

Participating in Professional Development, Networking and Mentoring Opportunities



Next Meeting Info

DSS MEETINGS: cost of \$25 per person (includes meal)

DSS Board Meeting: 9/21/2006

6:30 – 8PM Mike Anderson's Restaurant (Gonzales, LA)

DSS Meeting: 10/19/2006

6 – 8 PM. Mike Anderson's Restaurant (Gonzales, LA)

Speaker: Company Representative
Kean Miller Law Firm

Topic: Responding to Incidents: A Practical Guide to Defending Lawsuits

2006 DSS SPONSORED DISTANCE LEARNING / TELEWEB DATES: cost of \$15 member & \$40 nonmember.

9/27/2006: Monsanto Company

Topic: Respirator Protection and Selection for the Occupational Environmental Health and Safety Professional, Part 1 of the Respiratory Protection Series.

2006: *Live* at Monsanto (Luling)
2006: *Taped* at Baton Rouge

Points available for either live or taped with confirmed attendance and quiz submitted to AIHA with fee.



Highlights of Recent DSS Meetings

5/11/2006: Mold, Mildew and Mud

Wynn L. White discussed the differences between corrective (traditional) and preventive approaches to the control/prevention of indoor mold growth. He introduced several building designs and engineering controls that improve indoor air quality.

8/17/2006: Noise Exposure Assessment: Medical & Industrial Perspectives

Dr. Seidemann discussed the debate and significance of a 10dBA shift in audiograms. He outlined steps to use during follow-up of employees who have standard threshold shifts, including the determination of work-related exposures to noise. Lastly, Dr. Seidemann presented results of Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) testing on earplugs and earmuffs, and discussed the effectiveness of the ratings.

Andry Nowosiwsky presented an overview of the Hearing Conservation Program in use at his company. He presented the differences in expected noise attenuation (given by the NRR) and the actual noise attenuation. Andry discussed the reasons that employees do not wear hearing protection 100% of their work shifts,

including discomfort and reduced ability to communicate with others.



Resource Info

LA State Licensing Board for Contractors

<http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov>



DSS News!

The DSS Scholarship Committee has selected a candidate to receive an award! The award will be presented at the October 19, 2006 meeting. Detailed information will be provided via our section's mailing list.

We are planning the 2007 meeting/presentation schedule. Please recommend speakers and topics to present at our meetings.



DSS Membership Statistics

Breakdown of Membership:

Professional Members:	31
Student Members:	1

Professional Membership Distribution:

15	Industry	(48%)
10	Consultants	(32%)
1	Government	(3%)
3	Academia	(10%)
2	Manufacturer/ Vendor Reps	(7%)



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