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January 21st Meeting **OSHA Update**

Location: WebEx Meeting
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Fee: Free

Mr. Francisco J. Garcia, Compliance Assistance Specialist, from
DOL-OSHA's Mobile Area Office

Francisco J. Garcia holds a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Science from the University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He began his career with the US Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a Safety Specialist in 2010 at the Andover Area Office, where he conducted health and safety inspections of Northeastern Massachusetts of private industry and Federal Government employers. In 2020, Mr. Garcia was selected as the Compliance Assistance Specialist for the Mobile Area Office

Please RSVP for the meeting at our website.

<https://pensacola.assp.org/>

You will be sent an invite for the WebEx meeting

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IH Corner

EPA Asbestos Reporting

On December 22, 2020, the federal district court in the northern district of California ordered the EPA to make broad changes in its asbestos reporting requirements under the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule. The court identified several “loopholes” in the EPA’s current reporting scheme.

What Does This Mean for Asbestos Reporting?

The EPA has 60 days to decide whether to appeal the decision, which will fall under the Biden administration’s authority. If the decision is not appealed, the EPA will have to provide another way for entities to provide CDR reporting for asbestos or extend the CDR reporting deadline.

If the court expands the scope of the CDR rule, companies will be given until January 29 to report the additional required information. However, the EPA may provide additional time for new reporting requirements. “In fact, EPA has already extended the CDR reporting deadline twice this year,” according to The National Law Review.

Expanded reporting requirements will certainly result in delays to the EPA’s final asbestos risk evaluation, which had a June 2020 statutory deadline for completion. The court recognized the EPA’s final risk evaluation had not been completed but did not mention the EPA had passed its deadline for completing its final risk evaluation.

Need a good IH?

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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>

Open 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 Information

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 mario.crocetti@gmail.com

Membership Information

Ready to join? You can apply online:

<https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Join-ASSP>

Jobs

<http://jobs.assp.org/>

<https://jobs.bccsp.org>

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

<https://pensacola.assp.org>

If you have an opening at your organization you would like to share with the chapter and have posted for members to view, let Mario Crocetti or Matthew Parker know. Openings will be shared with ASSP Pensacola Chapter members prior to being shared to the chapter website or LinkedIn page.

Future Meetings: Third Thursdays

Mark these dates on your calendars NOW!

February 18, 2020

Incident Mirror Technique

Dave Rebbitt, MBA, CRSP, CEO, Rarebit Consulting

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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 or Mario Crocetti.

Photo of the Month



Man barrels are no replacement for man baskets.

ASSP Board Connection Series

Join the ASSP Board of Directors on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 11:00 a.m. CT for an informal 30-minute Zoom session focused on “What’s Giving You Hope in 2021.” We look forward to seeing you there! Learn more and register [here](#).

OSHA Violations During the Pandemic

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Dec. 24, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued citations arising from 295 inspections for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$3,849,222.

OSHA inspections have resulted in the agency citing employers for violations, including failures to:

- Implement a [written respiratory protection program](#)
- Provide a medical evaluation, respirator fit test, training on the proper use of a respirator and personal protective equipment
- [Report](#) an injury, illness, or fatality
- Record an injury or illness on OSHA [recordkeeping forms](#)
- Comply with the [General Duty Clause](#) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

OSHA has already announced citations relating to the coronavirus arising out of 278 inspections, which can be found at [dol.gov/newsroom](https://www.dol.gov/newsroom). OSHA provides more information about individual citations at its [Establishment Search website](#), which it updates periodically. Resources are available on the agency’s COVID-19 [webpage](#) to help employers comply with these standards.

ASSP Calls for Adoption of Voluntary Consensus Standards

New fatality data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows 5,333 fatal work injuries occurred in 2019, a 2% increase from the previous year’s total of 5,250 and the most on-the-job deaths since 2007.

In response, the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is urging employers to be more active in adopting voluntary national consensus standards and implementing safety and health management systems.

“Voluntary national consensus standards can transform safety programs from compliance-based cost centers to corporate sustainability initiatives that save lives and positively impact the organization’s bottom line,” said ASSP President Deborah Roy, MPH, RN, in a press release.

ASSP argues organizations should anchor their efforts to improve workplace safety in safety and health management systems such as ANSI/ASSP Z.10.0-2019, a blueprint for any company to create a safe operational foundation that can be customized to the individual organization.

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ASSP SafetyFocus 2021

Whether it's technical savvy or business acumen, safety professionals never stop learning. Achieve your professional development goals and find your focus at SafetyFOCUS 2021.

SafetyFOCUS will take place February 8-12 and February 15-19, 2021 and is an immersive learning experience that is unparalleled in the safety industry. It features more than 95 occupational safety and health (OSH) courses taught by world-class experts that will help you deepen your knowledge and find solutions you can apply immediately at your organization.

Due to the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and its cascading effects on safety and health, work, travel, and large gatherings, SafetyFOCUS has shifted from an in-person event to a live virtual experience in 2021. This format will make SafetyFOCUS more accessible while offering the same networking opportunities and high-quality education you expect from ASSP.

Courses available will consist of these topics:

- Business skills and personal development
- Certification prep
- Construction
- Ergonomics
- Fall protection
- Human and organizational performance
- Industrial hygiene/health
- Risk assessment and management
- Safety management systems
- Training and education

Register [here](#) for this exciting event!

Quote of the Month

"Shallow men believe in luck; wise and strong men in the cause and effect."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson