



MARCH NEWSLETTER



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A formal indication of a choice between two or more candidates, or courses of action, expressed typically through a ballot, or a show of hands, or by voice.

ASSP SOCIETY ELECTIONS MARCH 1ST – 31ST

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Thursday of every Month- Battleground, Deer Park
- ASSP Vote
- Next Month PDC
- Clear Values
- ASSP Memberships
- Government Affairs
- Grants & Scholarships
- SPEAKERS!!
- 2026 Ballot form



THE 2025 PDC WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2025

AT THE NORRIS CONFERENCE CENTER, CITYCENTER
816 TOWN & COUNTRY BLVD., SUITE 210.

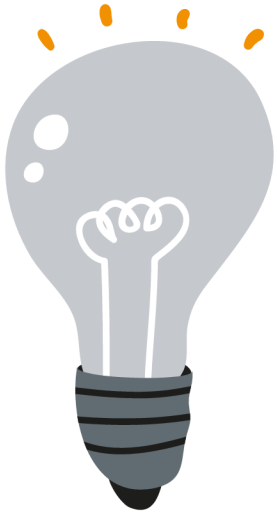
THIS ANNUAL PDC PROVIDES ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER EVENTS FOR ATTENDEES TO LEARN THE PROFESSION'S BEST PRACTICES FOCUSING ON SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

THE PDC IS ATTENDED BY OVER 200+ ATTENDEES ANNUALLY AND FEATURES AN EXHIBITION OF OVER 30+ SPONSORS AND VENDORS. THE EVENT FEATURES A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND 16 BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH FOUR CONCURRENT TRACKS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN ASSP OR AIHA MEMBER TO ATTEND.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT US AT SAFETY@GULFCOASTPDC.COM OR BY CALLING ERIKA MAY AT 661-472-6591.

Leading with our CLEAR Values



ASSP's new strategic plan incorporates these five values:

- **Community:** We provide a welcoming and collaborative environment that creates belonging and inclusivity for all.
- **Leadership:** We exemplify integrity and empower others.
- **Excellence:** We strive always to deliver our best.
- **Accountability:** We are ethical, reliable and trustworthy in all we do.
- **Respect:** We act with humility, listen to others and foster strong working relationships.

Together, they form the acronym **CLEAR**, which can help us easily recall and readily share them with other stakeholders across the ASSP ecosystem. Let's take a closer look at each.

Help us GROW & Refer a Member Annual Member-Get- A- Member Program

ASSP's annual member referral program returns for 2025. Share the benefits and resources ASSP offers with safety colleagues, directing potential members to the ASSP website to encourage them to join the Gulf Coast Society.

The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as a **1-year membership** extension, an on-demand webinar, or a \$50 Amazon gift card.

For every complete member referral, the referring member will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations, and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

Learn more at <https://assp.us/38VZ7kF>



Government Affairs Update

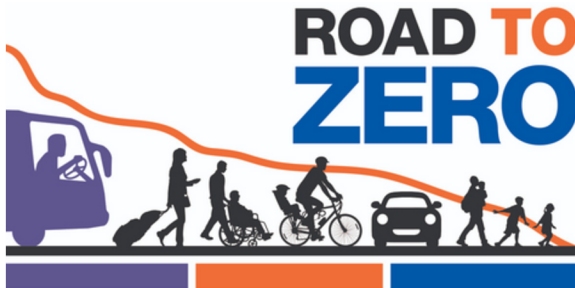
ANSI/ASSP A10.2-2025, Safety, Health and Environmental

Training for Construction and Demolition Operations establishes best training practices to help organizations nationwide eliminate hazards and risks that cause injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

The types of applicable training on construction and demolition sites include new hire, site safety, regulatory, pre-job, supervisor leadership, and retraining. Training evaluations, documentation, and record-keeping are also key components of a workplace safety and health program.



Road to Zero: A Plan to Eliminate Roadway Deaths



The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Safety Council, and the Road to Zero Coalition have partnered to reduce fatal workplace motor vehicle incidents, which are the leading cause of workplace deaths in the U.S. In 2023, nearly 37% of fatal work injuries were related to transportation. The initiative aims to promote a culture of safety and preventative practices to protect workers on the road, encouraging employers to integrate safe driving into their safety management systems. OSHA's Motor Vehicle Safety webpage offers resources for employers to create policies on vehicle maintenance, seat belt use, and addressing distracted or impaired driving. This collaboration strives to improve road safety for both workers and the public.

RTZ promotes the Safe System Approach to preventing roadway deaths, which recognizes that all of the following factors are necessary to save lives: Safer People, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds, Safer Roads, and Post-Crash Care.

In addition, RTZ's work is guided by the following Safe System principles:

- Death and serious injuries are unacceptable
- Humans make mistakes
- Humans are vulnerable
- Responsibility is shared
- Safety is proactive
- Redundancy is crucial

OSHA Updates Recordkeeping Directive

1. Updates guidance to help OSHA compliance officers assess workplace injury and illness records.
2. It incorporates advancements in workplace safety standards and reporting technology.
3. It reflects nearly two decades of safety and health regulations developments.

Cont' Government Affairs Update

ASSP Offers Key Insights on :

OSHA Proposed Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Standard

Opportunities and Challenges

1. Potential to address heat-related hazards.
2. Implementation challenges.
3. Alignment with voluntary standards. ASSP members appreciated OSHA's recognition of ANSI/ASSP A10.50-2024, which reflects the value of leveraging voluntary national consensus standards in regulatory efforts.

Key Concerns and Recommendations

- Heat safety training based on ANSI/ASSP A10.50 be recognized as compliant supplemental training.
- Heat-related factors. This section should address critical variables such as physical condition, weather factors, clothing, activity level, and medication effects that can impact heat-related risks.
- Recordkeeping and reporting. OSHA needs to clarify recordkeeping requirements before issuing a final rule.
- Heat triggers and metrics. The Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) index used in A10.50 is more comprehensive than the heat index metric in OSHA's proposal.
- Heat safety coordinator role. ASSP recommends using OSHA's existing definitions of "competent person" and "qualified person" instead of creating new roles that could cause duplication and confusion.
- Paid rest breaks. Cautioned OSHA against wading into wage-related issues.

Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Programs

ASSP also recommends that the proposed rule contain more performance-based elements similar to those in OSHA's Process Safety Management standard. ANSI/ASSP A10.50 is a much more comprehensive and impactful standard than the OSHA proposed rule and should be explicitly referenced as a model for program creation.

1. Use of metrics. A10.50 relies on WBGT, which accounts for factors like sunlight, air movement, and local radiant heat, providing a more accurate measure of heat risk.
2. Stop work authority and competent persons. A10.50 requires stop work authority and explicitly defines the role of a qualified person.



CHECK OUT THE LATEST PODCASTS FROM ASSP

ASSP's The Case for Safety podcast features conversations with safety experts who share ideas and insights that OSH professionals can use to help their organizations improve worker safety and health. The podcast series is free to access on the ASSP website and can be subscribed to on Spotify and Apple Podcast. New episodes are available every other weekend.

Visit <https://assp.us/podcast> to listen to the latest episodes.



ASSP Grants & Scholarships

The ASSP Foundation offers career development grants that you can use to support your professional development. Applications for Grants are accepted year-round, with awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability.

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<https://asspfoundation.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/solicitations/login/10>



We thank our guest speaker !!

ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter March Meeting

Date: 03/06/2025 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM



TOPIC: Updates to the Proposed Heat Stress Standard

SPEAKER: : Chief Medical Officer – Dr. Tommy Hysler

JOIN US on March 6th as we hear from Dr. Tommy Hysler. OSHA has pushed forward with their proposed federal Heat Stress Standard. Understanding the current status of the process and what is included is key for employers to be prepared.

Thomas “Tommy” Hysler, M.D., MPH, graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, the University of Texas with a Master in Public Health and Ross University with a Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Hysler completed his residency in Occupational Medicine at the University of Texas, training at companies such as Shell, Chevron and ExxonMobil. He has been practicing Occupational Medicine since 2007, is board certified in Occupational Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (FACOEM).

As always, feel free to arrive before the presentation for networking and lunch!



Dr. Tommy Hysler, MPH, FACOEM



Dr. Tommy Hysler, & Dustin Hickey, CSP



MEETING



ASSP Energy Corridor Section December Meeting

Date: 03/13/2024 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM



TOPIC: The Difference Between Operational and Construction Safety from The Aspect of Change

SPEAKER: Michael Maisey, Senior Manager / Director

JOIN US on March 13th as we hear from Michael Maisey on the Difference Between Operational and Construction Safety from The Aspect of Change. Is Change Good or Bad when talking about Industrial Projects? This is dependent on your point of view, when the change is proposed in the process, Construction or Operations, etc.

MICHAEL MAISEY is a Senior Manager/Director with over 35 years of experience in Environmental, Health, Safety, and Security known for successfully developing / leading EHS&S programs within heavy industrial environments. Projects sizes range from \$40M to over \$7B. He has led from 1 to over 600 Safety Personnel. He has a career total of over 500,000,000 manhours with an average TRIR of 0.20 (using this measure until something else is accepted in the industry!)

As always, feel free to arrive before the presentation for networking and lunch!

ABC Proudly Announces Sponsorship of Construction Safety Week

Associated Builders and Contractors announced its sponsorship of Construction Safety Week 2025, which will take place May 5-9, as a call to action for the entire contracting community to commit to a safer industry.



ASSP GULF COAST CHAPTER BALLOT

2025-2026



SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS
JETHZABETH AGUIRRE-SOLIS, CSP

Jethzabeth is a result-oriented HSSE Director with over 20 years of experience in the occupational health and safety industry. Proven expertise in the environmental remediation, industrial, mining, and transportation sectors, with a strong understanding of environmental concerns and hazards. She has demonstrated a solid commitment to safety, compliance, and sustainability throughout her career. She is a skilled leader with a talent for team building, culture development, and public relations.



VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBER SERVICES
JASON MILLENBRUCH, CSP

Jason Millenbruch has 20 years of experience as a Safety Professional across transportation, manufacturing, and oil & gas industries. He has worked in both contractor and core roles, leading teams and contributing to leadership groups. As a member of ASSP since 2011, he earned his CSP in 2014 and has previously held the Secretary role for two years, the VP of Member Services this year and is seeking reelection.



SECRETARY
GEOFFREY MILLER, CSP

Geoffrey Miller is a U.S. Safety Manager for International Cooling Tower, supporting the company's U.S. operations. Geoffrey has eight years of industrial construction experience, graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma with a Bachelor's in Occupational Safety and Health and achieved his Certified Safety Professional certification in 2022.



ASSP GULF COAST CHAPTER

2025-2026



PROGRAMS CHAIR
RYAN CLAYTON, MS, CSP

Experienced Safety Consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the insurance industry. Skilled in Occupational Health, Hazard Recognition, Root Cause Analysis, Leadership, and Microsoft Excel. Strong consulting professional with a Master of Science, Occupational Health and Safety Management from Indiana State University, School of Health Physical Education and Recreation.



NEWSLETTER CHAIR
TAYLOR PEASTER, GSP

Taylor Peaster, GSP, is a Fire and Safety Consultant with five years of experience specializing in occupational safety, process safety, fire protection, building life safety, and risk management. She has prior experience in the oil and gas industry and holds dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology, as well as Environmental Soil and Water Science. An active member of ASSP since 2017, Taylor has served as the Chair of the Energy Corridor Section and the PDC Planning Committee.



STUDENT LIAISON CHAIR
KATIZU GAYO, GSP

Katizu (Kay) Gayo is a board-certified EHS professional (GSP) in the U.S., currently seeking the Student Liaison Chair position. He excels in facilitating communication between students and administration to enhance the student experience. With experience in mechanical and heavy construction, maintenance, and various support services across industries like chemical manufacturing, oil & gas, and pulp & paper, Kay is also a member of the ASSP's Gulf Coast Chapter and serves as a Regional HSE Manager for Industrial Specialty Services in the Gulf Coast Region.