



The Activity Report Story – the end of waste or concise upward

Next Meeting:

Date:

Thurs., Nov 3rd, 2011
12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Where:

BOCCI
Trattoria & Pizzeria
5850 Fayetteville Rd.
Durham
919.206.407
www.bocciitalian.com

Cost:

\$15 in advance at
<http://www.ncasse.org>

Topic:

Dog Bite Safety w/
live demonstration

Presenter:

Barbara Long

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This may all sound like a story in itself but as I sat down to write my periodic message to the Chapter; I was in a bit of a story telling mood. I thought to myself how cool it would be if just by chance, it happened to be National Story Telling Day or something (to provide a good lead-in to my message.) So off to Google I went to ask; type in - “national story telling day.” Anything?

So as it turns out, I probably should have picked up a lottery ticket on the way home too as I am informed by a certain source (an internet blog - <http://www.rustyandrosy.com/parent-resources/blog/2011/10/national-story-telling-day/>) that today IS National Story Telling Day. What are the odds? Sorry, that wasn’t supposed to be part of my message but I couldn’t help sharing.

So the actual story I had in mind was a simple one (brought to mind while considering what to write for my Fall message.) The story was told to me back in my days as a hygienist when at a certain time each and every month; we’d all stop actually doing anything, and start writing about what we had been doing. As much we all took this as a serious opportunity to tell higher ups what great things we’d been doing, it really was time consuming. It became a bit of a competition internally and it never seemed too clear what the value was to anyone in the company either.

A colleague soon offered up how he’d heard about a similar department that by mistake one month, had a potentially embarrassing photocopying error that quite contrarily, led to real change. The monthly activity report ended up missing every other page. Before the missing pages were fessed up to, a senior manager was overheard commending the great job her group was doing based on the recent activity report she had just read. The prankster in the group couldn’t help but take the next step the very next month by making sure that every third page would be missing as well. Again, a similar reaction after the report went in and no one ever asked about the missing pages. It was clear that no one was reading the darned thing. The activity report’ demise? What’s taken its place? I recall that in our own group, ours continued but still never seemed to be worth the effort.

How many of you all prepare an activity report? If you don’t, how are your efforts being communicated upwards? Would anyone notice if your report began missing pages? Performance reporting, communicating value, measuring results... sounds important. My own experience includes a profound occurrence where there was no activity reporting. All reporting was pretty much verbal. The EH&S group lost all visibility with executive management for a time when the EH&S director and his boss (a VP with direct reporting lines to the executive leadership team) stopped all meaningful communication due to personality differences. Perhaps an activity report could have kept the EH&S function visible.

So this message... is anyone reading it? How about Chapter Performance Reporting? It’s more than likely that most chapter members don’t even know what I’m talking about. I’d like to change that and make sure that the strategic plan and performance report that we have to submit to the Society of- fices, is open for all to view. Please keep a lookout on our website for this and let us know what you think about our (your) performance. As we’ve all heard and must believe by now, “if it’s important enough to do, it’s worth measuring.” Our joint meeting with AIHA in December will involve measurement and reporting as well and I hope to see you at a special lunch meeting at EPA in RTP. Tom Cecich will present on the Center for Safety & Health Sustainability and the Global Reporting Initiative.

Until then, get that report going.

Steve

The GHS roll out has been delayed awaiting a “Small Business Review”.

(excerpt from <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs.html#1.2>)

Why was the GHS developed?

The production and use of chemicals is fundamental to all economies. The global chemical business is more than a \$1.7 trillion per year enterprise. In the U.S., chemicals are more than a \$450 billion business and exports are greater than \$80 billion per year.



Chemicals directly or indirectly affect our lives and are essential to our food, our health, and our lifestyle. The widespread use of chemicals has resulted in the development of sector-specific regulations (transport, production, workplace, agriculture, trade, and consumer products). Having readily available information on the hazardous properties of chemicals, and recommended control measures, allows the production, transport, use and disposal of chemicals to be managed safely. Thus, human health and the environment are protected.

The sound management of chemicals should include systems through which chemical hazards are identified and communicated to all who are potentially exposed. These groups include workers, consumers, emergency responders and the public. It is important to know what chemicals are present and/or used, their hazards to human health and the environment, and the means to control them. A number of classification and labeling systems, each addressing specific use patterns and groups of chemicals, exist at the national, regional and international levels. The existing hazard classification and labeling systems address potential exposure to chemicals in all the types of use settings listed above.

While the existing laws and regulations are similar, they are different enough to require multiple labels for the same product both within the U.S. and in international trade and to require multiple safety data sheets for the same product in international trade. Several U.S. regulatory agencies and various countries have different requirements for hazard definitions as well as for information to be included on labels or material safety data sheets.

These differences in hazards and SDS/labels impact both protection and trade. In the area of protection, users may see different label warnings or safety data sheet information for the same chemical. In the area of trade, the need to comply with multiple regulations regarding hazard classification and labeling is costly and time-consuming. Some multinational companies have estimated that there are over 100 diverse hazard communication regulations for their products globally. For small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) regulatory compliance is complex and costly, and it can act as a barrier to international trade in chemicals.

Benefits to companies include:



- A safer work environment and improved relations with employees,
- An increase in efficiency and reduced costs from compliance with hazard communication regulations,
- Application of expert systems resulting in maximizing expert resources and minimizing labor and costs,
- Facilitation of electronic transmission systems with international scope,
- Expanded use of training programs on health and safety,
- Reduced costs due to fewer accidents and illnesses,
- Improved corporate image and credibility.

Networking with NCSU

The ASSE Raleigh Chapter will be participating in the North Carolina State University Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources annual Networking and Career Fair.

The event will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, 2011 in 1214 and 1218 Jordan Addition Building. The Career Fair will be held from 10:00am to 1:45pm with set-up and refreshments from 9:00am to 10:00am.

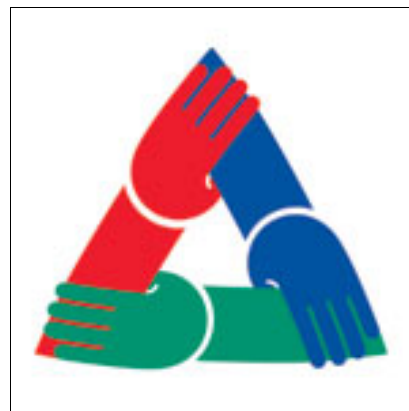
This event offers a chance to meet students, graduates and faculty from the Forest Management, Natural Resources, Environmental Technology & Management, Fisheries, Wildlife & Conservation Biology departments at NCSU. The Networking and Career Fair is an excellent opportunity to inform these groups of the goals and advantages of participating in our profession. It is also the hope of our chapter to foster this relationship in hopes of nurturing the seeds of a ASSE Student chapter.

Please contact Horace Rozier or Jason Pettit if you would like to participate and represent our chapter. Contact info on page 5.

Plan for 2012 NAOSH Week, May 6-12th 2012

During NAOSH Week, May 6-12, 2012, and Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day, May 9, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) and more than 50 OSHA Alliance Program participants representing thousands of businesses worldwide work to increase awareness of occupational safety and health and how important it is to make sure all workers leave work injury and illness free every day. We will also provide information and best practices showing how safety programs have a positive impact on businesses worldwide.

Each year ASSE urges everyone to get involved in NAOSH Week in an effort to better educate the public about the positive benefits a safe workplace provides not only for workers, but for their families, friends, businesses, their local community and the global community. In 2009, more than 4,000 people lost their lives from on-the-job injuries and never made it home. We'd like to move that number to 0. You can get more information and discover ways to participate at <http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh/>



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Poster
contest**



2012 NC Chapter Meetings

Date & Time	Topic	Presenter	Location
Thurs., Nov 3 rd , 2011 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Dog Bite Safety w/ live demonstration	Barbara Long	BOCCI trattoria & pizzeria 5850 Fayetteville Rd. Durham 919.206.407 www.bocciitalian.com
Thurs., Dec 1 st 2011 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting w/ AIHA, Center for Safety & Health Sustainability and the Global Reporting Initiative	Tom Cecich, TFC & Associates	EPA, 109 T.W. Alexander Dr. RTP. Reservations are required. For security reasons, reservations must be made by Nov 29. See directions below.
Thurs., Jan 5 th 2012 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	State/City contractor selection using safety as a criterion	TBD (pursuing either or both) Representative Paul Leubke Charlotte Huffman –NBC-17	BOCCI trattoria & pizzeria 5850 Fayetteville Rd. Durham 919.206.407 www.bocciitalian.com
Thurs., Feb 2 nd 2012 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	TBD (note this meeting coincides with ASSE's Seminarfest)		
Thurs, Mar 1 st 2012 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Climate Change	Extend invitations to local meteorologists and Dr. Dave DeMaster, NCSU	Considering other meeting locations
Thurs, Apr 5 th , 2012 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	OSHA Update Chapter Officer Elections	Kevin Beauregard Asst. Deputy Commissioner NC Occupational Safety & Health Division	

Directions to EPA site: Hwy 147S to Alexander is closed. If traveling south on the Durham Freeway, take 40 W and get off on Exit 278 (Hwy 55). Turn Left on Hwy 54 and Right on Alexander. Similar directions if traveling from Chapel Hill on I 40. If traveling from Raleigh, take either Davis Drive (Exit 280) or Hwy 55 (Exit 278). If you take the Davis Drive exit, turn Left on Davis, Right on Hwy 54 and then Left on Alexander. Allow time to stop at Guard's station to show I.D., get parking pass, and go thru lunch line in cafeteria.

Member Challenge - Membership Drive:

For every new paid member you recruit, you will be entered into a monthly drawing for \$50 and the grand prize drawing for a trip to Safety 2011 in Denver, CO. The new member will receive a \$25 ASSE gift certificate and 1 free practice specialty. Recruitment resources such as, electronic applications and postcards are available at www.asse.org/nosecret

Please welcome our new members as of June 2011 to date :

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Founded in 1911, the American Society of Safety Engineers is the oldest and largest professional safety organization. Its more than 30,000 members manage, supervise and consult on safety, health, and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government and education.

ASSE is guided by a 16-member Board of Directors, which consists of 8 regional vice presidents; three council vice presidents; Society president, president-elect, senior vice president, vice president of finance and executive director.

ASSE has 13 practice specialties, 152 chapters, 31 sections and 52 student sections. For more information, visit www.asse.org.

The NC ASSE Chapter executive committee are committed to serving you by providing you with relevant safety news, a forum for safety discussions and networking opportunities.

We are **currently looking for dedicated members that would like to serve on the executive committee. for the 2011-2012.** These are rewarding positions that will enhance your professional development. The chapter offers full financial support for new officers to attend ASSE Leadership Training Conference each year.

Invite your fellow safety professionals to join us and help increase national safety awareness and the many benefits of local chapter participation.

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Our fellow ASSE Chapter in VA is celebrating their 50th anniversary and would like for us to join them. It's EASY! To register and pay, go to: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=WTJ8PND65CT44

Please join us in celebrating



50th Anniversary!

Highlights of the evening include:

- Dinner
- Past presidents' roast
- Special guest speakers including
ASSE President Terrie Norris!

Whether you're a member, friend or associate, we'd love to have you help us celebrate! Please be sure to RSVP no later than October 18th to ensure your spot and the lowest cost! Look forward to seeing you there!

Date: October 29, 2011

Time: 6-10 PM

Location: Town Center City Club
222 Central Park Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

Cost: \$25/person before 10/18/11, \$35/person after.
Must pay in advance!

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