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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS and MEETINGS

Our next Gold Coast Chapter meeting will be held on January 25, 2018.

Topic: Ergonomics and Injury Prevention

Visit our website for details and to register at:

<https://goldcoast.asse.org/events/ergonomics-and-injury-prevention-2/>

## LEARN @ ASSE

### Good News!

You can now attend ASSE's face-to-face courses in a virtual format with their new LearnEx courses. Back by popular demand!

Learn more at:

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

Join us on Facebook for updates and other safety related news



ASSE Gold Coast Chapter

Check us out on the web at:

[www.goldcoast.asse.org](http://www.goldcoast.asse.org)



## President's Message

Happy New Year!!!

Before 2018 gets into full swing, I would like to reflect on 2017 and give thanks to the Chapter members that have assisted with challenges and accomplishments. The Gold Coast Chapter had seven meetings last year accompanied with quality-learning experiences. The same will hold true for 2018.

As you may be aware, it is time for elections and I am asking members to step up and donate some time to the chapter. This is a rewarding experience with a chance to work with others to continue the Chapter's success. During the upcoming meetings, we will be soliciting nominees for all positions on the Executive Board. Not only do these positions assist with the direction the Chapter is going it is an opportunity to network with other safety professionals and earn CEU's for your effort.

The transition from ASSE to ASSP will be in June 2018. All changes in presentations, correspondence and websites will be ready for the new executive committee.

In 2018, we will have meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month January through May, and September and October. They will be held at 100 Australian Ave., Suite 1-470. We have discussed holding a luncheon meeting at another location and holding a possible Chapter outing. Please come and be a part of the planning of these events. We will be focusing on technology as my term ends to help us prepare us for the future. Our next meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> and will feature Richard Asaro of Select Physical Therapy. He will present "Ergonomics and Injury Prevention". Join us for networking and light refreshments around 9am and the meeting will commence at 9:30am.

Respectfully yours,

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## ASSE News

### Registration opens for ASSE's Safety 2018 in San Antonio

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PARK RIDGE, Illinois — They say everything's bigger in Texas, and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) plans to find out. Registration is now open for ASSE's Safety 2018 Professional Development Conference & Exposition in San Antonio. The nation's largest conference for occupational safety and health professionals – expected to draw more than 8,000 people from 40 countries – takes place June 3-6 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on the banks of the San Antonio Riverwalk.

The 57th annual event is a primary resource for occupational safety and health professionals who face increasing demands from their companies to know about best practices, industry trends and the latest product innovations. Networking opportunities are limitless. A survey of past attendees found that 98 percent would recommend the global conference to a colleague.

“The popularity of our last conference was off the charts, so we’re using that as a blueprint for even greater success this time around,” said Mary Silva, the new chair of the ASSE Professional Development Conference Planning Committee. “ASSE’s 37,000-plus members span the globe in protecting workers in every industry, so this dynamic event goes a long way in supporting their professional mission.”

ASSE’s signature event will offer more than 220 concurrent educational sessions categorized by experience level and taught by some of the greatest minds in safety. More than 600 exhibitors will present the latest products, technologies and techniques in the field. And attendees will experience a mix of engaging general sessions and a spirited plenary town hall.

For the first time, the conference schedule will include a community service networking event, a 5K fun run, and a chance to practice safety pitches on senior operational executives. In addition, all paid attendees will receive free access to recordings of every concurrent session that ASSE is allowed to record.

Safety 2018 will serve as the launch of the Society’s new name and brand, with ASSE becoming the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). The new name and refreshed logo will better reflect the organization’s diverse membership while positioning the Society for growth.

ASSE last visited San Antonio for Safety 2009, but much has changed in nearly a decade. The convention center was recently transformed through a \$325 million capital improvement project, the largest in the city’s history. This past October, San Antonio was designated a Creative City of Gastronomy by the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, making the city an international culinary destination. And founded in 1718, San Antonio will be in the midst of its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during Safety 2018.

Safety and health professionals can register online for Safety 2018. To learn about group rates, please contact ASSE group coordinators Nancy O’Toole at [notoole@asse.org](mailto:notoole@asse.org) and Tom Kerschner at [tkerschner@asse.org](mailto:tkerschner@asse.org).



## Upcoming Courses

**February 5th - 9th Certified Occupational Safety Specialist (COSS)** Who should attend COSS? A person in the safety and health

field that coordinates the successful implementation of corporate safety and health plans, coordinates, and maybe even conducts safety and health training, and provides support to safety and training managers.

**February 12th - 14th Safe Supervisor- COSS Series** - Safe Supervisor is a 3-day course designed to enhance a supervisor's understanding of the bigger picture of safety, and the supervisor's role in creating a safer work environment. Achieving an injury free workplace takes more than a catchy phrase or one individual championing the cause. It takes a team effort. Safety leaders understand the pivotal role that supervisors play in shaping the safety mindset. This 3-day course defines this important job!

For more info. or to register: <https://training.safetycouncilpbc.org/p-7855-coco.aspx>

## NEWSLETTER SAFETY TOPIC

### OSHA Recordkeeping Reporting

#### One Last Time: OSHA Extends Recordkeeping Reporting Deadline



*Posted with permission from [Confined Space](#), a newsletter of workplace safety and labor issues.*

After multiple delays, [OSHA](#) has finally [announced](#) that employers who are required to keep OSHA injury and illness records must send summary information in to the agency by December 15, fifteen days after the deadline announced last June, when the agency proposed to [delay](#) the reporting deadline from July 1 to December 1.

The rollout has been plagued by numerous delays. First OSHA delayed until August 1 in putting up the website which was supposed to be up by the end of February. Then there came [false](#) accusations of a [data breach](#), and finally a delay in issuing the final change in the required submission deadline.

When the regulation was issued last year, OSHA stated that the data would be published on the web. "Public disclosure of work injury data will encourage employers to increase their efforts to prevent work-related injuries and illnesses," OSHA [announced](#) when the regulation was issued in May 2016. The Trump administration has not disclosed its intentions about publicizing the data, although there is legal precedent for requiring the agency to publish the data on OSHA's website.

Other parts of the "electronic" recordkeeping regulation are being challenged in court and are under reconsideration by OSHA. The agency also announced today that OSHA is currently reviewing the other provisions of its final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, and intends



to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking to reconsider, revise, or remove portions of that rule in 2018.”

Some in the business community don't like requirements that more detailed information on injuries and illnesses be sent to OSHA starting next year, or that OSHA has prohibited employers from retaliating against workers for reporting injuries. At last week's Congressional hearing, Secretary of Labor Acosta [falsely stated](#) that the regulation “was asking for some information that was very detailed and that identifies individuals.”

OSHA also noted that seven state plans, California, Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, have not yet adopted the regulations. States are supposed to adopt all new OSHA standards and regulations within 6 months of federal OSHA's issuance.

Click [here](#) to visit Confined Space's website or to sign up for their informative newsletter.

For more info. about OSHA's Recordkeeping requirements check out: [Detailed Guidance for OSHA's Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Rule: https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/entryfaq.html](#)

## Federal Government Updates

### EPA Releases List of Superfund Sites Targeted for Immediate, Intense Attention

12/08/2017

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**WASHINGTON** – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the list of Superfund sites that Administrator Pruitt has targeted for immediate and intense attention. The 21 sites on the list – from across the United States – are in direct response to the [Superfund Task Force Recommendations](#), issued this summer, calling for this list.

“By elevating these sites we are sending a message that EPA is, in fact, restoring its Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency's mission,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. “Getting toxic land sites cleaned up and revitalized is of the utmost importance to the communities across the country that are affected by these sites. I have charged the Superfund Task Force staff to immediately and intently develop plans for each of these sites to ensure they are thoughtfully addressed with urgency. By getting these sites cleaned up, EPA will continue to focus on ways we can directly improve public health and the environment for people across America.”

In developing this initial list, EPA considered sites that will benefit from Administrator Pruitt's direct engagement and have identifiable actions to protect human health and the environment. These are sites requiring timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts. The list is designed to spur action at sites where opportunities exist to act quickly and comprehensively. The Administrator will receive regular updates on each of these sites.



The list is intended to be dynamic. Sites will move on and off the list as appropriate. At times, there may be more or fewer sites based on where the Administrator's attention and focus is most needed. There is no commitment of additional funding associated with a site's inclusion on the list.

EPA remains dedicated to addressing risks at all Superfund sites, not just those on the list. The [Task Force Recommendations](#) are aimed at expediting cleanup at all Superfund sites and Administrator Pruitt has set the expectation that there will be a renewed focus on accelerating work and progress at all Superfund sites across the country.

The Task Force, whose work is ongoing, has five overarching goals:

Expediting cleanup and remediation;  
Reinvigorating cleanup and reuse efforts by potentially responsible parties;  
Encouraging private investment to facilitate cleanup and reuse;  
Promoting redevelopment and community revitalization; and  
Engaging with partners and stakeholders.

The Task Force will provide the public with regular updates as it makes progress on the Administrator's Emphasis list and other Task Force activities

The list of sites can be found [here](#).



# Trade Release

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U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Office of Communications  
Washington, D.C.  
[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

For Immediate Release  
November 9, 2017  
Contact: Office of Communications  
Phone: 202-693-1999

## **OSHA Issues Final Rule Setting Compliance Date for Crane Operator Certification Requirements**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today issued a [final rule](#) setting November 10, 2018, as the date for employers in the construction industries to comply with a requirement for crane operator certification. The final rule becomes effective November 9, 2017.

OSHA issued a [final cranes and derricks rule](#) in August 2010. After stakeholders expressed concerns regarding the rule's certification requirements, OSHA published a separate [final rule](#) in September 2014, extending by three years the crane operator certification and competency requirements. This one-year extension provides additional time for OSHA to complete a rulemaking to address stakeholder concerns related to the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard.



OSHA's Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) recommended delaying enforcement of the certification requirement and extending the employer assessment responsibilities for the same period.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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Help OSHA to reach their goal of 100,000 subscribers! You can help by subscribing to QuickTakes today. It's easy to join and of course, it's free to use!

Anyone can sign up by visiting OSHA's website at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) and clicking on the QuickTakes button at the top of the page.

## CHAPTER NEWS

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**Would you like to volunteer to help out in the Chapter?  
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