

The ASSE



Still Livin' the Dream



Savory Safety Events!

Chicagoland
Feb 17-19, 2009
Chicagoland Safety
Conference at the
convention center
in Rosemont, IL.

Duluth AGC
Feb 10, 2009
Association of
General Contractors
Safety Day in
Duluth, MN

T.C. AGC
March 5, 2009
Association of
General Contractors
Safety Day in
Minneapolis, MN



MN Power & A day in the life of Wade Roseth

Fit Testing
and Heat Stress



The MEHS class had a great experience of practicing industrial hygiene techniques at the Hibbard Steam Plant in Duluth, MN. We had experience with qualitative respirator fit testing. We had the opportunity to try on different types of respiration devices. Heat stress monitoring was performed in various areas at Hibbard. We found one area that would require OSHA standards to apply. We used the heat stress measurements to practice writing field reports to present to upper management. Upon the completion of the heat stress field measurements, Wade treated the students who stayed to do testing to a Chinese lunch buffet.

Thanks for the hospitality Wade.
Written by Devin Boushek & Josh Hamre





A Special Thanks to Bob

Bob Pratt was kind enough to demo some monitoring devices to the industrial hygiene class. During this session, students were taught how to properly calibrate different devices, application of each instrument, and the recording process for monitoring/data collection. This opportunity provided students with the opportunity to look at different models and styles of current market gas monitors that we will be using in our future careers. Special Thanks to Bob!!!

Written By:

Dave Sletten & Devin Boushek



Boots O' Beer & SESHA



The 2008 SESA conference was held at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. A group of UMD students traveled down for a conference to learn about the semi-conductor industry. The first night was a meet-and-greet with the University of Wisconsin-Stout students and professors. The faculty and students hosted the UMD guests to a pizza party, followed by a tour of the local establishments in the town of Menomonie. Several speakers presented information about this industry and the ongoing safety measures that are being taken. The information that we learned will be applied to our future in the field of safety. We would also like to thank the UW-Stout safety program for hosting this conference. Menomonie

Written by Dave Slettten and
Jared Anderson



Receiving the 411 on the Semiconductor Industry



Linda Thiry: Providing everything you ever wanted to know about Asbestos...And More!

During the month of October Linda Thiry of Arrowhead Consulting & Testing, Incorporated paid a visit to the MEHS class of 2009. Linda is a board-approved analyst listed through the Asbestos Analysts Registry (AAR) and an active member of the local community.⁽¹⁾ She provided the MEHS students with an informal presentation on asbestos using visuals, field equipment, and microscopic examples. Although her presentation was intended to be a quick informal discussion, it turned into a nearly one and a half hour question and answer session with a great deal of information learned by the class. This was an outstanding experience for the MEHS students, and we look forward to more visits from our new found friend Linda Thiry!

(1) <http://www.aiha.org/1documents/lab/AARAnalysts.pdf>



The UMD MEHS students are currently seeking Internship opportunities in the MEHS field. If you or your organization is interested in hiring an intern at your facility, please let us know!

Contact Pat Wollack at (218) 726-8117
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Yes, Pat is still the only reason any one can ever get anything done around here!