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Newsletter



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**ASSE- pupils HSE week'05
COORDINATORS MEETING at IIS,
Mangaf**



American Society Of Safety Engineers-Kuwait Chapter conducted a coordinator's meeting on 27th Oct'05 from 7:30 am to 8:30 am at Indian International in connection with the ASSE- Pupils HSE Week'05. The meeting was witnessed by 20 teachers from different schools of Kuwait which included ASSE members. The meeting was arranged to discuss the various events that

will be conducted during Pupils HSE Week'05 that has been planned in the mid of Dec'05. The meeting started by 7:40 am with an HSE Talk given by S. Jayakumar, Secretary ASSE-KC on the handling of LPG at kitchen. It was followed by an announcement from Vinita, Head Outreach Committee. She informed the teachers about the list of events that were identified called for a group discussion on the events. Coordinators poured in their thoughts & suggestions on the events. Over all the meeting was very interactive & successful.



HSE TIPS

/ GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING IS KEY TO SAFETY /



House-keeping at one's work place has a very wide scope in as far as it is an important aspect of plant safety and higher productivity. A clean and orderly place with every thing properly arranged and free of unwanted things is not only conducive to a good safety record, but also reflects the image of an efficient management. It is the foundation of a healthy and safe working environment and makes the employees respect their work and the company as a whole.

Slippery floors, inaccessibility to fire and safety equipment; non-availability of proper tools, equipment and valve-keys to handle plant emergencies; loosely hanging objects; projecting parts of machines; nails and tripping over loose objects lying on the floors and other similar situations have caused numerous accidents at the work place. All these are the results of poor house-keeping. To have a high standard of house-keeping, following key points are to be thoroughly examined during the early phase of construction of a plant/facility and regularly practiced thereafter.

- Efficient planning of plant layout, buildings, machinery and equipment.
- Good lighting, ventilation, sanitation, impressive colour and painting schemes.
- Proper drainage, venting, drippings, overflow and sampling facilities.
- Proper storage, bins silos and cupboards so that different products, materials, tools and tackles can be efficiently identified, stored and handled.
- Efficient sequence of operations to avoid bottle-necks. This is of special importance in loading and unloading and machine shop operations.
- Keeping proper inventory control of materials to avoid requirements for excessive storage facilities, waste and congestion.
- Proper up-keep of hanging objects – wires, ropes, lifting and rigging equipment.
- Regular cleaning, sweeping and dusting of working place, tools and equipment and keeping them free of oils and other chemicals which are slippery or otherwise hazardous.
- Proper up-keep of various tools, equipment, fire and safety equipment during their use and storage.
- Proper arrangement and up-keep of electrical equipment, cables and hand tools so that they are not a source of electric shock or tripping hazard.
- Orderly arrangement of furniture, filing cabinets, telephone and other electronic/electrical gadgets in the offices.

Finally, a good house-keeping standard can not be maintained by occasional clean-ups by few plant cleaners or campaigns. It is a continuous and combined function of everybody in the company. Good education and appraisal of the importance of house-keeping to all employees, efficient supervision at the plant/shop level, occasional

inspection of work area by higher management help to achieve a high standard of house-keeping at the work place.

' LEARNING FROM ACCIDENTS '

Accidents costs money, they also cost lives and injuries. Having had an accident, we should see that we learn as much as possible from it and do not waste the experience. Unfortunately, past accidents are soon forgotten and repeated. What can we do to keep this experience fresh in our minds?

Have you heard of the "Black Book"? We are not talking about the police book in which they keep the record of bad characters. Many good companies maintain a black book (or memory book) which is a folder of reports on past accidents kept in each department where it is easily available. It is a compulsory reading for new employees and others involved with it from time to time to refresh their memories. How about maintaining the black book in your department?

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Technical Meet on "HSE Live System" on 28th Nov'05 at Hilton Resort.**
- **Technical Meet on "ISA-IEC STANDARDS" in the first week of Dec'05.**
- **Training Program on OHSAS 18001:1999**
- **ASSE- Pupils HSE Week from 10th – 14th Dec'05.**
- **Training Program exclusively for ASSE-members on 10 Hr OSHAS on 15th & 16th December'05.**

ASSE-KC MEMBER STATUS

Currently ASSE-KC has 172 members.

New Members : 7

Renewals : 3

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