



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Mountain Valley Chapter

Beat the heat at work and at home with these [summer home safety tips!](#)

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## IN THE PRESS

### CHEVRON DEFERENCE

"The Supreme Court recently overturned a 40-year precedent commonly known as the Chevron deference. This ruling will likely affect how OSHA and other federal agencies regulate safety and health. In the 1984 case that set the precedent, the Supreme Court ruled that courts should defer to a federal agency's interpretations of its own statutes as long as they are reasonable and provided Congress hasn't addressed the issue clearly." - ASSP. Read more by clicking [HERE](#) or visit the News and Articles section of [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

August	Summer Break: No Chapter Meeting
August 7-9	ASSP Safety24
Sep 9	September Chapter Meeting
Sep 18-20	Region VI PDC

**REGISTER AT [MOUNTAINVALLEY.ASSP.ORG/EVENT](http://MOUNTAINVALLEY.ASSP.ORG/EVENT)**



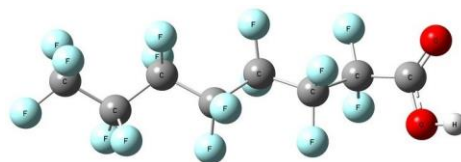
**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2023-2024

# MONTHLY MEETING

## JULY: A TURNING POINT FOR PFAS

**July 8, 2024: 11:30am – 1:00pm**

Lindsay Boone, M.Sc with Pace Analytics packed the house with a presentation on EPA 1633 (PFAS Analytical Method). Covering the pros, and limitations, focusing on elevated total suspended solids (TSS) content and how results can be impacted. Attendees were able to voice industry concerns with current analytical and disposal methods as well as brainstorm upcoming projects with peers.



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

**September 9, 2024: Noon – 1:00pm EST**

**Topic:** Occupational Exposure to Bioaerosols

**Speaker:** Ushang Desai, Ph.D., MPH, CIH, CSP, CHMM

Protecting employees from occupational exposure to bioaerosols is complex and challenging. Exposure to bioaerosols has various significant health effects and impacts on the workforce. However, establishing occupational exposure limits to bioaerosols in the workplace requires scientific deliberations. If there is no occupational exposure limit for bioaerosol exposure in the workplace, how, when, and which OSHA standards apply?

**Address:** Virtual Only

Register at <https://mountainvalley.assp.org/event/>





## UPCOMING EDUCATION

### TAKING CARE OF MY FR/AR CLOTHING: CAN I MESS IT UP?

Date: August 29, 2024, Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Format: Webinar FREE

Credits: 0.10 Continuing Education Units

Register at <https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSPEducationalEventsCalendar>

Sponsored by Bulwark

Receive practical guidance on how to properly care for and maintain flame-resistant (FR) and arc-rated (AR) garments. In this webinar, Bulwark Protection's expert will answer some frequently asked questions and share best practices for maintaining FR/AR clothing.

#### What You Will Learn

- Identify who is responsible for caring for and maintaining FR/AR garments
- Discuss the top 10 actions you can take to maintain FR/AR garments
- Discuss effective ways to manage mosquitoes and ticks
- Provide tips on when you to use an industrial laundry versus home laundering
- Take away practical guidance on explaining how it is difficult to mess up good FR/AR garments

# SAFETY MINUTE

## STUDENT CHAPTER ARTICLE CONTEST

The ASSP has a long-standing history of not only supporting career opportunities for budding professionals in the health and safety industries, but also encouraging the building of foundational skill sets within our young talent base. Technical writing is foundational to the industry, but there is also room in there for the weaving of elegant prose heavy with safety acronyms. In partnership with Liberty University's ASSP Student Chapter we are proud to launch the Mountain Valley 2024 Liberty University Safety Article Contest. Below is a list of rules for entry as well as the fabulous prizes that will be awarded to our four chosen winners. The contest will open on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and close on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The executive committee will then use the judging rubric published to the right of this article to determine the award recipients. Winners will be announced at the October meeting to be announced.



## RULES FOR ENTRY

- Must be a member of the Liberty University ASSP Student Chapter in good standing.
- Must submit the article between August 26<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to Professor Diana Schwerha, PhD.
- Articles must be between 300 and 700 words in length.
- Must be the writer's original ethically created work.
- Article topics must be professional and related to the EHS field.

## PRIZES

Each of the four winners chosen will receive \$250.00 and their article will be published in an upcoming newsletter as well as featured on our LinkedIn page!



## SCORING RUBRIC

Category	Point Scale
<b>Organization:</b> Points awarded for well-structured topic sentences and controlled organization.	1 to 5
<b>Style:</b> Points awarded for planned organization and absence of stiffness.	1 to 5
<b>Content:</b> Points awarded for sophisticated content with well-developed ideas.	1 to 5
<b>Conventions:</b> Points awarded for grammar, spelling, and punctuation.	1 to 5
<b>Presentation:</b> Assessment of overall formatting and visual appeal.	1 to 5
<b>Maximum Points Possible</b>	25



# OSHA UPDATE

## HEAT INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION

“OSHA is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings. This is a significant step toward a federal heat standard to protect workers. The proposed standard would apply to all employers conducting outdoor and indoor work in all general industry, construction, maritime, and agriculture sectors where OSHA has jurisdiction. The standard would require employers to create a plan to evaluate and control heat hazards in their workplace. It would clarify employer obligations and the steps necessary to effectively protect employees from hazardous heat. The ultimate goal is to prevent and reduce the number of occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities caused by exposure to hazardous heat.” - OSHA

Read more at <https://www.osha.gov/heat-exposure/rulemaking>



## 2024 REGION VI PDC

### REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024 PDC IS NOW OPEN!

Join us in beautiful Virginia Beach, Virginia for our [2024 ASSP Region VI PDC](#)! The “Biggest Little PDC” around is moving from its long time host in Myrtle Beach to Virginia for next year.

Are you passionate about Safety and Health? Are you an experienced and dynamic speaker who can help SH&E professionals develop skills, strategies, and a mindset that enhances safety and health? If so, we invite you to submit a speaking proposal. Speakers should be able to inspire, entertain, engage, and educate our attendees through interactive presentations or workshop that provide PRACTICAL takeaways.

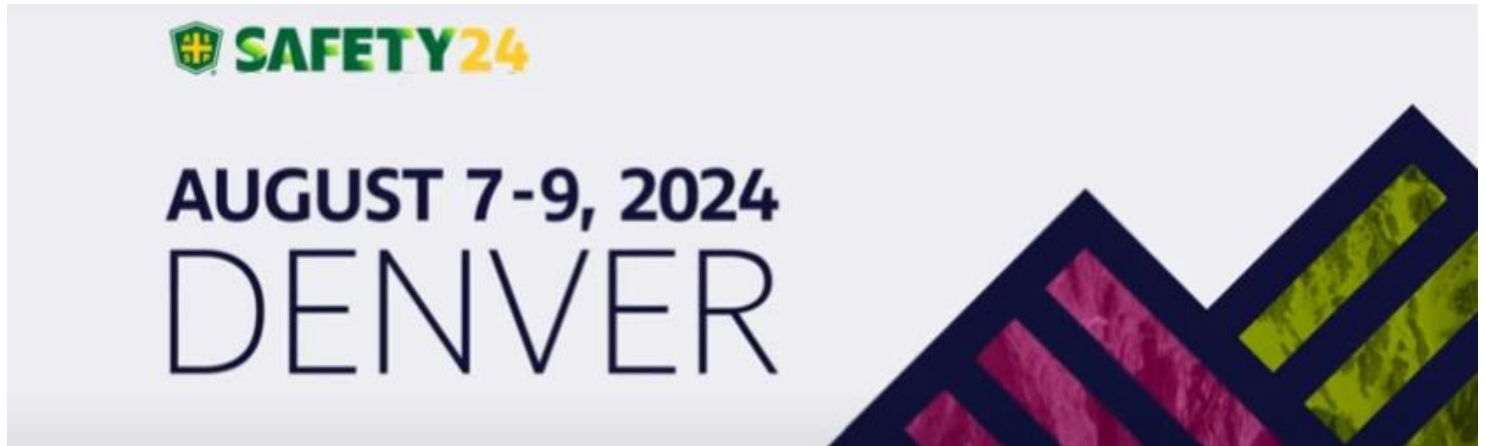
This Annual Conference provides one of the most sought after events in the region for attendees to learn the profession’s best practices focusing on Safety, Health, Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Issues. The Conference is attended by over 350+ attendees annually and features an Exhibit Hall of over 35+ Sponsors and Exhibitors. The three day event features 3 keynote speakers, 30 breakout sessions with 3 concurrent tracks.

If you’re ready to join our conference as a speaker, submit your proposal before 1/31/24. Contact Amy Wangdahl at [asspregionvipprograms@gmail.com](mailto:asspregionvipprograms@gmail.com) for questions or submission issues.



# SAFETY24

ASSP'S PREMIER EDUCATION EVENT FOR SAFETY PROFESSIONALS



For more than 60 years, the ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC) has been and will continue to be the direct reflection of what is taking place in the occupational, safety and health industry. Each year, safety professionals gather to learn from both experts in the field and each other. The conference is a tradition for many, but the community is always ready to welcome those who are new to the experience. Now known as Safety Conference and Expo, the annual event presents an unparalleled opportunity for education, networking and community.

- Who? Occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals from around the globe
- What? Three days of education sessions and an industry-leading, education-focused exhibit hall
- Where? Each year, we select a new location. See below for past and future locations.
- When? Traditionally the event is held in the summer months.
- Why? To bring innovation, education and connection to the safety profession, with the goal improving workplace safety

