American Society of Safety Engineers

Power for Today’s Safety Professional
... Chapter/Section Connections

- 150 Chapters, 56 Sections, 65 Student Sections

  - Professional development
  - Meetings and networking
  - Leadership opportunities
  - Career advancement opportunities on local level
  - Newsletters, professional development
  - Local/state regulatory update
  - Web sites
... National Connections

- Practice specialties and committees
- Professional development
- Career advancement
- Networking and Peer recognition
- Leadership opportunities
- Publications and services
- Members only area and web site
- Professional/Governmental Affairs
- Foundation
Hot Areas for Homeland Security

- Academic
- Construction
- Consultants
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Healthcare
- Industrial Hygiene
- International
- Management
- Mining
- Public Sector
- Risk Mgt./Insurance
- Transportation
What Do We Need???

- Information on important safety specialties.
- Opportunities to meet locally with specialists having similar interests.
- Small, homogeneous group focus and involvement.
- Additional technical information, contacts and referrals.
Homeland Security

From our perspective, there is a lack of quality data and information of threats and situations we can address.
Is there a Benchmark?

- Our View – “No”
- Plenty of information and standards addressing emergency response.
- It is increasing, but there is still little guidance we can use to assess threats from the SH&E perspective
Hot Standards

- Global Harmonization System – it is government, but in some ways a national voluntary consensus standard.
Hot - Construction Issues

What is going with Homeland Security in regard to construction?
1. Emergency response
2. SH&E on the worksite
3. Enhanced activities with ASSE
Issues we are addressing - Standards

- Multi-employer worksites
- Heavy Equipment hazards and exposures
- Diesel particulates
- Trenching and shoring
Examples – Standards in Action

- We know construction companies have used the A10 Series to establish contingency plans.
- Emergency response is huge – NFPA Standards are big players.
- Niche specific standards such as Z117 for confined spaces.
- Standards provide a benchmark
Thanks!!!

That concludes our presentation. ASSE appreciates having the opportunity to speak today and we look forward to next time.
The “Finale”

- To quote a true American hero

“That’s all folks”
Porky Pig