



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Gulf Coast, Energy Corridor and North Monthly Meetings – first, second and third Thursdays of the month
- 2024 Gulf Coast Chapter PDC 4/19/24

Guest

We Thank our Speakers



We would like to thank our speaker, Barbara Cristinziani, Global Safety Director of Bunge Organizational Performance. Barbara is a Lifelong learner. Innovative, strategic, growth-minded business professional with multidisciplinary experience across the fields of psychology, education, health, and safety.

2024 Leadership Conference in Denver

The new in-person Leadership Conference will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Denver, CO, in conjunction with

Safety 2024 Conference and Exposition, which runs Aug. 7–9.



Leadership Conference attendees will also be invited to attend the Leaders and Honorees Celebration on Aug. 6.

If attending both the Leadership Conference and Safety 2024, please plan to arrive on Monday, Aug. 5, and be sure to book hotel accommodations for your entire length of stay. Registration for Safety 2024 and hotels will open on 01/17/2023.

Registration is open for the 2024 ASSP Region III PDC

The 2024 PDC is currently looking for speakers.
Call For Speakers - 2024 Online Speaker Application
(Deadline for submissions is February 23, 2024).

Register Early and Save:

Register as an Attendee (save \$300)

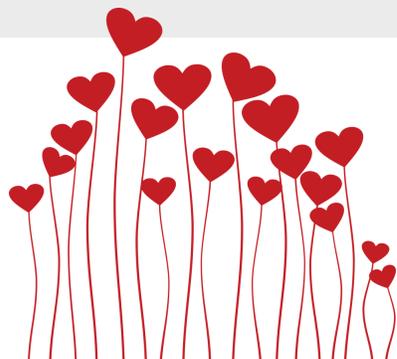
Register as a Sponsor / Exhibitor (save \$250)

Sponsor / Exhibitor Opportunities PDF

Group Discounts - Additional discounts are available for
Groups of 3+ attendees, Save \$250.

CEUs - Attendees will receive 1.5* Continuing Education Unit
(CEU) Credits for attending the PDC

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FMCSA-Safety Advisory: Possible Catastrophic Failure of Nurse Tanks and Recommendation for Public Testing February 2024

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) have issued a safety advisory regarding the potential catastrophic failure of certain hazardous materials packages, known as "nurse tanks." The advisory focuses on nurse tanks manufactured from January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2011, by American Welding and Tank (AWT) at its Fremont, Ohio plant. The tank, containing anhydrous ammonia, experienced a catastrophic failure in a farm co-op lot on August 23, 2023, causing the tank shell to "rocket" over 300 feet from its original location. The incident indicates potential continuing problems with AWT nurse tanks that have been in service for over a decade.

The owner of the affected tank contracted with a third-party testing company to examine their AWT nurse tanks between 2008 and 2012. Radiographic testing showed that 7 of 8 of the tested tanks had extreme stress corrosion cracking, porosity, and inclusions/voids in the welds where the heads and shells were joined. The owner voluntarily placed the tanks out of service.

The FMCSA and PHMSA strongly recommend that owners of AWT nurse tanks manufactured between January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2011 conduct voluntary periodic visual inspection, thickness testing, and pressure testing. If owners are unable to conduct voluntary pressure testing, radiographic or ultrasonic testing should be conducted. The advisory recommends conducting inspection and testing at least once every five years consistent with 49 CFR §173.315(m)(2)(iv).

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a new directive manual for enforcement personnel effective January 26, 2024. It establishes OSHA's enforcement policy for Process Safety Management (PSM) 29 CFR 1910.119 and references to it in 29 CFR 1926.64, and 1910.109. It instructs OSHA enforcement on Agency Interpretations of those standards. The instruction is not a standard, regulation or substantive rule. However, it does replace the last PSM directive from 1994. Other significant changes to the directive are the removal of Appendix A PQV Audit Checklist from the 1994 manual and the incorporation of existing PSM enforcement policies into a question-and-response format. See CPL-02-01-065 at [OSHA.gov](https://www.osha.gov).

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