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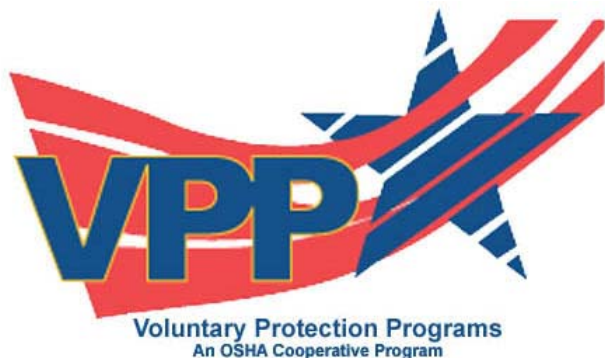


Half-Day Professional Development Course: Tuesday, February 26th- “OSHA VPP - A to Z”

The annual joint meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE and the Philadelphia Section AIHA will provide information on OSHA's extremely successful Voluntary Protection Programs.

Since its inception in 1982, VPP recognizes and partners with businesses and worksites that show excellence in occupational safety and health. Sites are committed to effective employee protection beyond the requirements of OSHA standards.

VPP participants develop and implement systems to effectively identify, evaluate, prevent, and control occupational hazards to prevent employee injuries and illnesses. As a result, the average VPP worksite has a lost workday incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average of its industry. In return, OSHA removes participants from programmed inspection lists and does not issue citations for standards violations that are promptly corrected.



OSHA has recently rolled out, nation-wide, a demonstration program for mobile VPP sites, opening up the VPP program to the construction industry.

Join us, along with your industrial hygiene and safety colleagues, on Tuesday, February 26th, to learn more about OSHA's VPP programs. Speakers will include:

- Ms. Teresa Gallagher, an OSHA Region III VPP Coordinator, to speak on the past, present and future of OSHA's VPP programs;
- Mr. Ed Hanna (Colden Corporation), who has worked preparing companies for the VPP process;
- Ms. Catherine Croke (RohMax USA), to share her company's experience in seeking and achieving VPP status; and
- A representative from the VPP Participants Association (VPPPA), to discuss the assistance the VPPPA can provide before, during and after the VPP process.

The cost of the PDC includes a continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. Plenty of time will be provided for networking and for formal and informal “Q and A” with the presenters. ABIH CM points have been applied for.

Please plan on joining us to learn more about OSHA's VPP programs.

About Our Speaker: Teresa Gallagher (USDOL-OSHA)

“OSHA VPP: Past, Present and Future”

Ms. Gallagher will present on the past, present and future of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs.

Ms. Teresa Gallagher is a VPP Coordinator for OSHA Region III.

About Our Speaker: Ed Hanna (Colden Corporation)

“Process versus Tradition: VPP– A Beginning”

Preparing for VPP provides numerous benefits. Key among these is the management-employee partnership which is essential in establishing a system driven health and safety culture. This process is what ultimately prevents near misses, injuries and illnesses. But what are the requirements? How do we start down this road? What are some of the biggest challenges? How have companies prevailed? This session will provide an overview of VPP's Program Management Guidelines, essential one year elements and methods of self-assessment. We will discuss baseline metrics and strategies for establishing a system worthy of Star status.

Mr. Ed Hanna is a Senior Project Manager with Colden Corporation. He provides senior level health and safety consulting to manufacturing, research and development, pharmaceutical, bio-pharmaceutical, power generation, distribution centers, universities, commercial buildings, hospitals, and construction projects. Mr. Hanna holds A BS in Safety Sciences from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and is a Certified Safety Professional.

Mr. Hanna has been a presenter at VPP Participants Association (VPPPA) Conferences dating back to 2000. He is a member of the Philadelphia Section AIHA and Philadelphia Chapter ASSE.

About Our Speaker: Catherine Croke (RohMax USA)

“A Company's Experience in Seeking OSHA VPP”

Ms. Croke will share the experiences of her company in seeking and achieving OSHA VPP status.

Ms. Catherine Croke is responsible for Product Regulatory Compliance and Product Stewardship with over 14 years experience within Chemical and Polymer Industry. Currently Regulatory Specialist for the North American Region for RohMax USA, Inc. she has been with RohMax since 2000. Her responsibilities include North American and international regulatory compliance. This includes responsibility for SAP Environmental Health and Safety and

Global Trade Services modules, ergonomics evaluations, risk assessments, international inventory submissions, import/export operations, security vulnerability assessments, Responsible Care Coordinator for the USA and Canada, Site Coordinator for ISO 9001:2000 and RC 14001. Prior to joining RohMax she was employed by Atofina, in various product safety related positions.

A native of the Philadelphia area, Ms. Croke graduated with a BS in Pharmacology and Toxicology from the University of the Sciences and a MS in Environmental Protection and Safety Management from St. Joseph's University.

MEETING DETAILS: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 2008

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Registration/Networking/Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM: Introductions/Announcements

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM: “OSHA VPP: Past, Present and Future”

Speaker: Ms. Teresa Gallagher (OSHA)

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM: “Process vs. Tradition: VPP– A Beginning”

Speaker: Mr. Ed Hanna (Colden Corporation)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Break

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM: “A Company’s Experience in Seeking OSHA VPP”

Speaker: Ms. Catherine Croke (RohMax USA)

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM: “The VPP Participants’ Association (VPPPA)”

Speaker: To Be Announced

12:00 Noon: Buffet Lunch

ABIH CM points have been applied for.

The cost of this meeting is \$65.00, to be paid by check or by cash.

Payment is required on the day of the meeting.

Checks should be made payable to “Philadelphia Section AIHA”.

Deadline for pre-registration is noon on Thursday, February 21st, 2008.

Pre-registration for this meeting is MANDATORY. Registration will be cut off, without notice, when the number of seats available are filled.

**In order to ensure a space at this meeting,
EARLY pre-registration is strongly recommended.**

To pre-register:

Please send an email to register@philaiha.com, with your name and company affiliation.

The Villanova Conference Center

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Radnor, PA 19087
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Prepare Yourself To Be Spoiled!



Driving Directions to The Villanova Conference Center

From Philadelphia International Airport: The Villanova Conference Center is located 18 miles from Philadelphia International Airport. When leaving the airport, follow signs for I-95 South. Take I-95 South to Rt. 476 North (Plymouth Meeting.) Follow Route 476 North to Exit 13 (St. David's/Villanova.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, proceed straight at the traffic light onto King of Prussia Road. Follow King of Prussia Road to the 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Matsonford Road. Follow Matsonford Road approximately half a mile and turn right into the Matsonford Gate entrance to The Villanova Conference Center. (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)

From the North: Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6 (Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit.) Follow the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Route 476 South towards Philadelphia/Chester, and bear left at the fork. Take 476 South to Exit 13 (St. David's/ Villanova). At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto Rt. 30 East (Lancaster Avenue.) At the 1st traffic light turn left onto King of Prussia Road. Follow King of Prussia Road to the 2nd traffic light turn right onto Matsonford Road. Follow Matsonford Road approximately half a mile and turn right into the Matsonford Gate entrance to The Villanova Conference Center. (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)

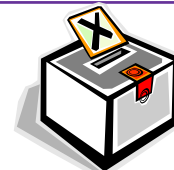
From the South: Take I-95 North to Route 476 North. Take Route 476 North to Exit 13 (St. David's/ Villanova.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, proceed straight at the traffic light onto King of Prussia Road. Follow King of Prussia Road to the 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Matsonford Road. Follow Matsonford Road approximately half a mile and turn right into the Matsonford Gate entrance to The Villanova Conference Center. (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)

From the East (Philadelphia/ 30th Street Station): Take I-76 West to Exit 330 (Gulph Mills.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left then turn left again at the stop sign, following signs for Route 320 South. At the traffic light at the intersection for 320 South, turn left. Follow 320 South (South Gulph Road) through two traffic lights, just after you pass the Sunoco Station, turn right before the third traffic light onto Matsonford Road. Proceed on Matsonford Road for half a mile and turn left at the 1st traffic light onto County Line Road. The Conference Center is the second entrance on the right (marked by blue signs on the stone gates)

From the West: Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to I-76 East towards Philadelphia. Take I-76 East to Exit 330 (Gulph Mills.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto Rt. 320 South. Follow 320 South (South Gulph Road) through two traffic lights, just after you pass the Sunoco Station, turn right before the third traffic light onto Matsonford Road. Proceed on Matsonford Road for half a mile and turn left at the 1st traffic light onto County Line Road. The Conference Center is the second entrance on the right (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)



2008-2009 Chapter/Section Elections



Both the Philadelphia Section AIHA and the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE are currently looking for members to serve as officers or directors for the 2008-2009 term.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your free time to assist in planning the educational programs for AIHA or ASSE, please speak to one of the Section/Chapter officers, or send an email to mail@philaaiha.com or mail@philaasse.org.



Upcoming Meetings: Philadelphia Chapter ASSE

March 27th: “Effective Communication and Goal-Setting”: Jim Corrado (Med-Tex Services, Inc.)

April: Date TBD: “Effects of 1926.1200 On Facility Owners”: Dennis Dougherty (Med-Tex Services, Inc.)

May: Social Event: Date and location to be determined

Annual Golf Outing: Date and location to be determined

Information on these events will be e-mailed to all Chapter members, and will be available on the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE web site (www.philaasse.org).



AIHA Upcoming Meetings: Philadelphia Section AIHA

March: Date TBD: “Epidemiology Update”: Dr. Robin Leonard, West Chester University

April: Date TBD: “Nanotechnology”: Dr. Andrew Maynard, Chief Science Advisor for the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington, D.C.

May: AIHCE– Minneapolis, MN (May 31st - June 5th)

June 18th: AIHA/OSHA Update: Aaron Tripler (AIHA); Dan Anna (AIHA Board of Directors)

Information on these events will be e-mailed to all Section members, and will be available on the Philadelphia Section AIHA web site (www.philaaiha.com).

Job Postings

The following job postings are currently listed on the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE and Philadelphia Section AIHA web sites:

- **Loss Control Consultant:** Philadelphia Insurance Companies
- **Environmental, Health and Safety Engineer:** Selas Fluid Processing Corporation
- **Vice President- Health, Safety & Environment:** US Maintenance
- **Senior HSE Specialist** (Recruiter Job Placement)
- **Risk Control Analyst** (Blind Posting)



New positions are being posted all the time. Be sure to check the Philadelphia Section AIHA and Philadelphia Chapter ASSE web sites for additional information.



Volunteers Needed for the Science Olympiad



AIHA National is supporting the 24th annual [Science Olympiad](#) this year, and is encouraging all members to volunteer at one of your local participating colleges. This is a chance to promote industrial hygiene and the sciences in general, give back to the community, and have some fun at the same time. Volunteers are needed as event supervisors and assistants.

AIHA has made a donation of \$5,000 to the Science Olympiad to help with their efforts to promote and improve student interest in science, and to improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation. For more information on the Science Olympiad from the AIHA web site, [click here](#).

Locally, Cabrini College in Radnor will host local schools at a tournament on March 4, 2008. Moravian College in Bethlehem will host on March 14. A bit more distant are Millersville University and Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, both on March 12. There are also opportunities to work at the state and national levels as the competition advances. The national tournament is scheduled for May 30-31 at George Washington University, in Washington, DC.

Interested? Contact the person directly at the location you are interested in:

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Ergonomics Symposium: Making a Business Case for Ergonomics (and Other Health and Safety Programs)

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Ergonomics Committee will sponsor the “Ergonomics Symposium: Making a Business Case for Ergonomics (and Other Health and Safety Programs)” on Sunday, June 1, 2008, at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHce) in Minneapolis. This symposium will demonstrate the development of the business case of ergonomics using economic criteria.

For more information, visit <http://www.aiha.org/aihce08/education/symposium.htm> or contact Samantha Seigman, AIHA’s continuing education planner, at (703) 846-0751 or sseigman@aiha.org.



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