

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 21, 1989

The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr.
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Zech:

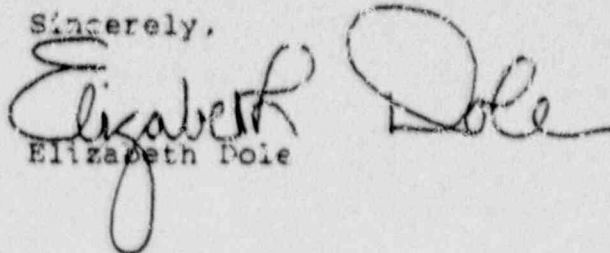
I am pleased to announce that the Forty-fourth Annual Federal Safety and Health Conference will be held, in conjunction with the National Safety Council Congress and Exposition, in Chicago, Illinois, on October 30-31 and November 1. The theme for the Conference is "Creating Innovation Together." A copy of the preliminary program is enclosed for your information.

The Conference provides an excellent forum to present and exchange information on Federal workers' occupational safety and health programs. It also provides an opportunity to share new program initiatives developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to meet the goals established by President Bush.

I would appreciate your authorizing your top and mid-level managers, representatives of employee organizations, and other members of your staff who are directly responsible for implementing your Department's/Agency's safety and health program at headquarters and field installation levels to attend this year's Conference.

If you have any questions regarding the Conference, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. John E. Plummer, Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs, at (202) 523-9329.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Dole

Enclosure

8/17/89

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE

October 30-31, November 1, 1989
Chicago, Illinois

THEME: "CREATING INNOVATION TOGETHER"

Monday
October 30, 1989

Opening Session
Gold Room
Congress Hotel

1:00 PM REGISTRATION

1:30 PM CONFERENCE CONVENES

Presiding:

Thomas J. Shepich
Director
Directorate of Compliance Programs
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

1:45 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Gerard F. Scannell
Designated Assistant Secretary
Occupational Safety and Health
Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

2:15 PM PRESENTATION OF FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Gerard F. Scannell
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U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

2:45 PM CREATING CHANGE IN THE WORKPLACE

Gordon Graham
President
Gordon Graham and Company
Seattle, Washington

3:15 PM ADJOURN

Tuesday
October 31, 1989

Congress Hotel
Gold Room
Second Floor South

TRACK ONE

8:45 AM CONFERENCE RECONVENES

PRESIDING: Fred Drayton
Director of the Office of Safety
and Health
Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Administration and Management
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

9:00 AM Session A:

FUTURE OF SAFETY AND HEALTH IN TOMORROW'S
ENVIRONMENT

A forward looking examination of how the future will impact safety and health program management. This session will focus on futuristic technological advances in information management and industrial processes. A description of the future work force and changes in society's acceptance of risk will also be addressed.

Speaker:

Dr. Gene Stephens
Professor
College of Criminal Justice
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

10:15 AM BREAK

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Session B:

SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ARE BEING SUED

An update of the recent legislation regarding immunization of Federal employees from tort liability: HR 4612 "Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act of 1988." Discussion will address the protection of Federal employees from personal liability stemming from injuries caused by conduct during the course of their employment. Also included is a discussion of a recent case involving a personal negligence lawsuit against supervisors for job performance which resulted in injury.

Speaker:

Lieutenant Commander Bill Shields
Head, Labor and Employment Law Branch
Office of the Judge Advocate General
U.S. Department of the Navy
Alexandria, Virginia

12:00 Noon

LUNCH

1:15 PM

Session C:

STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - IMPLICATIONS FOR LOSS CONTROL

A session on controlling the stress-injury connection. Includes a discussion of specific strategies and methods for reducing stress-related accidents. How to make stress work for and not against an organization and its employees. Also addressed will be keys to training management and supervisory personnel to recognize and adjust organizational stress and to harness it toward greater productivity.

Speaker:

Laura G. Green
Consultant
L.G. Green and Associates
Merrillville, Indiana

2:30 PM BREAK

3:00 PM Session C: (continued)

4:15 PM Session D:
Topic to be announced
Speaker:
To be announced

4:45 PM ADJOURN

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9:00 AM Session E:

THE HUMAN COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

In managing safety and health programs, human communication can be the most important tool in preventing accidents or it can produce catastrophic results. This session examines the impact of human communication on accident prevention efforts and outlines how communication effects individual interaction. Examples of how human communication changed the course of history and the techniques for good listening will also be discussed.

Speaker:

Dr. I. Thomas Sheppard
President
Meridian Management Consultants
San Francisco, California

10:15 AM BREAK

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Session F:

THE BLACK BELT SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

An interactive seminar for safety and health professionals on ways to become resourceful, efficient, and responsive to promoting strategies that reduce injuries, improve productivity, and encourage personal responsibility. This session focuses on practically applied, martial arts strategies and techniques which provide safety and health professionals the power to act under pressure, concentrate to attain goals, create innovation, maintain motivation, and direct conflict to a positive end.

Speaker:

Robert Pater
Director of Training
FallSafe, Incorporated
Portland, Oregon

12:00 Noon

LUNCH

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Session G:

PRACTICAL DIAGNOSIS OF A SICK BUILDING - IS IT ALL HOT AIR?

A look at how the energy conservation methods of the 1970's have had an adverse effect on the building environment: air pollution in our offices. Where do you start when you get a sick building syndrome complaint? In many cases the ventilation system is the culprit, rather than a specific indoor air contaminant. This session will stress practical approaches to investigating and controlling indoor air problems. Discussions will focus on investigation strategies, control methods, and air contaminant sources in the office environment.

Speaker:

Ruth Lantzy
Chief
Environmental Management Division
Office of Environmental Management
and Safety
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

2:30 PM

BREAK

3:00 PM

Session H:

PUTTING THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER

A presentation on events leading up to and after the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Challenger accident. Discussions include NASA's efforts to investigate the accident: reconstructing the event, collecting pertinent data such as witness statements and technical reviews, identifying systemic deficiencies and proposing solutions. Specific investigative techniques used by NASA will be examined.

Speaker:

Charles Mertz
Director of Safety
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration
Washington, D.C.

4:15 PM

SESSION I:

MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

An explanation of the new DOD "life cycle management" directive which seeks to identify the total handling, safety, and disposal costs of hazardous chemicals before acquisition in order to minimize total rather than up front costs. Will include issues involving access to data sheets and labels and a discussion of the costs of chemical related injuries and diseases in the Federal Sector.

Speaker:

George W. Siebert
Director, Safety and Occupational
Health Policy
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.

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Great Hall
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PRESIDING: Caroline Sullivan
Safety and Occupational Health
Specialist
Safety and Health Management
Division
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

9:00 AM Session A:

THE SHOCKING TRUTH ABOUT ELECTRICITY

A session of demonstrations which explain how electricity can harm the human body. The safe use of electricity, electrical equipment, and how to avoid being electrocuted will be discussed. This session will also address electrical hazards in the home as well as in the workplace.

Speaker:

Edward Mendenhall
President
Mendenhall Technical Services
Bloomingdale, Illinois

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MANUAL MATERIALS HANDLING

A presentation on the hazards involved with manual materials handling and how to avoid lifting injuries. This session will focus on specific handling techniques which can be applied to every phase of the Federal workplace. Also included, will be a discussion of back injuries in the occupational environment.

Speaker:

Jack Dobson, Jr.
Manager, Divisional Loss Control
Technical Services
EBI Companies
Brookfield, Wisconsin

2:30 PM BREAK

3:00 PM Session F:

MY OFFICE IS KILLING ME

A session on the hazards in the office environment. Included in this discussion are ways to correct accident causes and techniques in educating personnel on safety and health programs and how they work.

Speaker:

William Wilkinson
Training Instructor
OSHA Training Institute
U.S. Department of Labor
Des Plaines, Illinois

4:15 PM

Session G:

LOW BACK INJURY CONTROL METHODS USED IN THE
MANAGEMENT OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS

A discussion of medical characteristics common to low back injury claimants in the Federal workforce. Included is a brief description of an experimental injury outcome prediction model that could be used to identify those claimants whose injuries are most likely to result in long-term disability. Also included, and intended to be used in conjunction with the prediction model, is the outline of a carefully structured intervention protocol to monitor medical treatment and encourage claimants to return to work.

Speaker:

Dr. Virginia Miller
Medical Director
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

4:45 PM

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