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TECHNICAL MEET ON “Facts of fish Decay, Findings & Recommendations by Japanese Team”



Environment Forum of American Society of Safety Engineers, Kuwait Chapter Organized a technical meet on 29.08.04 at Hilton Hotel, Mangaf for its members. Mr. Lafi Al-Fehaid, President of ASSE, KC welcomed the members.

Mr. G. Subrahmanyam, Head of the Environment Forum, ASSE-KC introduced the topic and briefed on alarming levels of pollution in marine environment. He informed that it is important to protect the Sea and its resources in Gulf region in general and for Kuwait in particular.

Capt. Ali Haider, Director Marine Pollution Control Division of Environment Public Authority, Kuwait made a detailed presentation on Fish Kill occurred in the Kuwait Bay during the year 1999 and 2001. He briefed on the traffic intensity in Kuwait Bay, statistics of pollutant discharge from industries, visiting ships and power plants. The fish kill problem was occurring due to Red tide (Algal Bloom) in deep waters of Kuwait Bay. He informed that EPA, Kuwait



has taken many initiatives to protect the marine environment and signed a collaboration agreement with M/s. JETRO of Japan to study the Fish Kill in Kuwait Bay and suggest remedial measures. The Action plan for the fish kill problem includes initiatives like Tidal flat reduction (conservation & rehabilitation), trenching, dredging and setting up of five floating marine monitoring stations at different locations in Kuwait Bay. Members exchanged with the Speaker on various clarifications related to the future proposals of EPA in protecting the marine environment.



Mr. Garlapati Ashok, Secretary of ASSE-KC has summed up the session and appreciated the efforts of EPA in taking several initiatives for protection of marine environment. He thanked Capt. Ali Haider for providing insight of EPA initiatives and extended ASSE support in its endeavors.

Technical Meet on Contractors and their Safety performance

A Technical Meet was organized on 25th July 2004 on the "Role of Contractors in Achieving Company Safety Targets".

Mr. Parkin, HSE Advisor stressed the important role that contractors have in advancing HSE objectives. He outlined what major oil companies in Kuwait look for in the pre-qualification stage regarding contractor HSE performance. This included contractors' management systems, accident statistics, and HSE manuals. He demonstrated inputs such as training, near miss reporting, inspections, and audits. Outputs such as number of days away from work are recorded and therefore companies can use these tools to measure safety performance. He explained the role of incentives play and their impact on worker performance.

Mr. Jayakumar, Safety Engineer of M/s Halliburton briefed on the M/s Halliburton safety performance and how it received the 2004 C&MD's HSE award from KOC for contractors.

Mr. Tareq Aslawi, Safety Co-ordinator of M/s NAPESCO (a leading Kuwaiti petroleum services company), briefed on the safety achievements of M/s NAPESCO. The company was granted the C&MD's HSE award for 2004 from KOC for special performance in HSE issues. Mr. Murthy, Safety Engineer described the success story of M/s Kremenco and elements of the company's HSE program that received the KNPC HSE award.

Finally, a question and answer session gave the speakers an opportunity to clarify issues such as how to increase contractor commitment to HSE in areas like occupational health and how to select companies with superior HSE programs for critical activities. Mr. Hamad Jassem, Mr. G. Ashok and Dr. Ali Al-Homood of ASSE Executive Committee presented the speakers with mementos thanking them for their insight and wishing them success in their endeavors.

LIST OF RECENTLY JOINED MEMBERS

ASSE KC Members rose to 109 during the month with recently joined six new members. ASSE KC welcomes these new members to our society.

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Awards Received :

Dr. Tareq Al-Dowaisan, Head of Student Chapter Committee has been awarded CSP from BCSP, USA. He is the second CSP in our Chapter (first one being the TB Ravi, Ex-Secretary).

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