



Quad Cities Chapter American Society of Safety Engineers

Next Meeting:

TOPIC: Prevention through Design (PtD) – Risk Prevention

Speaker: Jim Borchardt w/BITCO

When: March 23rd @ noon

Where: Tri-City Electric

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We are always looking for input into the newsletter to better serve our members. Please send newsletter contributions to Diana Gilbert.

New Members!!

The Quad City Chapter would like to welcome our newest members: Stacy Jabri w/Loparex and Dominique Petrillo w/Eastern Iowa Community College.

Welcome!!

If you know of someone who is interested in joining our chapter, refer them to the refer-a-member link on <http://www.asse.org/>

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What do
you see?

Federal Agencies Tasked with Producing a List of Rules to Be Rescinded or Replaced

President Donald Trump gives federal agencies 90 days to review existing regulations and create a list of rules that should be rescinded or replaced.

Feb 24, 2017 [Sandy Smith](#)

President Donald Trump on Feb. 24 signed the Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda executive order, which gives all federal agencies 90 days to produce a list of regulations to be rescinded or replaced.

The executive order also creates a task force and requires agency heads to appoint a regulatory reform officer for each federal agency. The members of the task forces are responsible for identifying regulations to be targeted for repeal or revision.

It will be the job of the reform officer at each agency to enforce the administration's regulatory priorities, including the Jan. 30 Presidential Executive Order on Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, which requires "that for every one new regulation issued, at least two prior regulations be identified for elimination, and that the cost of planned regulations be prudently managed and controlled through a budgeting process."

It is unclear at this point how the president feels about regulations in general or environmental and occupational safety regulations specifically. His messaging has been mixed, sometimes in the same speech.

During his speech before the Conservative Political Action Committee conference on Feb. 24, Trump said: "We're going to put the regulation industry out of work and out of business."

Then in the next breath, the president commented: "And by the way, I want regulation. I want to protect our environment. I want regulations for safety."

House Overturns OSHA's 2015 Recordkeeping Amendment Stemming from the Volks Case

House Republicans call the amendment, which the agency claimed clarified a long-standing position that the duty to record an injury or illness continues for as long as the employer must keep records of the recordable injury or illness, "an unlawful power grab."

Mar 3, 2017 [Sandy Smith](#)

In one of the first in what probably will be a long line of changes for recent regulations and amendments promulgated by OSHA during the Obama administration, the U.S. House of Representatives on March 1 passed [H. J. Res 83](#), a resolution of disapproval, under the Congressional Review Act.

The resolution would block [OSHA's Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness](#). The rule is referred to by the committee as the "[Volks](#)" rule because of the legal case that triggered the clarification. According to Republican House members, the rule violates the policies of the OSH Act and fails to improve worker protections.

According to the OSH Act, employers are required to record and maintain a log of workplace injuries and illnesses that occur during a five-year span. However, the law explicitly says that employers only can be cited for record-keeping violations that occurred within a six-month time period.

In November 2006, OSHA issued a citation alleging that Volks Constructors failed – as long ago as 2002 – to record injuries on its Form 300 injury logs and to create Form 301 injury reports. Volks claimed that the citations were untimely because the OSH Act has a six-month statute of limitations.

OSHA at first argued to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission that it could prosecute Volks because the statute of limitations period did not start to run until OSHA knew or should have known of a violation. OSHA then claimed that the violations were "ongoing," and therefore the citations were justified. The commission upheld OSHA's continuing violation argument. Volks appealed.

On April 6, 2012, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit unanimously held that OSHA no longer could issue citations alleging that an employer failed, more than 6 months before, to record an employee injury on a log. In *AKM LLC dba Volks Constructors v. Secretary of Labor*, the court rejected OSHA's position that such violations were "continuing."

"We do not believe Congress expressly established a statute of limitations only to implicitly encourage the Secretary to ignore it," the D.C. Circuit Court noted.

"Congress has a responsibility to ensure the policies put forward by OSHA not only respect the rule of law, but also improve the health and safety of our nation's workplaces. Remarkably, the Obama administration's Volks rule fails on both counts," said Rep. Virginia Foxx, chairwoman of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

She added that the rule created "legal uncertainty for small businesses while doing nothing to strengthen protections for workers."

According to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, OSHA's amendment to the recordkeeping rule:

- Is an unlawful power grab. Congress has the authority to write laws, not government agencies. The OSH Act explicitly states that an employer may only be cited for failing to keep proper health and safety records within six months.
- Does nothing to improve worker health and safety. Committee members said that "OSHA should spend its time and resources [collaborating](#) with employers to address existing workplace conditions and prevent injuries and illnesses from happening in the future."
- Creates regulatory confusion for small businesses. The rule particularly hurts small business owners who will face a confusing maze of record-keeping standards and unwarranted litigation, according to the committee.

Chapter Nominations

Hello Quad City Chapter members. Our local ASSE Chapter, as you know, is a great resource to all the safety professionals in our area. By offering a variety of technical learning sessions, scholarship opportunities, social and networking events, we are able to provide the opportunity to share the vast knowledge and experience between our members. We have made some great strides in building our local Chapter and want to continue our momentum. So as your Chapter's Nominations and Elections Chair, it my pleasure to announce that we are accepting nominations for next year's Chapter Officer and Committee Positions. There are 4 Chapter Officer positions, which include President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer along with several committee positions that help support the Chapter's activities.

This is a great opportunity to get involved with an organization of like-minded individuals who want to promote safety and will help develop your leadership skills.

Qualifications to run are simple, you must be a chapter member in good standing and you must be an ASSE member for a year. So, if you know of a member that you would like to nominate to run for office or if you wish to nominate yourself, please email me at the following address with your nomination: Michael Doucette, CSP –Past President and Nominations & Elections Chair at mdoucette@russellco.com. Nominations should be sent no later than May 3, 2017 as elections will be held at the end of the May chapter meeting.

If you have any questions at all about the Chapter positions that are available, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address or give me a call at (563) 459-4620.

Thank you,

Mike Doucette, CSP
QC ASSE Past President
Nominations & Elections Chair

OSHA Challenge

In August, OSHA increased the penalty amount 78 percent. Effective January 13, 2017, the Agency again increased penalty amounts to adjust for inflation. What is the new penalty amount for willful or repeat violations of OSHA rules?

- A) \$124,709 per violation C) \$126,749 per violation**
B) \$7,000 per day D) \$12,675 per violation

NIOSH Releases Sound App to Help Protect Workers from Hearing Loss

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has developed a new, free mobile application for iOS devices that measures sound levels in workplaces. The NIOSH Sound Level Meter app displays real-time noise exposure data based on NIOSH and OSHA limits. The easy-to-use app can be particularly helpful to occupational safety and health trainers as they teach construction apprentices about noise hazards and the need for hearing protection. Visit the [app webpage](#) for more information.

Safety Event Highlights Importance of Protecting Workers from Grain Engulfment

To help prevent injuries and deaths from grain bin engulfment, several OSHA offices in the Midwest are supporting the OSHA Training Institute's Education Center at the University of Texas, Arlington in a "Stand-Up for Grain Engulfment Prevention," March 27-31. The goal is to raise awareness about hazards, protective methods and safety practices to prevent engulfment. During the weeklong event, companies can participate by providing toolbox talks and training on [lockout/tagout](#), [fall prevention](#), and other safety measures. For more information, visit the [event webpage](#).

OSHA Revises Requirements for Outreach Training Program Instructors

OSHA has revised the requirements for authorized trainers in its Outreach Training Program, updating and clarifying student contact hours, replacement card procedures, the Trainer Code of Conduct, and more. One new elective was also added to the selection of classes. The outreach program trains workers and supervisors to recognize and prevent safety and health hazards on the job, and to understand worker rights and employer responsibilities.

OSHA does not conduct the classes but establishes requirements and authorizes trainers. Classes—in general industry, construction, maritime, and disaster recovery—are voluntary and do not satisfy any OSHA training requirements. New requirements and procedures are effective April 1. For more information, see the [Outreach Training Program webpage](#).

HELP WANTED

Risk Control Technical Specialist, Davenport, IA provide technical support for branch and field office risk control operations, monitor more sensitive and difficult prospective and service assignments, evaluate risk control consultant reports for customer risk control services. For more information or to apply visit BITCO.com>employment opportunities>Risk Control>Home Office Risk Control Technical Specialist to apply or contact Tori Forsberg, 563.232.0301, tori.forsberg@bitco.com

Safety, Burlington, IA at manufacturing plant of 500+ employees, contract position duration of 6 months, with some potential to become permanent, focusing on Safety Program Management, OSHA regulations and Safety Training. For more information or to apply please contact Scott Allen @ 563.355.4400 or scott@techstaffia.com

Safety Coordinator, Cedar Rapids, IA
<https://www.smartrecruiters.com/AssociatedMaterials/107240771-safety-coordinator>

Safety Manager, Fort Dodge, IA <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/HTH-Companies/jobs/Safety-Manager-d07ceb5dfd180d93?q=Safety+Manager>

Manager HSE, Fort Dodge, IA
<https://xjobs.brassring.com/TGWebHost/jobdetails.aspx?jobId=1819797&partnerid=25428&siteid=5645&codes=Indeed>

Safety Coordinator, Hydroblast Technician <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Premium-Plant-Services/jobs/Safety-Coordinator-eb9adf97d2e53f28?q=Safety+Manager>

EHS Manager, Moline, IL
<https://www.indeed.com/rc/clk?jk=36f0b12ef1c967da&fccid=9917de3c28f569f6>

Safety Specialist, Clinton, IA
<https://www.indeed.com/rc/clk?jk=9934efed21e835db&fccid=683e214e675c5d00>

Regional Plant Safety Manager, Mount Prospect, IL
https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Multi--Pack-Solutions/jobs/Regional-Plant-Safety-Manager-db03a480a4252285?sidu=QwrRXKqZ3CNX5W-O9jEvTnsX4DG0vtAnkN48Xs-dFavKXlabGhybOOsZ0v74cSU0JUQViJfy3c0ZLERFN_HOTOMx_GrT9ivFyWP5rN1398

Safety Manager, Rockford, IL https://www.gesnetwork.com/job-seekers/?wpbhid=3058270&utm_source=Indeed&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Indeed

EHS Internship, Rockford, IL
<https://textron.taleo.net/careersection/textron/jobdetail.ftl?job=247052&lang=en&src=JB-10146>

EHS Coordinator, Davenport, IA
<https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=16&siteid=56&jobId=777084&codes=INDEED>

EHS/Quality Coordinator, Marseilles, IL https://jobs.oldcastle.com/job/Marseilles-EHS-Quality-Coordinator-Marseilles%2C-IL-IL-61341/333368201/?feedId=202101&utm_source=Indeed&utm_campaign=OldCastle_Indeed&jobPipeline=Indeed

See more job listings like these on the members' only page located at <http://members.asse.org> or <http://qc.asse.org>

LEAD the way

April 19-21, 2017

DUBUQUE, IOWA | WWW.IISC.ORG/PDC

SAFETY 2017 | June 19-22 | Denver

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UPCOMING Live Events

[Elevate Your Presence! Strategies for Leveraging Social Media for Safety Pros](#)
Contains 1 Component(s) Includes a Live Event on 03/08/2017 at 12:00 PM (EST)
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - The freelancer economy is here to stay: by 2020, 40% of the workforce will be independent contractors...are you ready? It's not too late to position yourself for independent success. You'll learn strategies for establishing or elevating your current online presence through multimodal publishing and public speaking.

[Becoming a Safety Performance Benchmark: How One Manufacturing Facility Reduced RIF By 89% in Four Years](#)
Contains 1 Component(s) Includes a Live Event on 03/15/2017 at 12:00 PM (EDT)
Wednesday, March 15, 2017

[Safety Management System Palooza! - An ASSE Virtual Symposium on Selecting, Implementing, and Assessing Safety Management Systems!](#)
Contains 5 Component(s) Includes a Live Event on 03/30/2017 at 12:00 PM (EDT)
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OSHA Challenge Answer

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