

# Bay Area Environmental Safety Group

## Mr. Gary Lucks JD will address the California legislative activity and events of 2003

Our presenter for April's meeting will address the California legislative activity and events of 2003, and their impact on environmental affairs now. The 2003 election year yielded a number of groundbreaking environmental laws that become effective on January 1, 2004. 2003 also featured a recall election that ultimately displaced the existing administration by a governor who is promising sweeping changes in how the California Government operates.

Among the key developments were legislation that regulates: Air Quality New Source Reviews; Toxic Chemicals and Health Impacts; Whistle Blower Protections; Permit Fees; and Underground Storage Tanks. Also affected will be other multimedia environmental programs such as: Water Quality; Hazardous Wastes, Hazardous Substances Cleanup and Enforcement & environmental Justice.

This presentation will be delivered by Mr. Gary Lucks JD- a principal environmental attorney and scientist with Beyond Compliance with over 20 years of experience. Mr. Lucks serves as a regulatory compliance and sustainability specialist where he advises clients on multi-media environmental audits, eco audits, environmental permitting, training and regulatory analysis, and multimedia environmental management systems (EMS). Mr Lucks currently serves on the California State Bar Environmental Legislation Committee and has published numerous articles and newsletters addressing environmental legislation and policy.

**Meeting Times and Location:** 11:30-1:00pm Embassy Suites, 2885 Lakeview Dr, Santa Clara, ca 95054, 408-496-6400. The hotel is highly visible from US 101 north and southbound. Exit Great America Parkway/Bowers Ave and go south. Turn right on Augustine Dr and right on Lakeview Dr. The hotel is on the right. Be sure to **RSVP**.

Reservations can be made by clicking on the following link or send an email to [BAESGreservation@aol.com](mailto:BAESGreservation@aol.com)

**A note about RSVP's.** When you call in your RSVP we reserve that meal for you at the meeting. That meal must be paid for whether or not you attend so repeat no shows will be charged for meals. The other side of the coin if you do not RSVP we can not guarantee there will be enough food for a lot of walk-ins or if there are meal choices that you can get what you would like. If you RSVP and then find out you can not attend be sure to let us know as soon as possible.

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## U.S. EPA announces Bay Area attains federal ozone standard

The Bay Area has attained the federal air quality standard for ozone over the past three consecutive years, the EPA announced on April 2, 2004 in San Francisco, Ca. In addition the agency is approving several elements of the Bay Area's 2001 clean air plan.

"Significant air quality improvement has been made in the Bay Area and we commend that effort," said Deborah Jordan, the EPA's air division director for the Pacific Southwest region. "We must now build on this progress in order to further improve air quality for Bay Area residents and their downwind neighbors."

With this action, Clean Air Act sanctions, including a highway funding freeze, continue to be deferred as long as the area continues to meet the federal 1-hour ozone standard.

This action also does not constitute a formal redesignation of the Bay Area into the attainment category. The next step is for the Ca Air Resources Board to submit a plan showing how the area will continue to maintain the clean air standard for 10 years. Once the plan is submitted the state can request the EPA to redesignate the Bay Area as attaining the federal 1-hour ozone standard.

The Bay Area has been out of compliance with the federal air quality standard since 1998.

Ground-level ozone is the primary ingredient of smog and is harmful to public health. Exposure, even at relatively low levels, can cause respiratory symptoms such as reduction in lung function, chest pain and cough.

For more information go to, <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/sfbayoz/>

## OSHA Rolls Out New HazCom Initiative

OSHA has launched a new initiative focusing attention on hazard communication in the workplace. Consisting of compliance assistance and enforcement components, the initiative is aimed at improving the quality of hazard communication and helping employers and employees comply with the Hazard Communications Standard.

The initiative follows an agency review of the standard and concerns expressed by some about the accuracy of material safety data sheets.

In order to ensure chemical safety in the workplace, information must be available about the identities and hazard of the chemicals. OSHA's Hazard Communication and dissemination of such information:

- √ Chemical manufacturers and importers are required to evaluate the hazards of the chemicals they produce or import, and
- √ Prepare labels and material safety data sheets (MSDSs) to convey the hazard information to their downstream customers.
- √ All employers with hazardous chemicals in their workplaces must have labels and MSDSs for their exposed workers, and train them to handle the chemicals appropriately.

For more info see the web site: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardcommunications/index.html>

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## Your rattlesnake safety awareness training

From Laura Gantt and the Safety Compliance Management team, <http://www.scm-safety.com>

I recently saw a list of training requirements for one organization that had a lot of field workers. The list had the usual training requirements, such as hazardous waste, first aid, scaffolding, forklifts, power presses, accident investigation, medical records, etc. However, there were a few inclusions that caught my attention, such as poison oak and rattlesnake awareness. There were no specific regulations for these particular training sessions, yet this dedicated safety trainer made sure the employees of his organization had an annual update to these hazards every spring.

Some of you might be smiling now. And like me, you might be very thankful that there are no real rattlesnakes in your office. Yet, the safety professional mentioned above was clearly on the right track. He ensured his employees received sufficient HAZARD COMMUNICATION, and did not simply do the minimum training required by the regulations.

If we start to think about it, we all have some form of "rattlesnake" in our work place. It might be a particular characteristic of our site that could "reach out and bit us" at any time. But, we have seen this characteristic so many times, we are not paying attention to it. It might be a confined space. It might be a sudden drop off into a gully along the road. It might be an unguarded paper shredder. It might be a faulty wiring job. It might be one of a thousand things, but one thing is for certain – we all have some thing we don't pay enough attention to, control in some form, or provide safety training for.

What is your "rattlesnake?" Take a few minutes today to walk around your workplace. Maybe even invite someone from another site, who might be able to see things from another perspective, to take a walk with you. Identify your rattlesnakes. Then take whatever steps necessary to improve the safety relating to that problem. Do you need clearer signage or identifiers of the problem? Is your sign requiring hearing protection faded from the weather and in need of replacement? Do you need to rope off or fix a deep pothole? Have you looked at the faulty wiring so often, you don't see the energized equipment problem? Some things are easy to fix, and should be taken care of right away.

Some things require training. You might even be able to come up with a long list of training requirements you already have, and with the work load already placed upon you, be able to correctly say that you barely have time to train on the stuff that is already required of you. And yet, that "rattlesnake" could suddenly "bite" someone, and you did not take the time to provide some level of awareness about staying safe around it. At that point, any amount of time it would have taken to provide some safety training would have been worth it.

A safe workplace is more than what is required by the regulations. Sometimes it takes some common sense, like rattlesnake safety awareness training.

Safety is contagious, pass it on.

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*The Bay Area Environmental Safety Group is a business league with the interest of serving the professional working in Silicon Valley and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area.*

*The BAESG was established in the early 1980's to fill a void that other safety-related associations were unable to satisfy.*

*Officers of the BAESG are committed to meeting the needs of environmental protection, occupational and public health, emergency preparedness, and safety professionals.*

*Each month, luncheon meetings are planned featuring speakers who have something to offer the EH&S professionals and the companies and organizations for which they serve.*

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## Conferences and Upcoming Courses

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10-hr OSHA Gen. Indus. Standard 4/9, 4/16

EHS Conference 4/14

Title 22 4/23, 5/21, & 6/25

30-hr OSHA Gen. Indus. Standard 5/6, 5/13,  
5/20, 5/27, 6/3

2004 American Industrial Hygiene Conference &  
Exposition: May 8-13, 2004; Atlanta, GA  
[www.aiha.org/aihce.htm](http://www.aiha.org/aihce.htm) for details

**Laser Safety Officer Training: Laser Institute of America** September 20 - 24, 2004; San Francisco  
. . . also other cities and dates:  
[www.laserinstitute.org/training/courses/industry\\_safety/lso/](http://www.laserinstitute.org/training/courses/industry_safety/lso/) for details

## SAVE THE DATE

**Second Annual Professional Development Conference** by BAESG October 20, 2004 at Mission College, Santa Clara, California . . . The conference is still in the planning stage so keep an eye on the newsletter and website for more details in the future.

# Job Opportunities (lots of local)

California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, Ca is seeking an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist, the EHS Specialist provides support to the Medical Center and Research Institute's EHA programs.

[http://www.jobsearch.org/seeker/jobsearch/number?action=number\\_search\\_process&jobnumber=7304048&scoutEmail=true](http://www.jobsearch.org/seeker/jobsearch/number?action=number_search_process&jobnumber=7304048&scoutEmail=true)

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) looking for a Director of EH&S to provide information, technical assistance, policy and oversight to enable line management to maintain a safe workplace environment and ensure that the Laboratory's scientific/technical research activities are conducted in compliance with applicable policies and regulations For a complete job description or to submit your resume for consideration, email [sdjobs@lbl.gov](mailto:sdjobs@lbl.gov) or mail to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Recruitment Office, One Cyclotron Road, MS- 937R0600, Berkeley, CA 94720-8076.

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Loss Control Consultant- Northern California based position, covering Western States. Majority of work is Northern California, with next level of emphasis on Oregon and Washington, and occasional work in Northern Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming. For immediate and confidential consideration, please contact Cate Leppert at 916-972-1289, or email [ca-tharin@surewest.net](mailto:ca-tharin@surewest.net).

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Staff EHS Engineer, Lam Research, Fremont, CA go to: <http://www.lamrc.com/main.cfm?section=7&subsection=1&subsubsection=1&browser=4&cont>

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