Dear Colleague:

Please join me at the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Conference on October 27-28 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

With over one million Pennsylvanians working in environments that promote safety through state-certified workplace safety committees, it is evident that we are making great strides in raising awareness and developing activities to reduce workplace injuries and illness.

Motivational speaker Randy Snow will deliver the keynote address on Monday, October 27. He will share how he overcame a farming accident to become the only paralympian inducted in the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame. His powerful message addressing the fallout from job-related injuries illustrates the price of unsafe behaviors.

On October 28, Joseph Sbaffoni, director of the Bureau of Mine Safety at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, will share details about the rescue efforts to save nine miners trapped underground in the Quecreek Mine in 2002. As an on-site member of the rescue team, he will convey his first-hand experience on the importance of teamwork.

Providing a safe work environment requires complete commitment by employers and employees. During the conference, we will recognize employers who demonstrated the success of labor and management cooperation in reducing workplace injuries and achieving a high standard of safety by presenting them with the 2008 Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence.

Excellence in workplace safety is beneficial to every employer and worker. Nearly 1,000 members of the health and safety community participate in this event each year, and you are encouraged to be a part of that number this year. I look forward to seeing you in October.
Conference Information

Fee
Conference registration is $150 per person up to and including September 19, 2008 or $170 per person beginning September 20, 2008. The fee includes lunch on Monday and Tuesday, the reception on Monday evening and unlimited access to the exhibit hall. The registration fee is non-refundable. VISA, Mastercard and Discover are accepted via the GOSH Web site only at www.pasafetyconference.org. Credit cards WILL NOT be accepted at the door. All other registration payments must be made by check, payable to Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference, and sent with this registration form.

Walk-In Registration
Please be advised that walk-in registrations will not be accepted without contemporaneous payment. Credit cards are NOT accepted. So we can make proper accommodations, we request that you pre-register for the conference.

Lodging
Reservations for overnight accommodations at the Hershey Lodge must be made by contacting the Lodge at: 717-533-3311 or 1-800-437-7439. When making your reservations, advise the Lodge that you are attending the “Safety Conference” to get the conference room rate of $143 single/$150 double, plus tax.

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
West Chocolate Avenue & University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033
717-533-3311

Reservations: www.hersheypa.com/accommodations/hershey_lodge/
Directions: www.hersheypa.com/hershey_meetings/pdf/directions.pdf

Credits
Preferred Systems, Inc. will be providing various continuing education credits for the conference. For more information and to register for credits, contact:

Preferred Systems, Inc.: www.preferrededucation.com

Exhibits
Exhibitors will be in the White and Blue Rooms to display their products and services. To register as an exhibitor, see the exhibit registration information on page 6.

Questions/Special Accommodations
If you require an accommodation due to a disability, have a special dietary needs request or have any questions, please call the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Helpline:

- toll free inside PA .......... 800-482-2383
- local and outside PA .... 717-772-4447
- only people with hearing loss
toll free inside PA ...... TTY 800-362-4228
local and outside PA . TTY 717-772-4991

To Register:
Provide the information requested below (you may attach a business card). One registration per form; please make copies as needed.

Name ____________________________
Company __________________________
Address ____________________________
City, State, Zip ____________________________
Phone ____________________________
Fax ____________________________
E-mail ____________________________

Please check your affiliation:
- Construction
- Insurance Industry
- Education
- Legal
- Employer
- Manufacturing
- Government
- Service Sector
- Health & Safety
- Third-Party Administrator
- Health Care Industry
- Other

Number of years attending the Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference: _________

Mail your check or money order, payable to the Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference, and this completed form by October 20, 2008, to:

Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Conference
1171 S. Cameron St., Room 324-A
Harrisburg, PA 17104-2501

Stop by the registration desk upon arrival to the conference to receive your brochure and name tag. Representatives will be on hand in the Lodge fireplace lobby on Sunday, October 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and again Monday, October 27, in the Great American Lobby beginning at 7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. .......................................................................................................................................................................... Welcome

9:00 a.m. ............................................................................................................................................................................ Keynote

Safety - A Wake-Up Call!
Citing arrogance, outside distractions, complacency and lack of courage, Randy Snow, President, NoXQs, Inc., addresses the fallout from most job-related injuries. Randy’s story of his own unforgettable accident along with his blend of humor and audience participation impacts at every level. “Safety – A Wake-Up Call!” is powerful, inspiring and lasting. Captivated employees and managers will ultimately understand the price for unsafe behaviors.

10:00 a.m. ............................................................................................................................................. Beverage Break/Exhibits

10:30 a.m. ................................................................................................................................................................... Workshops

1 - Labor & Management Cooperation For a Safer Work Environment
Hear from representatives of a labor/management safety committee with 28 years in operation. The presenters’ combined 54 years of safety pitfalls and successes are a testament to how safety success can only be achieved when all parties work as a team and when both production and management are represented.

2 - Tree Felling, Limbing and Bucking: Precautions for Worker Safety
This workshop is a must for anyone who works with or supervises persons who need to fell, limb and/or buck trees as part of their work assignments. Topics include hazard analysis, work planning, chainsaw handling techniques and the use of appropriate small tools. The information provided will help to minimize the risk of accident or injury to self, co-workers and others in the work area.

3 - Confined Space Safety and Compliance
This workshop will provide an overview of the OSHA general industry confined space standard as well as an update on OSHA’s construction confined space standard. Discussion will also include ANSI Z117 safety requirements for confined spaces. Compliance issues and practical guidelines for keeping workers safe in confined spaces will be presented along with a question and answer period.

4 - Common Workplace MSD’s Demystified
This workshop will provide you with a more thorough understanding of the most common musculoskeletal disorders (MSD). Discussion will include definitions, basic anatomy, causes, therapy interventions and guidance on how your workplace can prevent these disorders.

5 - “Seeing” the Value of Protecting Your Eyes (and Face)
Complying with requirements to protect your eyes and face is an ongoing task. Learn about common errors your company could be making in meeting compliance requirements. Hear from a medical professional who will review the evaluation and treatment of commonly occurring occupational eye injuries.

6 - Public Sector: Hazard Communication in the Public Sector
This workshop will provide an overview of the compliance requirements under the PA Worker and Community Right to Know Act for the public sector. Resources will be identified for managing hazard information electronically, including a demonstration of the Department of Labor & Industry’s Online Hazardous Substance Survey Form. Speakers will provide tips on how to make sure your workplace is ready for a compliance inspection, including information about services available from the Bureau of PENNSAFE.

7 - Construction: Excavation Hazards & Safety Measures
Excavation safety is often overlooked. This presentation will review the hazards encountered when working in excavations and OSHA's requirements to protect the workforce from those hazards. Discussion will include the need to have a trained, competent person to classify the soil type and determine the best control for the particular hazards encountered on the worksite. Possible controls may include using allowable sloping/benching techniques and/or using shield systems.

12:00 p.m. ................................................................. Luncheon & Governor’s Award for Safety Excellence
1:45 p.m. ................................................................. Workshops

1 - Labor & Management Cooperation For a Safer Work Environment (Repeat)

2 - Tree Felling, Limbing and Bucking: Precautions for Worker Safety (Repeat)

3 - Confined Space Safety and Compliance (Repeat)

4 - Common Workplace MSD's Demystified (Repeat)

5 - “Seeing” the Value of Protecting Your Eyes (and Face) (Repeat)

6 - Public Sector: Bloodborne Pathogen Issues for Public Sector Employees
   This workshop will educate you on how to minimize the risk to employees of contracting an occupational disease and
   how you can run an effective bloodborne pathogens program. Discussion will focus on public sector employees and will
   include a review of information on topics such as exposure control, training, and exposure incident response as well as
   methods of assessing risk and how to protect yourself while delivering first aid.

7 - Construction: Fall Hazards at Construction Sites
   For many years, fall hazards have been the leading cause of serious injuries and fatal accidents at construction sites
   throughout the United States. A senior safety specialist with OSHA will discuss the most common fall hazards and review
   relevant OSHA standards. This workshop will offer informal, open discussion of construction site fall issues and questions.

3:15 p.m. ................................................. Beverage Break/Exhibits

3:45 p.m. ................................................. General Session

The Greening of Occupational Safety and Health: Timely Lessons From a Late, Great Labor Leader

It is often forgotten that the modern occupational safety movement had deep roots in the environmental movement as
conceptualized by Tony Mazzocchi (1926-2002), a leader of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union. Is there anything
we can learn from our origins that is relevant today? We’ll explore the early connections to environmentalism and why it still
matters, especially concerning new ideas like “green chemistry.” We’ll also look into a Mazzocchi idea of worker-empowerment
that has been transformed into behavior modification programs and why we should consider going back to the original
notion. Finally, we’ll look at how we might connect health and safety and carbon emissions reduction to the coming new era
of “green jobs.” This is a golden opportunity for labor, management and government to come together to pursue new
research, development and production of “green chemistry” products. The future of many jobs, industries and our health and
safety may depend on how wisely we pursue this new opportunity.

5:00 p.m. ................................................. Vendor Exhibits

5:30 p.m. .......................................................... Reception

Monday, October 27 - Agenda

9:00 a.m. ........................................................... Keynote

The Quecreek Mine Rescue

On July 24, 2002, the Quecreek Mine in Western Pennsylvania breached a neighboring mine and was inundated with water.
Some miners were able to escape to safety, but nine others were trapped underground in the mine. For over three days, the
entire nation watched in agony and hope as many people labored against time to reach the miners and to bring all of them to
the surface alive and well. Joseph Sbaffoni of the PA Department of Environmental Protection was an on-site member of the
rescue team and will discuss the rescue effort and the importance that teamwork played in a successful outcome.

9:00 a.m. .................................................. Beverage Break/Exhibits

9:15 a.m. .................................................. Workshops

1 - NFPA 70E: Arc Flash Hazards and Controls

This workshop will provide an overview of NFPA 70E. Discussion will include common hazards encountered when
working around and on energized equipment, complying with standards, PPE, lockout/tagout and hazard assessment.
2 - PA Workplace Safety Committee Certification Program: Making Sense and Cents
Discover what it takes to be certifiably safe! Join this informal panel discussion with industry experts and company executives who will share past and current experiences, ideas and success stories. Panelists will include a manager from the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation who will explain how to reduce workers’ compensation premiums by 5 percent; a risk management manager for Eastern Alliance Insurance Group who will share the most frequent claims they see; a successful restaurateur who will describe how his safety initiatives reduced his annual insurance premiums by more than 50 percent; and, the safety and training specialist for Dick’s Sporting Goods will share how he changed the safety culture of his company’s 600,000+ square foot distribution center through his PA certified workplace safety committee.

3 - Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus: An Occupational Physician’s Perspective
This workshop will explore the causes, geographic distribution, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis and prevention of Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus. Hear from an occupational medicine physician who examines and treats workers employed in a variety of outdoor occupations whose jobs put them at high risk for contracting both conditions. Discussion will include controversies concerning Lyme Disease diagnosis and treatment.

4 - Near Misses - Lost Opportunities
Have you ever experienced frustration from learning that the same circumstances of an accident or injury had previously gone unreported because no one had been hurt or injured? These “near misses” become a blind spot in planning strategies for workplace injury and illness prevention. This workshop will discuss why near misses go unreported, how to get employees and managers to report near misses, and how to use this information effectively.

5 - Vehicles and You: Pedestrian Safety Awareness
This workshop will assist the audience in understanding the importance of implementing a pedestrian safety program at their worksites. Each year, thousands of injuries and fatalities occur as a result of employees being struck by material handling equipment and other motorized vehicles. This workshop will address various situations that affect vehicles, pedestrians, and the hazards they encounter. Discussion will include facets in industry, construction, agriculture, vehicular traffic, and OSHA policies and statistics.

10:45 a.m. .............................................................................................................................................. Beverage Break/Exhibits
11:00 a.m. ..................................................................................................................................... Morning Workshops Repeated
12:30 p.m. ....................................................................................................................................................................... Luncheon
1:30 p.m. ............................................................................................................................................................................. Adjourn

Preferred Systems has approved this conference for the continuing education credits listed below. For cost information and to download a registration form, please visit the Preferred Systems Web site at: www.preferrededucation.com.
**Sponsorship Information**

**Gold Package $3500 Donation**
- Ten tickets for admission to the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference
- A full page (4.5” w x 7.5” h) gold advertisement in the conference program used by participants throughout the conference.
- Public announcement at the conference of your gold sponsorship and support of workplace safety.
- Recognition throughout the conference by a publicly placed placard identifying gold conference sponsors with organizational logo, if available.

**Silver Package $1250 Donation**
- Three tickets for admission to the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference
- A full page (4.5” w x 7.5” h) silver advertisement in the conference program used by participants throughout the conference.
- Public announcement at the conference of your silver sponsorship and support of workplace safety.
- Recognition throughout the conference by a publicly placed placard identifying silver conference sponsors with organizational logo, if available.

**Bronze Package $600 Donation**
- Two tickets for admission to the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference
- A half page (4.5”w x 3.75”h) bronze advertisement in the conference program used by participants throughout the conference.
- Recognition at the reception and coffee breaks by a publicly placed placard identifying bronze conference sponsors.

**Honorary Supporter $300 Donation**
- One ticket for admission to the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference
- Recognition in the conference program used by participants throughout the conference identifying your company as a conference sponsor.

Mail your check, payable to the Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference, and this completed form by September 19, 2008, to:

Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Conference  
Attn: Sponsorship Registration  
1171 S. Cameron St., Room 324-A  
Harrisburg, PA 17104-2501

A high-resolution PDF advertisement, in the appropriate size, and logo must be submitted (either via CD or sent as an E-mail attachment to kdupin@state.pa.us) BEFORE September 19, 2008. Advertisements received after September 19 will be returned and will not be included in the program book.

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**To Register:**
Provide the information requested below.

Organization __________________________
Contact Name ________________________
Address ______________________________
City, State, Zip ________________________
Phone ________________________________
Fax _________________________________
E-mail ______________________________

Yes! I want to support the Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference. Enclosed is my check for:

☐ $3500 Gold Sponsor
☐ $1250 Silver Sponsor
☐ $600 Bronze Sponsor
☐ $300 Honorary Sponsor

Attendees (as sponsorship package permits)

Name _______________________________
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An exhibit at the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference is an ideal way to market your products or services to Pennsylvania’s occupational safety and health representatives. Nearly 1,000 representatives from across the commonwealth attended this event last year including managers, union officials, educators and government officials.

Exhibit Fee
The registration fee is $500. Exhibit registrations are due no later than September 19, 2008. Upon receipt of your completed exhibit registration form and fee, you will receive a confirmation letter and an information packet. A copy of the floor plan and your booth assignment will also be sent prior to the event. Registration includes:

- conference registration fee for two people
- meals and breaks as indicated on the agenda
- one 8 x 10-foot exhibit space, draped side rails, back drop
- two chairs
- one name sign (7 inches x 42 inches)
- 24-hour roaming security provided by the Hershey Lodge Security Staff
- electrical service up to 10 amps; 110 volts available upon request

Exhibits
2008 GOSH Conference

Yes! We want to reserve an exhibit booth at the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference!

To Register:
Provide the information requested below. Provide company name as you would like it to appear on the name sign, which is limited to two lines.

Company Name ____________________________
Contact Name ______________________________
Address ___________________________________
City, State, Zip ______________________________
Phone _____________________________________
Fax _________________________________________
E-mail ______________________________________

Electrical Requirements:
Check the appropriate box. Electric will ONLY be supplied if requested.

☐ Electrical service up to 10 amps 110 volts
☐ Additional electric service required. The appropriate form and additional fees required will be mailed to you upon receipt of this form.

Attendees (only 2 per booth):
#1 Name ___________________________________
#1 Company __________________________________
#2 Name ___________________________________
#2 Company __________________________________

I am enclosing a non-refundable fee of $500.
This reservation form is executed by the undersigned as an authorized representative of the above named company.
Signed ____________________________ Date ____________
Print Name ___________________________________

Please provide a brief description of what you would like to say about your business/product in the “Exhibitor” section of the conference program book:
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Mail your check, payable to the Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference, and this completed form by September 19, 2008, to:
Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Conference
Attn: Rhonda Swab
PO Box 68571
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8571

Set Up
Sunday, October 26th from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Monday, October 27th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Tear Down
Tuesday, October 28th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For additional exhibit information, contact Rhonda Swab at 717-783-8114.
Advertisements

To place an advertisement in the conference brochure, a high-resolution PDF ad must be submitted (either via CD or sent as an E-mail attachment) to Kathleen Dupin (kdupin@state.pa.us) BEFORE September, 19, 2008. Please mail this form, your advertisement and check, made payable to Governor’s Occupational Safety and Health Conference, to:

Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Conference
Attn: Kathleen Dupin
1171 S. Cameron St., Room 324-A
Harrisburg, PA  17104-2501

YES! Please place my advertisement in the 2008 Governor’s Occupational Safety & Health Conference brochure!

Full Page ............................................. 4.5” w x 7.5” h ..........$150........... □
Half Page ........................................... 4.5” w x 3.75”h ........ $100.......... □
One-Third Page ................................. 4.5” w x 1.78” h .......... $75 ............ □
Double Truck (Two Full Pages) .............. 10” w x 7.5” h ..........$250 .......... □

Check One: □ Enclosed □ Will be submitted electronically by 9/19/08

Company: ________________________________
Contact Name: ___________________________
Street Address: __________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________________
Business Phone: ________________________ E-mail: __________________
My ad is: □ Enclosed □ Will be submitted electronically by 9/19/08