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Breakout Session Snapshot

How to Be the Best EHS Contact, Florine Vincik, BASF North America

Today, it's especially hard to be the best EHS contact for a chemical company. Maintaining enough knowledge in environmental, health, occupational and process safety is a daunting job profile. Enough knowledge in all areas of EHS requires disciplined learning and cautious responses versus reactive responses.

Building a network of EHS professionals and links to regulatory databases and tools aides with efficiency. After 32 years in the chemical industry, it's time to share with you my experiences leading to becoming an EHS professional with a working knowledge of environmental, safety and industrial hygiene.

Luck is Not a Safety Strategy, Dave Sowers, Knowledge Vine LLC

Luck is not a safety strategy. However, if you take a hard look at how work is getting done, you'd be surprised at how much we rely on luck. If our work processes allow for people to decide "this is good enough," then we aren't getting optimal performance; we're getting lucky.

Managing Your Contractors, Jimmy Schwing, Absolute Safety Consulting

Managing your contractors is essential to your success. Whether you are an operator or a contractor, the process you have in place to manage and procure the best contractor is mandatory. As a former contractor safety manager for Shell, with over 300 contractors, I wanted to share my own process derived from my experiences.

Be prepared to receive information to guide you in the 9 essential areas for a successful contractor safety management process - beginning with effective safety leadership to ensure your process is working using a robust audit/assessment process. We will wrap up with an outline of how to measure contractors with a unique branding process that enables decisions to be made with evergreen information that is 100-percent accurate.

Pre-Accident Investigations: An Introduction to Organizational Safety, Brian Haymon, Loadstar

We normally measure safety in terms of accidents: the fewer the better. But how often do organizations with very good safety records suffer a catastrophic incident? Perhaps a better way to understand safety is not by the absence of accidents but by asking this question: What is the organization's capacity for an accident to occur?

Workers often get blamed, but they don't cause accidents. Instead, they trigger latent conditions that lie dormant in our organizations, waiting for a specific moment in time. In this presentation, we'll focus on how organizations can look more deeply within themselves to reduce incident capacity, stop blaming workers when things go wrong and instead harness workers as the means to drive solutions.

Who Turned the Heat On?, Tim Crockett, Lobdell Volunteer Fire Department

The heat is on! Taking 30 years of emergency medical experience gained through industry and fire department services to discuss a topic that is not talked about in our daily work force enough: heat emergencies.

Heat emergencies can present considerable life altering situations. Heat-related emergencies present with cramps and can quickly progress into a stroke complex. Do we really understand our body mechanics? Not understanding how the human body works could be putting our coworkers at risk. The complexities of heat emergencies can cause life altering changes.

Individuals must understand that safety is not only about wearing proper PPE but understanding that the same PPE that's used to protect us can be causing other health complications if it goes unchecked.