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Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.asse.org>

Link to the National ASSE webpage for information on great topics in EH&S. Go look things up.

<http://hudsonrivervalley.asse.org>

Link to the Hudson River Valley Chapter web page. Information on the Local items and events as well as good information. Try it, you'll like it!

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Link to the Center for Disease Control. Great current information on health items to help protect us all through illness controlling and prevention. Lots of FLU items!

Hotlinks in articles are in **Bold Red font**.

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It's March! Is Your 300A Log Still Posted?

Sounds silly doesn't it? But, unfortunately I think there are some locations out there that are not actually reading the changes in the Standards, and are going on memory. That could be a mistake. Your 2017 annual Injury/Illness Summary Form 300A should still be posted in a conspicuous location in your workplace, or in a location where notices to employees are customarily posted. When it is posted it should not be covered by any other notices or materials, and it should not be able to be defaced, or altered. The form should remain posted until April 30, 2018. As you know, the form should be signed by an executive of the company or other persons as designated by **29 CFR 1904.32(b)(4)**. If you need more information on this topic, please use this reference link; **29CFR 1904 Standard Table of Contents**.

ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter to be Represented at 2018 Engineering EXPO.

The ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter will be represented at the 2018 Engineering EXPO by our Chapter President, Mrs. Crystal Turner-Moffatt. The EXPO is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the White Plains High School – Boys & Girls Gymnasiums at 550 North Street, White Plains, NY, from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM EDT. Great Cause – Great Event. The purpose of the EXPO is to educate regional high school and middle school students about engineering as a career through presentations and informational booths. There are fun interactive activities, Rube Goldberg Contests and Young Professional Panels. The EXPO strives to recruit students already interested in math and science and inform them of careers in engineering from basic fields, (Civil Engineering, Chemical, Electrical), to the new and exotic fields like nanotechnology, biomedical engineering, plastics, pharmaceuticals and aerospace. Colleges and universities will inform juniors and seniors about the requirements for engineering degrees. Young Professionals will hold Q & A sessions for students and parents. Various business and industry presenters provide insight into how engineering is important within their organizations.

For more information click on this link;

<http://www.beanengineer.org/>

It Is That Time Again - The Best PDC in Hudson River Valley Is Coming!

HEAR YEE, HEAR YEE! THE TIME IS NEAR! SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS.

Yes, once again the planning is well underway to present to you our members, and all persons interested in promoting and or learning about Safety and Health at their workplace, the biggest and best PDC held in the Hudson River Valley! Let's be honest here, we all know Safety does not stop at the end of your workday. Hopefully you can take home some of the items presented here to be used and/or shared with your friends and family to help keep them safe as well.

The ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter's annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) is scheduled to be held on April 19, 2018. The times for this great event will be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We have a great line-up of speakers and topics. Our Educational sessions have been finalized and will be sent out soon. Prizes will be available from the vendors and the ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter. Lunch will be provided as in the past, and this year a continental light breakfast will be made available. The venue is the same as last year, IBEW Local 363 Training Center Building, 67 South Commerce Drive, Harriman, NY 10926. This allows more room for the vendors and the attendees comfort. You can learn new and important facts like this - April 19, 2018 is National Garlic Day, or National Get To Know Your Customers Day! Discounts are still available on ticket pricing before April 12, 2018. For more information go to our chapter's webpage PDC direct link on;

<https://hudsonrivervalley.asse.org/events/hudson-river-valley-asse-technical-meeting-9/>

To register and process payment for the 2018 PDC via Eventbrite you can use this link;

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hudson-river-valley-chapter-asse-pdc-tickets-44369997858>

National Society Elections 2018 Are Still Open.

The ASSE National Elections are in progress during the month of March, 2018. The period for voting as a dues paying member for these National Elections is March 1, 2018 until March 31, 2018. If you have not voted in these elections, please do so. If you have misplaced the election information and candidate biographies email from the Society, or did not receive one, please use this link to obtain a new one;

<http://www.asse.org/elections/slate2018/>

If you have misplaced your e-Ballot for these elections, please use this link to request a new one as soon as you can as the time period expires on March 31, 2018;

<https://www.directvote.net/ASSE/sendID.aspx>

Chapter Elections Are In Progress.

The slate of Officer Candidates for our Chapter has been sent out for your information and your vote. The voting process is open and on-going. Please let us know if you are voting for the candidates as proposed. If you are interested in running for the Open Position of Member-At-Large, please let me know by March 31, 2018. Become involved, participate in Chapter activities. This is your chapter and your participation in it is requested. If you have not yet voted as a dues paying chapter member, please do so. To be a valid election we need to achieve an amount of two thirds of the membership votes. By the existing Chapter Bylaws, you should cast your vote by April 30, 2018. As a reminder, the positions and candidates for a two year term are;

Crystal Turner – President

Tom McCarthy – President-Elect

Curt Jones – Delegate

David Zaremsky – Treasurer

David Montalvo – Member-At-Large

Matthew McDonald – Webmaster

Charles Von Dietsch – Newsletter & Secretary

Chapter Bylaws Amendment Membership Vote.

As you now know, the Society is changing its name this year. One of the steps in that process was that the general membership of each Chapter had to vote on this. You have received the memo I sent out about this motion to change our Chapter Bylaws to be in alignment with this process. If you have not already done so, you have missed the extended deadline for this vote to be recorded and validated. If you were one of the few who did vote, thank you for your participation in the administration of the Chapter as part of the National Society.

March Technical Meeting Presentation.

At our Technical Meeting on March 15, 2018 there was a change in the presentation topic. Our original speaker was unable to make the meeting as scheduled because of family needs. The last minute change was handled by our Chapter President – Mrs. Crystal Turner-Moffatt, who gave a presentation titled “Safety Cop to Safety Coach: Tools for the Journey to Becoming an Effective Safety Professional”. This topic examined various techniques and methodologies of managing a safety program in ways that are more acceptable to all workers involved in the project. It was a very good presentation.



ATTENTION - New NYC Local Law 196 Now In Effect.

There is a new Local Law in New York City that has been established and being run under the Department of Buildings. This Local Law is number 196 – Construction Safety Training. It was promulgated in 2017, with many sections taking effect this month, March 1, 2018. The remaining sections of this law will be phased in and full implementation no later than March 1, 2019. Why is this important to you?

It is important because under the sections now effective, there are consequences that will be enforced if each construction worker or supervisor on the job site of a construction site, or a major renovation project is found to have not taken one of the following required courses at a minimum;

- A) OSHA 10 Hour Construction Safety Course.
- B) OSHA 30 Hour Construction Safety Course.
- C) A 100 Hour training program approved by the Department of Buildings (DOB) (such as training received through an apprenticeship program).

What sort of consequences you ask? Well Penalties, fines and stop work orders. These fines can be levied against the owner, the work permit holder, and the employer in the amount of \$500.00 each, for a total of \$1500.00 per each untrained worker found in their unannounced site checks. Also, work permit holders must keep a log of trained workers. Failing to not keep a log of the trained workers will result in a \$2,500.00 fine for the work permit holder on a first offense; the fine for a second offense is \$5,000.00. The Department of Buildings will also target other work projects of that work permit holder if found in violation of the law. You will be required to certify on a soon to be updated PW2 that workers have been properly trained in order to obtain a permit.

For a copy of the NYC DOB Poster that must be posted on your job site until December 31, 2020, use this link; http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/construction_safety_sn.pdf

To obtain a copy of this Local Law 196, please use this link from NYC DOB; http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/local_laws/ll196of2017.pdf

For a listing of the training requirements click this link; http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/LL196_SafetyPres.pdf

Training received before October 16, 2017, will be acceptable in any format. Training received after that date must be in-person or actively proctored online training (actively proctored online training confirms the individual's identification before providing secure access to the online training and monitors participation during the course of training). For a list of U.S. Department of labor providers of actively proctored online training use this link; https://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/training_providers.html. Training can be obtained through many in-person courses by approved training providers of your choice.

Call for Suggested Topics.

In a previous Newsletter I asked if anyone had a topic they felt would be useful and more interesting to the general membership to be discussed at our meetings, or to be summarized in a Newsletter item, please send it in. My email contact is on the front page of this newsletter in the lower left hand corner of the vertical green stripe, and you can use it to send those ideas to me. I will bring them to the rest of the Executive Committee to discuss the possible use of your idea as a meeting topic presentation. Just about any safety related item is welcomed, either an on-the-job topic, or one for family safety at home or on vacation. There are a few guidelines that we follow which were outlined way back in June of 2016 when we published the first membership chapter newsletter. Nothing political, inflammatory, or insulting to any other person – member or not of this chapter or the Society will be put in this newsletter. Items that describe a serious violation of

safety standards are encouraged and will be allowed in the newsletter, or as a live topic. Specifics that might be identifiable to a person will be removed unless the suggested item is supplied to us with the required written permissions to use some personalized details for accuracy of the incident or experience. This is an easy way for you to become more involved in the chapter, so give it a try.

Our Scheduled Next Chapter Meeting.

The next Chapter meeting is a Board Meeting concerning some of the last minute planning items and logistics of the fast approaching PDC. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018. The location will be in the offices of Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies, Inc., (QuEST), at 1376 Route 9, Wappinger's Falls, NY. The meetings generally start at 6:00 P.M., and they end at approximately 8:00 P.M., depending on the amount of discussion and items on the agenda. A light meal and refreshments are usually served at 5:30 PM. Since this is your Chapter, please feel free to drop by and participate in the functions of the Chapter. Who knows, you might just like it and decide to stay more involved in setting the direction and operation of the Hudson River Valley Chapter.