety Information

Here are a few of my favorite free online workplace safety and health magazines (in no particular order).

- **EHS Today** informs safety, health and industrial hygiene professionals in the manufacturing, construction, and service sectors about trends, management strategies, regulatory news and new products that help them provide safe and healthy work sites.

- **ISHN** (Industrial Safety & Hygiene News) is a business-to-business monthly trade publication targeting safety and hygiene buyers. While their emphasis is advertising, they do have some good articles. Use the search box.

- **OH&S** (Occupational Health & Safety) subscribers turn to this magazine each month for practical advice on how to keep the workplace safe from hazards and in compliance with ever-changing laws and regulations.

Make Connections

It’s no secret that connections are what most often land people in the right job and help you find answers and implement best practices. Our various member communities connect you to great people and great resources. Further, our annual conferences, events and training opportunities serve as great networking venues, including:

- **Annual Professional Development Conference**: The largest safety conference of its kind, you’re sure to meet other safety professionals who can help you to advance your career. Plus, we have an on-site career center at the conference where you can view job opportunities across the country, and visit companies to meet potential employers face-to-face.

- **SafetyFOCUS**: SafetyFOCUS is ASSP's signature educational event offering more than 100 courses from 50 expert facilitators covering the safety industry’s most relevant topics. This one-of-a-kind event draws over 1,000 OSH professionals to earn up to 5.6 CEUs through one-, two- and three-day courses, all in one week.

- **Leadership Conference**: Elected ASSP leaders attend this conference to enhance their leadership skills for both their volunteer roles at ASSP and their professional roles at work. Meet your fellow volunteers and expand your industry contacts.

- **Future Safety Leaders Conference**: Current safety professionals educate, develop and mentor a select group of ASSP student members at this conference — helping them transition from student life to employment in the safety field. Students also network with employers to learn about career opportunities.

Huge Explosion – Huge Penalty

OSHA is seeking nearly $1.6 million in penalties from an Illinois manufacturer. The agency cited AB Specialty Silicones, LLC, for 12 willful federal safety violations after 4 employees suffered fatal injuries in an explosion and fire at the company’s Waukegan, Illinois, plant on May 3, 2019.