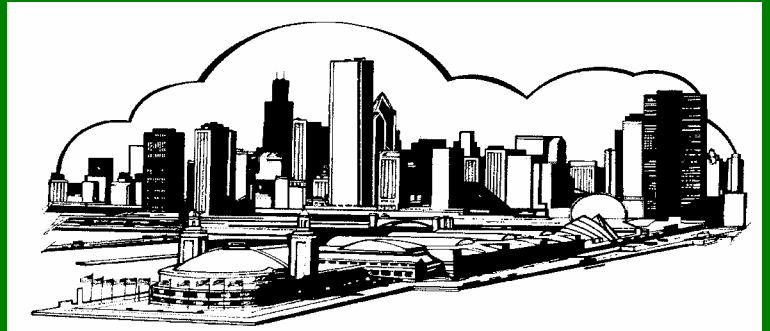




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## February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### OSHA Recordkeeping - What's New, What's Real, & Is That Really True?

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**Speaker:** Jim Smith, CSP  
**Presentation:** OSHA Recordkeeping Update

Jim Smith will review the OSHA Recordkeeping regulations that went into effect 01/01/01 and the changes/interpretations/challenges that have occurred since. He will discuss some of the misconceptions and review several interpretations that OSHA has issued. He will have copies of the new forms that OSHA issued for use beginning 01/01/04 and the hearing loss recording requirements that went into effect 7/1/03.

**Meeting Information:**

Registration:	11:30am – 12:00pm
Luncheon:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Presentation:	1:00pm – 2:00pm
Executive Committee Meeting:	2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Location:** Cucina Biagio's Restaurant {7500 W. Lawrence}

**Directions:** From downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to the Harlem Avenue exit South. Go approximately 3 miles to Lawrence, turn West (right). Cucina Biagio's is on South (left) side of Lawrence.

Advanced Registration	\$20.00
At the Door	\$25.00
Retired Members	\$10.00

**RSVP via e-vite or leave a voicemail message at 773-380-2353.** When leaving a voicemail message, please include a telephone number so that we have a call back number in the event we need to contact you for confirmation.

## **OSHA, Industrial Truck Association form Alliance**

**WASHINGTON** -- Protecting workers from hazards associated with powered industrial trucks is the goal of an Alliance signed today by the Industrial Truck Association (ITA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"Each year, thousands of preventable forklift-related injuries occur throughout U.S. workplaces," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "The Alliance we're establishing today with ITA is designed to do something about that. We look forward to ITA's counsel and expertise in designing training and informational products that will have a positive impact on the health and safety of workers who use powered industrial trucks."

OSHA and ITA will work together to develop information on the safe operation of powered industrial trucks for possible inclusion in operators' manuals, and distribution through both print and electronic media and from the organization's respective websites.

Both organizations will pursue opportunities to speak, exhibit, or appear at conferences and other events such as ITA's Annual or Spring meetings. OSHA and ITA will also participate in forums and stakeholder meetings on issues concerning powered industrial trucks, including youth worker outreach.

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## **Jim Smith, CSP-February Speaker**

Jim Smith is a Certified Safety Professional with more than 25 years experience in manufacturing. For the past 10 years, he has served as the Safety & Training Manager for Alberto-Culver. At Alberto-Culver he is responsible for injury data collection from 18 facilities around the world. He has primary responsibility for safety, OSHA compliance, and fire protection at 10 North American facilities.

Jim holds a BS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Illinois and an MS in Environmental Management from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Jim has handled over 100 OSHA inspections during his career, including one that resulted in a Contest of Citation that went all the way to the California Supreme Court (his company's position was upheld and the citation was vacated) and several that were settled at the Solicitor's Office before they went to the Review Commission.

Two years ago, the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers conducted a mini seminar on the changes in OSHA recordkeeping regulations. Jim was also one of the two speakers that day. Jim Smith currently serves as the treasurer for the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

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## **ASSE Website Reminder**

Remember that the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE's website is [www.assechgo.com](http://www.assechgo.com). If you have not visited our website recently, now is the time.

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## **Governmental Affairs Updates**

We currently email all governmental affairs updates. Please contact Leslie Batterson at [lbatterson@saralee.com](mailto:lbatterson@saralee.com) if you would like to be added to our email distribution.

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## **Newsletter Distribution**

Please feel free to forward our newsletter to others in your organization or anyone that you think may benefit from joining ASSE. Also, if you know a member that is not currently receiving our newsletter, and would like to receive the newsletter via email, please have them contact ASSE at the national level and update their information. We email this newsletter from a database through the national office.

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## **ASSE 2004 National Elections**

The candidates for the 2004 ASSE National Elections will be included in the February issue of Professional Safety Magazine. Ballots will be mailed out on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to vote. All ballots are due back to ASSE by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## American Society Of Safety Engineers Add New Service

**DES PLAINES, IL (January 20, 2004)** -- In an effort to expand the knowledge, build upon the capabilities of women in the occupational safety, health and environmental profession, and to increase networking opportunities, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently established the Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) common interest group.

Since its inception, over 300 ASSE members have joined WISE to share information on the leading workplace issues, problems and solutions they encounter. A recent WISE membership survey found that the key topics for women safety professionals include establishing a balance between home and work, communicating between genders, and gaining credibility in the workplace.

WISE will be developing a career-mentoring program and a resource book list to aid women safety, health and environmental professionals in managing their careers. The group will also assist women pursuing safety certification designations. WISE will hold a discussion forum during ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference this June 7-10, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

To join the WISE group, which is open only to ASSE members, visit [www.asse.org/wise](http://www.asse.org/wise).

## OSHA Delays Enforcement of Respiratory Protection Rule Provisions

*Six month phase-in covers workers with potential exposure to tuberculosis*



**WASHINGTON** -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today that it will delay until July 1, 2004, enforcing several provisions of the respiratory protection standard for establishments required to provide respirators for protection from potential exposure to tuberculosis.

The announcement of the six-month period to allow affected employers to come into compliance with the additional requirements, follows OSHA's withdrawal last month of its 1997 proposal on tuberculosis and the revocation of a separate respiratory protection standard for workers exposed to TB.

"Requirements such as annual fit testing and medical evaluations for covered employees may be new for some employers," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "We want to make sure they are aware of these new requirements and give them every opportunity to be able to successfully come into compliance."

With the withdrawal of the TB rule, OSHA announced it would begin applying the general industry respiratory protection standard for protection against the disease. This rule includes several requirements which were not as detailed in the revoked rule, such as updating the facility's respirator program, medical evaluation requirements, annual fit testing of respirators, and some training and recordkeeping provisions. During this six month period, OSHA will not cite these new requirements for establishments with workers exposed only to tuberculosis. All elements of the revoked rule continue to be enforced under the corresponding elements of the current respiratory protection standard.

To meet the requirements of the agency's respiratory protection standard, employers will need to revise their respiratory protection program, conduct annual respiratory fit testing, and perform a medical evaluation and annual training for employees using respirators.

This announcement does not affect establishments already covered under the respiratory protection rule where there is exposure to hazardous substances other than tuberculosis. All provisions of the rule will continue to be applied to those employers.

OSHA is dedicated to assuring worker safety and health. Safety and health add value to business, the workplace and life. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

## Welcome New Local Chapter Member

The ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter would like to welcome our recent new member:

- Samuel J. Greco

As a new member, we would like to invite you to attend one of our upcoming meetings. As we continue to bring new and interesting topics to our membership, your input is valued. If your schedule prohibits you from attending meetings, please contact a board member and let us know your ideas.

## Honoring Chapter Members

We will be honoring the following chapter members at our February meeting:

James Casella will be recognized for completing 40 years of membership to ASSE.

Peter Hall, Richard Ryan, Michael Sing, Mark Hetherington, and Jon Sweeney will be recognized for completing 25 years of membership to ASSE.

Certificates will be presented during the luncheon to those honorees that are able to attend either our February or March meeting.

## “Achieving World-Class Safety”

### ASSE Management Symposium-March 25-26 in New Orleans

Move beyond compliance and learn how to create a world-class safety program at your organization. This new ASSE symposium is designed to give you the tools and strategies you need to achieve excellence in your safety, health and environmental program. By attending this symposium, safety professionals at all levels within their organization and others

responsible for the safety function, as well as safety consultants who support them, can obtain detailed information to help them work toward this goal.

You'll hear from safety executives in top companies who have achieved and sustained superior safety performance such as General Motors, Dow Chemical, DuPont, Sara Lee, GlaxoSmithKline, IBM, Bechtel and many others. Learn their methods and techniques and incorporate them into your organization.

You will learn:

- Elements of world-class safety and how to determine if you have achieved this distinction
- Dangers of a compliance-only strategy
- Measuring the safety performance of your organization
- Assessment tools and benchmark data to help you demonstrate safety effectiveness
- How to achieve world-class safety in small and medium sized companies
- How to improve your organization's corporate safety culture
- Safety's return on investment and its favorable impact on the bottom line
- Achieving world-class safety through OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program
- How senior leadership influences world-class safety

This program is also an excellent opportunity to earn certification maintenance points. 1.2 COCs, 2.0 CM, and .75 ACHMM CMP points will be awarded.

Register by February 20, 2004 and take \$50 off the registration fee. ASSE Member: \$545, AIHA/ACHMM: \$570, Non-Member: \$595

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from top performers in safety. For more information go to <http://www.asse.org/worldclass1.htm> or call ASSE Customer Service at 847.699.2929.

**Task Force: Richard F. Moscato, Chair, Mark D. Green, David L. Johnson, Maureen M. Johnson, and Thomas R. Krause**



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