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May Meeting Announcement:

Using UNIDOCs to prepare and submit an online Facility Hazardous Materials Inventory, presented by Robert Parkhurst, Global Environmental Program Manager for Hewlett-Packard.

This presentation will provide an overview of the UNIDOCs system, as well as include an update on recent and ongoing enhancements.

Mr. Parkhurst has been instrumental in developing and implementing the UNIDOCs Hazardous Material Inventory to Silicon Valley companies. He has also promoted the program to industry and local, state and federal governmental agencies.

Meeting Time and Location:

Wednesday May 18, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Meetings are held at Arthur's Restaurant. This South Bay land-mark is located at 2875 Lakeview Dr, Santa Clara.

From US 101 take the Bowers Ave /Great America Parkway Exit and head south on Bowers. Turn right on Augustine Dr. (approx. one block from freeway) and then take another right on Lakeview Dr.

Registration begins at 11:30 and the Presentation will run from noon to 1:00 pm, with an opportunity for networking in between.

Lunch features a sumptuous Buffet featuring a variety of choices, including vegetarian entrees.

Cost is \$20.00 for members with reservation and \$25 for non-members. Walk-ins are charged a \$5.00 handling charge.

President's Corner

This past month of April was designated "Earthquake Awareness Month", and April 18 marked the 99 year anniversary of the Great 'Quake of 1906, one of the most significant earthquakes of all time. This natural disaster caused extensive damage and took many lives (Interestingly enough, the SF City Council will be raising the official death toll from 478 to over 3,000 in time for the centennial celebration next year). As we move forward, the month of May has been designated as "Disaster Awareness Month".

As inhabitants of the state of California, we are well aware of the ever present potential for another earthquake. Experts agree that it's not a matter of "If", but rather a matter of "When". We've been inundated, by the news media, with pictures and stories (both tragic and heroic) in the aftermath of events, such as the Northridge and Loma Prieta earthquakes. The last couple of years have also featured other natural disasters in the Golden State, such as flooding and mudslides. These events have also had significant impacts on those living in affected areas.

With all this publicity and experience, why do we still need these "awareness" occasions? We have these because, despite our history, and knowledge that the next event is imminent, many Californians are not properly prepared for the next "Big One". These awareness events are designed to remind us of the need to plan and prepare for emergencies and disasters ahead of time. Once a disaster hits us, it's too late to try to get things together. How many of us are really and properly prepared for the next large scale emergency event?

These events could happen while we're at work, or while we're at home. In either case, both our co-workers and families will be affected. Are they ready to respond to such emergency incident to protect themselves? Do they know what to do after an event to survive,

when basic staples and resources are likely to be scarce? Is your company prepared to handle a business interruption? Will you be able to communicate with family members if you're apart when a disaster happens? A serious incident is likely to put a significant strain on local communication resources. The key to dealing with such events successfully is to plan and prepare ahead of time.

Now is the time to review and update your workplace Emergency Action Plan. The Plan must also be effectively communicated to employees so that they know what to do (Note: spring is also a great time to carry out an evacuation drill to see if your site personnel really know the plan!).

This same strategy should be carried out at home with family members. Create a home version of an Emergency Action Plan, so that your family knows where to meet if evacuation is needed. Identify an out-of-state "family contact". Prepare "emergency kits" for you home and vehicles. Include food, water, and first aid supplies.

Once the plan is written, get together with family members and practice it! Review some basic principles of to respond in the event of any disaster — whether to stay put indoors, or whether to evacuate your neighborhood by car.

For more tips and guidelines, visit the following websites:

Federal Emergency Management Agency
<http://www.fema.gov/hazards/earthquakes/>

California Office of Emergency Services
<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/1?OpenForm>

San Francisco Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security
http://www.sfgov.org/site/oes_index.asp

News and Updates

Tyvek Garment Recycling can benefit your business, the environment, and your community

Many High Tech companies use Tyvek garments for PPE, or as a low cost alternative to laundered nylon cleanroom garments. These disposable items end up filling our landfills as a part of the solid waste stream. Since they are composed of polyethylene they will not decompose. They will contribute to the legacy of waste for the companies that use and dispose of them.

This does not have to be the case. Tyvek garments, such as coveralls, smocks, lab coats, boot covers, shoes and sleeves, can be diverted into a recycling program. Garment Recovery Systems, based in Indiana has an effective recycling program for these items that not only reduces the flow of these items to landfills, but also benefits your community, without cost to your company.

Once collected and consolidated at your workplace, GRS will arrange for shipment of these garments to recycling centers. A percentage of the proceeds generated from this program are then donated to local shelters for abused women and children, to a charity of your choice, or back to your company.

GRS does have certain guidelines for accepting items, but will tailor the program with your individual company to help accommodate the needs and output of your facility.

For more information on pursuing this environmentally friendly option for disposing of your company's Tyvek garments, visit <http://tyvekrecycling.com/>, or contact GRS, by email at info@tyvekrecycling.com, or by telephone at (219) 865-4848.

New OSHA directive - CPL 02-00-137, Fatality/Catastrophe Investigation Procedures

OSHA has issued a new directive to provide comprehensive guidance to its compliance officers for conducting investigations of workplace fatalities, catastrophic incidents, and the resulting enforcement activities from such incidents. The directive, CPL 02-00-137, Fatality/Catastrophe Investigation Procedures, became effective April 14, 2005.

You can read this document at: http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_02-00-137.pdf

OSHA uses "General Duty Clause" to pursue enforcement action at Missouri Employer for alleged ergonomic exposures

OSHA and a Missouri wholesale food distributor reached a settlement arising from an OSHA citation alleging violations of the General Duty Clause with regard to ergonomic hazards. In the settlement, the citation was amended to provide that the employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment that were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause serious physical injury to order selectors, in that these workers performed certain lifting tasks with stressors that had caused, were causing, or were likely to cause Workplace-related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WRMSDs). Since being issued the citation in May of 2003, the company has taken a number of steps to improve its existing ergonomics program. Steps taken by the employer include: Re-instituted an employee/management ergonomics committee; Implemented a behavior-based safety management program for manual handling activities; and hiring outside ergonomics consultants to perform worksite analysis' and recommend methods in place for addressing ergonomic risk factors.

Note: In the settlement agreement, the company did not admit to the allegations contained in the citation, nor to any fault or liability, or that the company caused or contributed to injury, illness, or musculoskeletal disorder.

Mexican Consulate Partners with OSHA and Georgia Tech University to opens a Bi-lingual Hotline to Assist Hispanic Callers with Work-related Concerns

ATLANTA -- The Mexican Consulate in Atlanta has established a help-line, (404) 262-4466, for Hispanic workers who are concerned about safety and health hazards at their worksite or other work-related issues under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Labor. Bi-lingual consulate employees have been trained by the U.S. Labor Department to screen calls and connect workers with appropriate department staff for assistance. The goal of the agreement is to reduce injuries, illnesses and fatalities among Hispanic workers.

"Often, Hispanic workers do not realize they have protections under the Occupational Safety and Health Act and other Labor Department laws," said Cindy Coe Laseter, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Atlanta regional administrator.

The Mexican Consulate's phone number complements OSHA's toll-free number, 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). The OSHA line is available 24-hours, seven days a week to report workplace safety and health hazards.

Update your wellness program: New food pyramid unveiled

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has unveiled MyPyramid, a new symbol and interactive food guidance system. "Steps to a Healthier You," MyPyramid's central message, supports President Bush's HealthierUS initiative which is designed to help Americans live longer, better and healthier lives. MyPyramid, which replaces the Food Guide Pyramid introduced in 1992, is part of an overall food guidance system that emphasizes the need for a more individualized approach to improving diet and lifestyle.

"MyPyramid is about the ability of Americans to personalize their approach when choosing a healthier lifestyle that balances nutrition and exercise," said Johanns. "Many Americans can dramatically improve their overall health by making modest improvements to their diets and by incorporating regular physical activity into their daily lives."

MyPyramid incorporates recommendations from the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which was released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in January. The MyPyramid symbol, which is deliberately simple, is meant to encourage consumers to make healthier food choices and to be active every day. Consumers can get more in-depth information from the new Website, www.MyPyramid.gov, so that they can make these choices to fit their own needs.

BAESG Professional Development Conference

Mark your Calendars for Wednesday, October 19, 2005
and plan to attend
the third annual BAESG EH&S
Professional Development Conference
to be held at Mission College in Santa Clara



This Year's Agenda:
Emerging Issues and Best Practices

Topics to be addressed will include:
Ergonomic Assessments and Evaluations
Employee Health and Wellness Programs
Emergency Response Management
Regulatory Updates

Conference proceeds fund BAESG's
scholarship program
for students in local EH&S programs.
Watch for more details to be published soon!
(at www.baesg.org)

Upcoming Events

If you'd like to see your event advertised in this space, and on our website, email your announcement to:
roy.dojahn@osram-os.com

National Symposia and Conferences:

Semiconductor Environmental Safety & Health Association, 2005 Annual Symposium (May 9-12)
Scottsdale, AZ

For more detailed information visit: <http://seshaonline.org/meetings/2005/>

American Society of Safety Engineers Annual Conference and Exposition: Safety 2005 (June 12-15)
New Orleans, LA

For more detailed information visit: <http://www.asse.org/safety2005.htm>

American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition 2005 (May 21 – 26)
Anaheim, California

For more detailed information visit: <http://www.aiha.org/aihce05/generalinfo.htm>

2005 Eastern Ergonomics Conference (June 21 – 23)

For more detailed information visit: <http://www.ergoexpo.com/>
New York City, NY

NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition (June 6-10)

For more detailed information visit: <http://www.nfpa.org/>
Las Vegas, NV

The National Preparedness Standard on Disaster/ Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs
(NFPA 1600) 2-day seminar (June 13 – 14)

For more detailed information visit: <http://www.nfpa.org/>
San Francisco, CA (other dates and cites also available, see website)

Contingency Planning and Management, 2005 West – The Future is Convergence (May 24 – 26)
For more detailed information visit: <http://www.contingencyplanning.com/events/west/>
Las Vegas, NV

Bay Area Rebrac

For more information visit: <http://www.bayrebrac.org/>
All courses at Mission College in Santa Clara

8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher (May 6)
Underground Storage Tanks (May 12 or June 23)
Title 22, Hazardous Waste Management (May 13 or June 16)
Confined Space Awareness (May 13)
DOT Hazardous Materials Transportation (May 20 or June 9)
40 Hour HAZWOPER Training and Certification (Thursdays, June 2 – 30)
Water and Mold Damage Detection (June 9 & 10)

UC Santa Cruz Extension

For more detailed information visit: <http://www.ucsc-extension.edu/ucsc/publicViewHome.do?method=load>
All courses will be held in Cupertino, California,

Applied Ergonomics: Human Factors of Safety and Health (Thursdays and Fridays, May 19 – May 27)
40 Hour HAZWOPER Training and Certification (July 18 – July 22)
Safety Management, Introduction (Four Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 27, and Aug 3)

Berkeley Center for Occupational & Environmental Health Summer Institute

For more information visit: <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/>
All courses will be held in Oakland, California,

Respiratory Protection: Overview / Update (July 25 – 26)
Worker's Compensation: Overview / Update for Occupational Health and Safety Professionals (July 25 – 26)
Emerging Infectious Diseases: What Occupational Safety and Health Professionals need to know (July 25 – 26)
Comprehensive Review of Industrial Hygiene (July 25-29)
2005 Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene (July 25-29)
Ventilation One-Day Workshop: Measuring & Troubleshooting HVAC Systems / Diagnosing and Troubleshooting Local Exhaust Systems (July 27)
Development of Respirator Chemical Cartridge and Filter Change Out Schedules (July 27)
Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Work Disabilities (July 27)
Office Safety: Old & New EHS Challenges (July 27)
Berkeley COEH Summer Institute (continued)
Fundamentals of Workplace Safety (July 28-29)
Occupational & Environmental Toxicology (July 28-29)
Ergonomics Analysis & Interventions for Tools, Tasks & Products (July 28-29)

Transportation Skills Programs

For more information, visit: <http://www.transportationskills.com/>

Hazardous Materials & Waste Management, and DOT Hazardous Materials Transportation Training,
Testing, & Compliance Seminar
San Diego, May 10
Pasadena, May 11
San Jose/Milpitas, May 12
San Francisco, May 13

California Waste Association Mini Conference

For more information, visit: <http://www.go2cwa.org/index.html>

Mini Environmental Conference: What's Hot in Solid and Hazardous Waste (May 13)
Sacramento

UC Davis Extension and Beyond Compliance

For more information, visit: <http://universityextension.ucdavis.edu/Environmental/index.asp>

Environmental Management Systems: An Overview (May 24)
– Sacramento

Job and Career Opportunities

Job Title: **TRAINER for HAZWOPER and HAZMAT/DOT**

State: in and around the San Francisco CA area

WANTED: Professional experienced OSHA HAZWOPER, EPA/DOT Hazardous Materials Transportation safety and health trainer. Reliable transportation necessary. Optional paid travel to other cities available.

For more information, contact:

John DiPaolo, National Training Manager

Compliance Solutions Occupational Trainers Inc

or,

submit your resume by email (preferred): jdipaolo@csregs.com

or fax (303 307 0703)

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Sr. Risk Manager, West Valley Construction, in Campbell, CA.

We seek a pro active Risk Manager who is focused on results, can function effectively at all levels of the Co., is aggressive in all aspects of safety mngmnt, takes a personal interest in preventing injuries & reducing exposure. Great opp. to be part of this top-level team. Degree preferred w/ min. 3 yrs.

safety mgmt exp. XInt presentation, org, planning & comp skills.

Fax Resume to: 559-228-6135 (Ref ID: MN1260086).

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Environmental Health and Safety Specialist II

East Bay Municipal Utility District seeks a Health and Safety professional to promote a safe and healthy work environment; District compliance with federal, state and local health and safety laws and regulations. This professional will identify hazards and implement programs and projects designed to eliminate those hazards; evaluate impacts of field techniques and work site procedures to address emerging regulatory issues; and conduct training for employees.

Expertise in hazard identification and abatement; fluency in multiple facets of a health communication system involving committees, work groups, web site, newsletters, etc. and experience implementing employee recognition programs are highly desirable. A bachelor's degree and two year's experience required.

For detailed application materials, please call (510) 287-0742 or visit www.ebmud.com. Final filing date will be Friday, May 6, 2005.

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Chemistry Laboratory and Safety Coordinator

The Chemistry Laboratory and Safety Coordinator will oversee and participate in activities related to delivering the lower division laboratory courses in the Department of Chemistry. In addition, the coordinator will work closely with the Office of Environmental Safety to ensure that staff, faculty, and students in the College of Arts and Sciences are in compliance with California environmental and occupational health and safety regulations as defined by Cal-EPA, Cal-OSHA, DOT, SFFD, Department of Public Health and other regulatory agencies as applicable

For more information, and to file an application online, visit: <https://www.usfjobs.com>.

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Facilities and Safety Coordinator

The Facilities and Safety Coordinator will receive general direction from the Assistant Dean for Facilities and Capital Projects. The FSC is involved in managing existing college facilities located on the Berkeley campus, including renovations of space and other minor construction projects, serving as an emergency preparedness coordinator, overseeing building safety programs, maintaining building systems, tracking usage of space, and acting as a liaison with related campus and outside entities.

For more information, and to apply online visit: <http://jobs.berkeley.edu> indicating the job code 2561.

ROMIC Environmental, a full service waste management company has the following open positions in their East Palo Alto facility:

Laboratory Manager

This position will oversee the operation and supervision of the TSDF Laboratory. Will assure laboratory procedures are current & capable of achieving required goals and record keeping is adequate and within the requirements of our WAP. Must maintain laboratory compliance with OSHA, RCRA and other regulations and assure QA/QC requirements are being met. Duties include being responsible for proper dispositioning of profiles and waste accepted on site and evaluating, advising and determining waste management practices. Provide technical advice and assistance to all areas of the company in order to maintain compliance with regulations and permits.

Field Services Chemist

This position will categorize, package, consolidate, label and manifest chemicals at generators facilities, per DOT & EPA guidelines. Will perform special projects pertaining to all hazardous waste operations, including demolition, drum mgmt, confined space entry, etc. Degree in Chemistry, Environmental, or other science field required. Laboratory experience, hazardous waste analysis knowledge or previous field chemical work is preferred. Knowledge of EPA, DOT, OSHA & State regulations desired.

For more information and to apply for either of these positions, please contact: Kymm Terlau, Human Resources Manager at: Office: (650) 462-2350; Fax: (650) 462-2305; or email: KymmT@romic.com

Biosafety Officer

SAIC, the largest employee-owned research and engineering company in the United States, providing information technology, systems integration and eSolutions to commercial and government customers, is currently seeking a senior level Biosafety Officer to support occupational safety and industrial hygiene programs. This Biosafety Officer position is responsible for managing a comprehensive biological safety program and involves advising the research staff at two sites. Position responsibilities include: reviewing experiment design, protocols, and procedures, conducting risk assessments, serving on biosafety committees, training staff on biosafety, assisting management with compliance with company policies, Federal and State Agency regulations and guidelines, and reporting requirements and perform other duties as assigned.

For complete requirements, detail of this position and to apply online, visit www.saic.com/careers, select Job Opportunities, choose Search Jobs By,

Job Title: Senior Industrial Hygienist (Requisition Number: 267232)

Responsible for the recognition, evaluation and control of chemical and physical hazards arising in or from the workplace or facility that may cause injury, illness or discomfort to employees or citizens of the community. Complete comprehensive environment, safety and health risk assessments with specific conclusions and recommendations to management. Prepare rules, standards, and procedures which promote the healthful conduct of all work practices and the prevention of hazardous or nuisance exposure potential.

For more information or to apply online, visit: https://www.lmpeople.com/careers/secure/resume/resume_check.asp

BAESG members who would like to be updated on the latest job listings (between newsletters) can be added to our jobs email distribution list by sending your request to: roy.dojahn@osram-os.com

BAESG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL

Your membership is important because it helps keep this organization viable. Membership in BAESG offers a particularly good value. The cost is reasonable, and benefits include: the best rates for our monthly meetings that feature excellent speakers on the topics you are interested in as an EHS professional; access to a membership directory of an exceptional group of fellow EHS professionals; the opportunity to network with fellow EHS professionals, and regular updates to the EHS jobs listing.

Print out this page and fill in the relevant information, or staple a copy of your business card to this form (for inclusion in the membership directory) and attach a check for membership dues. Annual membership dues are \$25.00. (\$12.50 for full-time students and retired EH&S professionals). Make your check payable to **BAESG**.

Mail your completed application form and payment to:

Membership Director
Bay Area Environmental Safety Group
P. O. Box 60363
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-0363

Please complete all the following Personal Information and Company Address for correct listing in the Membership Directory:

Name: _____

Full-time Student? Yes___No___

Certifications (such as CIH, CSP) _____

Job Title (or field of study): _____

Company (or College/University): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP CODE: _____

Daytime Phone (with area code): _____ FAX: _____

Email address: _____

Sponsor: _____

Monthly newsletters will be sent to the above email address.

Areas of Topic Interest for meeting presentations:

Please indicate any areas of special interest that you would like to see covered during the monthly meetings, or topics that you would be interested in presenting.

TOPICS: _____

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PRESENTING ON THIS TOPIC? Yes___No___