ISHM Supports EHS management at all levels in all departments
There is a lot going on at ISHM

**NSC 2015**

ISHM will be attending the NSC Expo and Conference September 26 through 30. The annual board meeting will be held on September 27th, if you are certified by ISHM and would like to attend please let us know so we can assure a seat for you. Also if you are, or will be, in the Atlanta area during that time and would like to visit the Expo we can get you a one day pass for free. Again please let us know.

**ASHM Designation**

Several years ago ISHM opened the ASHM designation to EHS professionals without a college degree in order to offer them a path to an accredited certification. We have been challenged on those multiple times and starting this year a person MUST have a college degree to achieve the ASHM as a stepping stone to the CSHM. Those currently holding the ASHM are grandfathered in and will see no change in their status. The CSMP certification was developed and is accredited, offering an option for non-degreed professionals.

**School Safety Certifications**

ISHM just stood up two new certifications for the Schools and Universities. The Certified School Safety Manager (CSSM) and the Certified School Safety Specialist (CSSS).

Both certifications are for professionals who work with: School lab safety, School staff safety, Student Safety, Public Safety, Facility Safety.

This has been an underserved profession that deserves to get the recognition for providing those services in an educational setting.
Both certifications are in the grandfather phase meaning there is no exam for qualified professionals.

If you qualify it is a great opportunity.

**COC Quizzes**

ISHM will be offering COC quizzes. This will be great for those having a hard time generating enough COC points due to lack of funding for training and Expos. There will be 10 quizzes annually for a yearly fee of $50.00. Each quiz, if passed with a score of 70%, will be worth 0.2 COC points. You will be able to generate a certificate to keep track of your points.

Our goal is to have the quizzes ready by October 10th and monthly after that. There will be no quizzes in December and July. Let us know if this is of interest to you and we can get you authorized for the quizzes.

The ISHM staff is here to assist you. Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions.

Larry

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Question: Please explain OSHA’s new NEP regarding amputations?

Response: On August 13, 2015, OSHA updated its National Emphasis Program (NEP) on amputations. The updated NEP replaced the previous NEP on amputations that was in effect since 2006. The updated NEP will remain in effect until August 13, 2018. Here is the scoop:

- The NEP focuses on the lock-out/tag-out and machine guarding standards.
- The NEP targets 80 industry sectors, based on NAISC code, which have higher than average amputation-related incident rates. To identify the sectors most at risk, OSHA relied on enforcement data and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) injury data.
- The NEP identifies how inspections will be scheduled and conducted. OSHA will focus on establishments where amputation injuries or fatalities occurred in the last five years.
- During inspections conducted pursuant to the NEP, OSHA will focus on nip points, pinch points, shear points and other points of operation, and will evaluate employee exposure during operation of the equipment.

A copy of the new NEP can be found here.

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The Seatbelt Scenario: The Cross-Section of Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Hazard Control

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One of the trickiest concepts to discuss in the business world is the cross-section of hazard risk identification, risk assessment and hazard risk control (or treatment, depending on what vernacular you're using). To those viewing this through the lens of traditional risk management, there is only neutrality or a downside to any risk of any kind. There could be no loss (a good day) or a loss of some severity (a bad day). Through the lens of Enterprise Risk Management, risks could lead to no loss (an average day), a loss of some severity (a bad day), or.....here's the game changer......an opportunity for a gain. Neither perception changes the fact that the risks will be present in frequencies defined by the task or process. Sounds like a bit like gambling, no? Guaranteed exposures but uncertain outcomes? In terms of risk management, there are decisions to be made here; options include risk acceptance, risk avoidance, risk transfer or risk control.

Read the Article

An Update on the Proposed ISO 45001 Standard - Health and Safety Management Systems

From Vic Toy, Chairman of the TAG to ANSI for the ISO PC283 Committee

Read this great article here.
Larry Curtis comment, I have long believed that BBS could be a great aid to the EHS professional but it was so often done incorrectly that it was ineffective. This article which appeared in the ISHN emag is a great look at the program and how to make it work.

Behavior doesn't happen in a vacuum

Behavioral safety has been in practice for the last 37 years, implemented by some of the largest organizations in the world and has had its share of criticisms. Many BBS processes help to create engaged safety cultures. However, through misuse and watered-down philosophy, there are many myths surrounding its effectiveness. This article attempts to debunk myths and provide guidance to the next evolution of BBS

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