



VC Spotlight

A place for Safety Professionals to Meet

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Valley Coastal Website

<https://valleycoastal.asse.org/>

VCASSE PDC

<https://valleycoastal.asse.org/events/2018-valley-coastal-asse-pdc/>

President's Message

I would like to welcome our members to the VCASSE February newsletter. Southern California has seen mostly sunny weather this winter with limited storm events to date, possibly forecasting water drought issues again in the near future. With Spring and Summer just around the corner, companies will soon be dealing with heat-related issues. CalOSHA is presently working on defining an Indoor Heat Illness Prevention Standard implementation and an Advisory Committee is seeking input from industry as they further define the upcoming program. The Heat Illness Prevention Standard covers indoor work-related heat issues and requires companies to develop and implement action plans when a threshold temperature is exceeded. The current draft standard of 2/15/18 requires that companies take actions when indoor temperatures exceed 85 deg F. Companies have until March 1 to submit comments to CalOSHA. Send your comments to rs@dir.ca.gov. More information can be found at <http://dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Heat-illness-prevention-indoors/>.

John McCabe, President

Next Meeting

March 20, 2018

Site Tour: Monsanto Co. – Oxnard, CA

Oxnard is Monsanto's largest vegetable seed processing facility in the world. Though traditional plant breeding, a method used for thousands of years, they are able to produce seed that help farmers grow fruits and vegetable more sustainably. The site consists of a seed processing plant, quality labs and administrative office. Monsanto Oxnard ships seed to 85 countries around the globe, it fits on 30 beautiful acres in Ventura County with over 200 full time employees.

Location	2700 Camino Del Sol, Oxnard, CA 93030
Agenda	11:15 a.m. – Orientation & Check-In
	11:30 a.m. – Plant Operations Tour
	12 :30 a.m. – GMO Presentation & Lunch

Note: Please bring steel toe shoes. Safety glasses, vest and hard will be provided. RSVP – president@valleycoastal.asse.org

January Meeting Recap - The New Silica Standard and Practical Solutions in the Construction Industry



Speaker Taylor Irwin
Milwaukee Tool Corp.



Slides are posted to the Valley Coastal ASSE Website: <https://valleycoastal.asse.org/files/>



The 2018 Valley Coastal ASSE Professional Development Conference Mark your Calendar!

The ASSE Valley Coastal Chapter proudly announces the 2018 PDC on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel located at 7277 Valjean Avenue, in Van Nuys California

This annual event provides the areas one of the most sought after opportunities for attendees to learn from fellow safety professionals addressing the pressing EH&S issues of the day and providing educational topics to improve your professional skills and effectiveness. The PDC Committee is working hard to bring you timely topic addressing topics of interest, Best Practices and professional development skills.

Attendees will receive 0.6 CEU credits for attending the PDC.

Be sure to include in your 2018 Professional Development Budget or use any left over 2017 Budget funds and preregister this year

[To register by mail or fax, download a PDF Registration Form - Click Here](#)

Additional discounts are available for Groups of 4+ attendees, Save \$100, e-mail pdc@vcpdc.com for more details.

If you need immediate assistance, you can contact Erika May at 661-472-6591 or e-mail us at pdc@vcpdc.com.

San Diego ASSE PDC - March 13, 2018

Join the San Diego ASSE PDC at:

<https://sandiego.asse.org/events/2018-professional-development-symposium-march-13-2018/>



This year's theme, "The Nature of Work in a Changing World" is intended to help risk, health & safety, and human resources professionals understand and adapt to a work place where change is the new normal. Check out the attached program flyer for a full description of this day-long event and eight fantastic speakers, including:

- Dr. John Howard, Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health on "The Future of Work from the NIOSH Perspective"
- Economist Alan Nevin, on "The Great Divide: The True Story of the Workforce in America Tomorrow"
- Claire Wilson and Steve Workman on "Ergonomics From the Doctor and the Workman", plus Dr. Barbara Materna, Chief of the Occupational Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health, Region I
- VP James Boretti, CSP who will update us on the State of the Region, and updates on what's happening at Cal/OSHA and how to approach inspections.

If you're coming from out of town, the Handlery Hotel is offering a limited space, special discounted courtesy rate of \$99 per night.

We hope to see you there!

San Diego ASSE

On Demand Education

Videos and recorded events that can be viewed now – or anytime!

Safety Management System Palooza!

An ASSE Virtual Symposium on Selecting, Implementing, and Assessing Safety Management Systems

Shifting Paradigm:

Systems Thinking About Human Error

Safety Consultants:

Business Skills for Internal and External Consultants

Eliminating the Hazards

A virtual symposium on Hazard Identification and Controls

Going Green: Marijuana in the Workplace

With marijuana lawful for medicinal or recreational purposes in 25 states, it's likely that your workforce may be going green without you even knowing. A comprehensive and fun discussion of marijuana and how it impacts your workplace, including the use of medical marijuana, drug testing methods, legal cases, and employment policies.

For more topics, click here: <https://learn.asse.org/on-demand-education>

OSHA has created New Web Pages

[OSHA launches webpage on HAZWOPER](#)

[OSHA launches construction safety webpage for women](#)

[OSHA revises webpage on worker rights](#)

[OSHA launches webpage on preventing workplace violence in health care](#)

[OSHA creates webpage on restroom sanitation obligations](#)

Would You Like to Present at a Future VCASSE Meeting?

Valley Coastal ASSE invites those interested in presenting at one of its Professional Development Meetings to submit a proposal to Programs@valleycoastal.asse.org. Valley Coastal ASSE endeavors to provide a forum for attendees to learn the profession's best practices and to:

- Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals
- Expand their knowledge to improve their professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the SH&E fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession

