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Wow...how did it get to be October already?! Depending on your stage in life, once again enjoying being an empty nester with kids returning to college, dealing with school zones and teachers, or maybe just settling in for a more standard routine...Autumn is upon us. As we move into Fall, we are working to get a full slate of speakers for our Monthly Technical Meetings and would like to get some "Save the Dates" on the ASSP Calendar for upcoming NM Technical Meetings held in conjunction with our "Sister" Organizations NM Alliance of Safety Professionals (ASP) & NM System Safety Society (SSS). We will be targeting monthly Technical Meetings for the second Thursday of each month on a rotating time/location schedule, (e.g., breakfast, lunch, happy hour, Zoom).

Our September Technical Speaker, Dr. Kerry-Ann Stirrup PhD, provided a lively conversation and "An Unauthorized Review of Explosives Safety in Academia," at a new venue — The 377 Brewery. As with any new venue, there were a handful of hiccups, but with Dr. Stirrup's savvy speaking skills and added dose of humor, everyone was in good spirits and happy to get some extra time to catch up.

Dr. Stirrup received her PhD in Materials Engineering from Purdue University in 2023 where she worked as a research assistant in the Purdue Energetics Research Center and served as a member of the Materials Safety Committee. She is currently a postdoc in the Explosives Technology Group at Sandia National Laboratories.

My favorite parts of the talk were personal stories and the examples of "solutions to common problems" [which would be horrifying to a safety professional] from Purdue School of Engineering students in response to challenges encountered in a University Laboratory. I also enjoyed the discussion on historical accidents in academia and interviews from Graduate Student [Laboratory] Safety Committee Representative peers and their similar experiences.

Monthly Technical Meetings

We are going back to our pre-COVID approach to technical meetings and will have a rotating versus standing location. Meetings will continue to occur on the second Thursday of the month but alternate between breakfast, lunch, happy hour times & locations, with remote options (Zoom) as applicable. Stay tuned for time/location details on the website, in the newsletter, and

through ASSP communications.

Tentative Technical Meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 ASSP year is as follows:

- ◆ October 10, 2024 @ 11am -12pm MT (Zoom) — Speakers Kelsey Forde (CIH CSH CHMMP) & Timothy Stirrup (CSP CHMM REM), will hold a discussion related to the new Safety "buzz words" Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ◆ November 14, 2024 — TBD
- ◆ December 12, 2024 — TBD
- ◆ January 9, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ February 13, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ March 13, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ April 10, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ May — Tentative PDC
- ◆ June 12, 2025 — TBD

As always, we are looking for technical speakers for our meetings and appreciate ideas and leads. Please reach out to Jessica Bolduc with inquiries at jbolduc@sandia.gov.

Planning for the 2025 Professional Development Conference (PDC) is in full effect. If you would like to participate on the planning committee, volunteer, or present, please get in touch with Selina Santiago at spsanti@sandia.gov.

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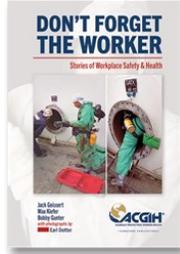
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Book Recommendation for OEHS Students & Professionals by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE):

Filled with Captivating Stories, Useful to Health and Safety Workers.

Don't Forget the Worker: Stories of Workplace Safety & Health (DFTW) uses 125 years of combined experience from authors with an occupational and environmental health and safety background. It's filled with a unique collection of case studies that can be utilized to help students develop critical thinking skills.

All case histories and related stories are from professional work performed by the authors and are intended to provide insight on expected and unexpected situations that can occur in the professional practice of industrial hygiene and safety,

how these situations were dealt with, the rationale used for decision-making, and subsequent outcomes (successful, partially successful, or unsuccessful). The book also highlights the diversity of issues, investigations, and work environments that the industrial hygienist encounters, which make the profession so captivating.

VIEW PREVIEW — This selected content includes both industrial hygiene and safety stories and lessons learned. Also included are beautifully depicted photos of occupational workers created by well-known photographer Earl Dotter, who is famous for his details of capturing the emotions of occupational health and safety workers.

The authors' hope is that you

find *Don't Forget the Worker* to be a captivating resource that will lean students towards a fulfilling career in industrial hygiene. The hope, too, is that both OEHS students and professionals will benefit from the experiences, and that these stories will help those new to the field of occupational safety and health better prepare for the unexpected, deal with similar situations, and ensure a successful outcome.

You can order your copy at the following link:

<https://portal.acgih.org/s/store#/store/browse/detail/a158a00000ACTpCAAX>

Subscriber Price: \$52
Non-Subscriber Price: \$65

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