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Safety Training Standards: News & Updates

April Monthly Safety Topics are on the IEC website at:
http://www.sarniasafety.com/testsite/mstopics_.php#t

April Safety Topic: Working at height & ladders

On the website is the following information:

- 1) Working at height and ladder topic information
- 2) Test questions
- 3) Test answers
- 4) Attendance sheet

It is expected that contractors complete this test and submit attendance sheet to the IEC at: info@sarniasafety.com

Fall Protection News:

The new Fall Protection course has been piloted three times in the last few weeks. Some issues involving course length and course material need to be addressed before the course is presented to the Safety Training Standards Committee for final approval. Future plans for this upgraded Fall Protection Course and Standard include:

- 1) Accrediting IEC instructors to deliver the course
- 2) Accrediting outside trainers and training organizations to be able to deliver the course

Updates to the status of Fall Protection will be found in this newsletter and on the IEC website in the near future.

Confined Space/ Safety Watch Subject Matter Team

Names have been submitted for the formation of the Subject Matter Expert Team that will create the standard and provide material for the development of new versions of the Confined Space Entry and Safety Attendant courses.

Thanks to those that have made this commitment.

BSO Plus: Testimonials

IEC instructors collect testimonials that reflect the worker's experience in this new 8-hour Basic Safety Orientation class. Here are recent submissions:

- *Great materials used to keep students engaged including videos, PowerPoint and the housekeeping room.*
- *Lego session was great, getting students up and about right after lunch.*
- *Instructors were very professional, great job in keeping the class "alive" during this 8-hour session.*

Canadian Society of Safety Engineering

Applied Risk Communication Course offered in Sarnia?

Tentative Dates: June 5th and 6th 2010

This two day course provides OH&S professionals with an opportunity to learn new insights into the role of communication in the management of risks.

Participants will engage in robust and challenging case studies; learn and apply new risk analysis techniques; proactively plan communication messages and develop powerful risk management strategies inclusive of communication, including the even larger challenge of managing cultural change.

Participants will learn and practice more effective interpersonal communication techniques that can be applied immediately to assist in their risk management challenges and be integrated into their risk management plans.

This course builds on the material taught in the Consulting Skills and Obligations and Liabilities courses.

COSTS:

CSSE Member: \$655.00
 Non Member: \$870.00

If interested contact: Brian Parizeau
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Newalta Wins Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce Award!

Congratulations to Newalta for winning the Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Achievement Award for Technology & Innovation.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE LEGISLATION

The Ontario Legislature has passed amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) to help protect workers against workplace violence.

The new protections will require employers to:

- Develop and communicate workplace violence and harassment prevention policies and programs to workers
- Assess the risks of workplace violence, and take reasonable precautions to protect workers from possible domestic violence in the workplace.
- Allow workers to remove themselves from harmful situations if they have reason to believe that they are at risk of imminent danger due to workplace violence

Amendments to Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act will go into effect June 15, 2010.

C-45 Charges Laid in Sault Ste. Marie

After a ten-month investigation, the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service has charged Millennium Crane, the individual crane owner and the crane operator with criminal negligence causing death. This is the first time that an Ontario corporation has been charged with this offence since amendments were made to the criminal negligence provisions of the Criminal Code in 2004.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour originally laid five charges under the OHSA against Millennium Crane and the crane operator.

The incident occurred on April 16, 2009 while the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Public Works Department was performing sewer work at a landfill.

James Vecchio, 34, was one of two city workers in an excavation installing a sewer pipe at the city's Fifth Line landfill when the 80-ton Krupp crane that was loading concrete into the hole tipped in while being repositioned and pinned him.

The first court date for the criminal charges was March 22nd with it being remanded to May 17, 2010.

Dates to Remember:

STS Meeting	7:30 Thurs Apr 8, 2010
IEC/ Safety Partnership Strategic Planning Session	12:00 Mon Apr 26, 2010 (please reserve)
Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Safety Council Meeting	12:00 Wed Apr 28, 2010 at Ethyl Canada
NAOSH Safety Week	Sun May 2 to Sat May 8, 2010