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November 17 Meeting with Kurt Swart Of Life Safety Associates

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Weapons of Mass Destruction—Is Your Site Safe?

Is your site vulnerable because you handle dangerous chemicals or because you are a high-profile site or is your site vulnerable for other reasons? Have you conducted a vulnerability assessment of your site?

Are your chemicals secure and meticulously inventoried or tracked? Do you know how to handle a suspicious package? Do you know how to handle bomb threat? Are you a "soft target" for a suicide bomber? Are you a "soft target" for a radiation "dirty" bomb? Is your ventilation (HVAC) system vulnerable to chemical or biological agents? Is your drinking water vulnerable to chemical or biological agents? Do you know the clues to determine if you were exposed to a chemical, biological or radioactive agent? Do you know the difference between two typical biological agents (anthrax and ricin) that have been used by terrorists in U.S. since 9-11? Do you know what to do after the attack? Can you rely 100% on the local Fire Department?

Kurt Swart has a B.S. in Chemistry & Biology. He also has a Professional Certificate in Hazardous Materials Management from the University of California and a HAZMAT Technician Level Instructor degree from the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). Kurt spent many years as a trainer, instructor and Environmental Health & Safety Manager for industry. He has setup realistic mock drills that challenge the teams to think, feel, and react like it is a real emergency using industrial settings, live victims, medical injuries, leaking tankers, gas cabinets, smoke machines and other industrial props.

Meeting Times and Location:

11:30-1:00pm Embassy Suites

2885 Lakeview Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054, 408-496-6400. The hotel is visible from US 101 (north and south bound). 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.

Presidents Corner by Roy Djohan

Fellow members,

It is with great pleasure and optimism that I step into this role on the BAESG board. My predecessor accomplished much during his time in this capacity, and the BAESG enjoyed great success under his leadership. His example will serve as an excellent role model to both myself, and future Presidents. On behalf of the Board and BAESG membership, I'd like to thank Scott Norman for his efforts and contributions to this organization. We wish him much success in future endeavors.

The opportunity to associate with people like Scott, as well as the many other members that attend the monthly meetings, is one of the main reasons for my participation in this group. In addition to the friends I've made, I've also realized new insights and gained different perspectives on successful implementation of EH&S.

I've also found that the more active that I am in BAESG, the more I get out of my membership. This (and a little encouragement from Scott) led to my decision to join the BAESG board a couple of years ago. I wanted to contribute to its continued success and I also wanted to give back to the group from which I've benefited.

Working with the other board members has been a truly rewarding experience, and I strongly encourage anyone who'd like a greater role in the BAESG to consider joining the board next year. For those of you who don't want to wait that long, however,

there is an opportunity for to participate now. The success of this years Professional Development Conference resulted from the teamwork and efforts of a small group of dedicated volunteers. I also extend a quick thank you to this committee, which was chaired by Michael Hall. In order to replicate this success next year, we will need another group of such volunteers. This effort will start early in the new year, so watch this space for announcements. My next President's Corner will also take a more in depth look back at this year's PDC.

I am especially enthusiastic

about the current slate of board members. Their commitment and creativity has already lead to some noteworthy accomplishments. One of the next projects that I am looking forward to is the December Holiday Party. As of this writing, the venue has not yet been finalized, but mark your Calendars for December 8th, and plan to celebrate the Holiday Season with your fellow EHS colleagues.

regards,

Roy Dojahn, BAESG President



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday December 8, 2004

BAESG annual Holiday
Networking Party

Arthur's in Santa Clara

Stay tuned for more details

September 15, 2004

MEDIA STATEMENT

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER JOHN GARAMENDI SEES POTENTIAL SAVINGS FROM LATEST ROUND OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORM

SAN FRANCISCO - A statement from Commissioner John Garamendi on today's Workers' Compensation Pure Premium hearing:

"Today the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau (WCIRB) has proposed a 3.5 percent increase in the pure premium rate, to become effective January 1, 2005. This is only half the story. I have also received valuable information from experts and industry concerning the status of the workers' compensation system. SB 899 requires that regulations be written before it can be fully implemented. The Division of Workers' Compensation Administrative Director stated that the regulations should yield cost savings. When the regulations are in place we may find sufficient savings to more than offset the WCIRB'S recommended 3.5 percent increase, and continue the rate reductions that commenced with the 2003 reforms."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Monday, November 1, 2004

SAN FRANCISCO - The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) received approval from the Office of Administrative Law on the first set of regulations implementing SB 899, workers' compensation reforms passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Schwarzenegger last April. The [emergency regulations](#) became effective Nov. 1 and will be used by employers or insurers to establish medical provider networks (MPNs).

As many of you have heard the new workers comp reform is on us. You can read the full transcript of the SB 899 at http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900sb_899_bill_20040419_chaptered.html.

On September 30, 2004 California enacted AB 1825. The passage of AB 1825 mandates that by January 1, 2006, an employer having 50 or more employees must provide at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment to:

1. All supervisory employees who are employed as of July 1, 2005, and to
2. All new supervisory employees within six months of their assumption of a supervisory position.

After January 1, 2006, each employer covered by this section must provide sexual harassment training and education to each supervisory employee once every two years.

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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.

Conferences and Upcoming Courses

Commonly needed training: various dates

- Title 22 Hazardous Waste Training,
- Chemical Safety And Hazard Communication,
- Hazwoper,
- and more . . .

REBRAC, at Mission College, in Santa Clara. <http://www.bayrebrac.org> for details

PIBA Sustainability Series: Nov. 9: management www.piba.org or 650-965-2436 for details

Laser Safety Officer Training: **Laser Institute of America** November 8 - 12, 2004; San Diego . . . also other cities and dates: www.laserinstitute.org/training/courses/industrial_safety/lso/ for details

This space is available for your up-coming conferences and courses. Just send me an email.



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