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IN THE NEWS

[The Importance of EPCRA Reporting and the Dangers of Complacency](#)

Synopsis:

Maintaining proper compliance associated with EPCRA not only keeps the workers in the facility safe but also first responders and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The following five regulations are highlighted as a good starting point for companies looking to maintain compliance.

- Emergency Planning (Sec. 302)
- Emergency Releases (Sec. 304)
- Safety Data Sheets (Sec. 311)
- Tier II Inventory Reporting (Sec. 312)
- Toxic Release Inventory Reporting (Sec. 313)

The EPA has assessed fines up to \$37,500 per day for failure to report the required information.

[Attorneys: What Employers Need to Know About Andrew Puzder's Selection as Labor Secretary](#)

Synopsis:

Andrew Puzder is the president of the parent company of Carl's, Jr., Hardee's and Green Burrito. On December 8, 2016, President-elect Donald Trump announced intentions to nominate Mr. Puzder as Secretary of Labor. Based on his histo-

ry and frequent media commenting we can expect to see the following issues reviewed after his confirmation.

- Federal Overtime Rule
- OSHA's Recordkeeping and Reporting of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses rule
- Reduction of OSHA penalties
- Proof of Burden necessary to prove retaliation against whistleblowers
- The respirable silica standard
- The Federal Contract Compliance Program
- Legal immigrant workers as assets

REMINDERS!



Fleet Safety Symposium

This Thursday!!
January 12th @ the
JJ Pickle Center

For more information and Registration:

[Click Here!](#)

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

January 16th

11:00am-1:30pm

DPR Construction

Please RSVP by January 12th
<http://centraltexas.asse.org/>

NEXT MEETING

Date:
February 16th-Technical
Tour Planned

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

STEVEN JABLON, CSP

HAPPY 2017! It's that time when many of us resolve to improve our well-being and liveli- hood. Some of us will turn to exercise, elect to quit smoking or choose to monitor our personal spending more closely. Having internal goals for self-improvement is admirable. Let's not overlook being a safety role model at work and home!

Mother Nature has already made her presence felt with colder, wintry weather. Consider the potential adverse effects of employees working in the cold.

Cold Stress is serious and can be life-threatening health conditions that occur when the body reacts to heat loss in the feet, hands, limbs or head.

Plan ahead, stay warm this season and minimize the risk of cold stress; wear layers of loose clothing for insulation as needed. Too warm in the afternoon? Peel off a layer.



- ◆ Avoid tight clothing; it can reduce blood flow to the extremities.
- ◆ Wear a hat to reduce the loss of body heat from your head.
- ◆ Choose boots that are waterproof and insulated. Stay dry at all times.
- ◆ Move into warm locations during breaks; limit time in the extreme cold whenever possible.
- ◆ Avoid touching cold metal surfaces with bare skin.
- ◆ Keep extra socks, gloves, hat, jacket, blanket, etc. in your vehicle...just in case.
- ◆ For recommended First Aid and other helpful cold stress-related information, direct your internet browser to: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/coldstress/>.

Everyone is a leader, especially when it comes to safety. Commit to know the facts

and work smarter in 2017. Your diligence will pay dividends to benefit you and your coworkers.

I look forward to another successful year with you and the Central Texas ASSE! Pledge to volunteer and get involved. We always have leadership opportunities available and are looking for members who seek involvement, but YOU have to take the first step! Please reach out to your officers, if interested.

See you on Thursday, January 12th at University of Texas' JJ Pickle Campus for our one-day Fleet Safety Symposium!

Bring a friend and share safety knowledge.

Best to you for a safe, happy and prosperous 2017!

Steven Jablon, CSP
Central Texas Chapter

TECH HIGHLIGHT:**REDI - TAPE**

Everyone needs duct tape as some point in the week. Whether you need to patch a hole in your boat or strap a light to your hard hat, duct tape is one of the most beloved and versatile items found in all of our garages. To purchase: [Click Here](#)

Flat Pack (6 rolls x 5 yds.) - \$16.95

**THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER:**

DEL WOMACK

BATAVIA SERVICES, INC.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

For employment opportunities go to Central Texas Chapters current job openings at www.centraltexas.asse.org website or ASSE's job board at www.jobs.asse.org

CHAPTER NEWS:**WOMEN IN SAFETY ENGINEERING**

Interested in joining the WISE common interest group? Local Chapters of WISE are meeting all over the country. Most chapter WISE groups provide opportunities for professional development, networking, charity involvement, education outreach, mentoring, certification study, work/life balance, etc.

If you would be interested in starting a chapter WISE local group. Please send me an Email with your ideas on what opportunities you would like to see the local WISE group involved in and what kind of format works, lunch meetings, after work meetings, social hours, dinner events. If you would like more information about WISE, please go to the ASSE main webpage and look under Practice Specialties for [Women in Safety Engineering](#) or you can contact me, **Ken Hoffmann**, CSP at Khoffmann@jjwvs.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

If you are new to the Central Texas Chapter please reach out to one of our officers! We look forward to having you in the chapter and hope we can make you feel welcome!

NOTABLE PODCAST:

CLICK THE LINK BELOW

Creative Safety Publishing
[Respect Workers See Safety Increase](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

CONFERENCES &

TRAINING:

January 11-12th
Root-Cause Analysis
System Improvements, Inc.
www.taproot.com

January 12th
Transportation Development Conference
Central Texas Chapter -ASSE
[Click Here for More Information](#)

January 20-21st
Ergonomic Assessment Certification
Back School of Atlanta
www.thebackschool.net

ASSE WEBINARS:

January 11th
Highlights of the 2016 ANZI/ASSE Z244.1 Standard: Lockout, Tagout and Alternative Methods
ASSE
[Click to Register](#)

January 19th
Why Safety Tools and Checklists Aren't Enough to Save Lives
ASSE
[Click to Register](#)

January 23rd
A shifting Paradigm: Systems Thinking About Human Error—An ASSE Virtual Symposium
ASSE
[Click to Register](#)

WEBINARS:

January 10th
CIH Exam Preparation
Bowen EHS
www.BowenEHS.com

January 17th
ASP Exam Preparation
Bowen EHS
www.BowenEHS.com

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President - Steven Jablon
Vice President - Pat Walsh
Secretary - Charlotte Kener
Treasurer - Mike Bewley
Delegate - Scott Sloan
Delegate - David Tally

***“In skating
over thin ice
our safety is in
our speed” –
Ralph Waldo
Emerson***

NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS!

Contribute to your newsletter!!

Articles, Job postings, fun facts, Professional Development, etc.

Please send an email:
secretary@centraltexas.asse.org