



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

**February 2006**

### DIARY DATES

\* March 2

Technical Seminar

Queensland

\* March 21

Risk Assessment

\* May 24

Seminar Topic TBA

\* 25 & 26 May

HAZMAT

Conference

Melbourne

\* August 3

Annual General

Meeting PLUS

Seminar Topic TBA

\* September 15

Annual Conference

### **Queensland**

Our Member, Peta Lywood, is still working hard to establish AIDGC in Queensland. She has organized a Technical Seminar for March 2 in Brisbane and the board has agreed to fund this initial meeting. All Members should have received a program and invitation to attend. Thank you again Peta for all your hard work!

### **Members Only Page on AIDGC Website**

Don't forget to check into this site regularly. Tony Gardiner and Sean Page are currently working on developing a Members' Resources area that will hold templates to make your working life easier and the AIDGC logos for *full Members' only* business stationery.

For those who have forgotten how to access this area, your surname in lower case and your postcode as password.

### **Cause of Crude Oil Tank Explosion Investigated**

February 15, 2006 (California)

Fire investigators Tuesday continued to look for the cause of a crude-oil tank explosion that could be heard for miles and a fire that left one worker with second-degree burns.

Three workers were at the Anterra Energy Services at 1933 E. Wooley Road, Oxnard, about 11 p.m. Monday when the 49,000-gallon capacity tank exploded and burst into flames, said Joe Luna, spokesman for the Ventura County Fire Department. The explosion blew the lid off the tank, landing 100 feet away in a strawberry field. Company officials could not be reached for comment.

Anterra Energy deals in hazardous materials, industrial waste and recycling and scrap and waste materials.

One unidentified 22-year-old male worker received second-degree burns and cuts on his head. He was taken to the Grossman Burn Center in Sherman Oaks.

Firefighters from Ventura city and county and Oxnard contained the blaze in an hour.

The California Highway Patrol and the Oxnard Police Department closed East Wooley between South Rose Avenue and South Rice Avenue until 2 a.m., Luna said.

Congratulations!

To our new  
Associate Member

Paul McEwan

Koppers Australia

## Corporate Members

Our Corporate  
Members provide a  
range of products  
and services to the  
Dangerous Goods  
Industry. Their  
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Joseph A. Garcia / Star staff

A crude-oil storage tank facility off Wooley Road burns as firefighters from Oxnard City and Ventura County fire departments work to extinguish the fire late Monday night

URL: [http://www.venturacountystar.com/vcs/ox/article/0,1375,VCS\\_238\\_4468682,00.html](http://www.venturacountystar.com/vcs/ox/article/0,1375,VCS_238_4468682,00.html)

## Fire Safety at Home

Community Risk Management Fact Sheets can be downloaded from  
<http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au> or <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au> or <http://www.esa.act.gov.au>

## AIDGC Logo Registration

Rick Hall has been working with a trade mark attorney on registering the AIDGC logo with the Trade Mark Examiner. The Board believes we need to protect our identity and status. This is well on the way. The logo has been accepted for registration and will be advertised on 2 March. If there are no valid objections made within 3 months, the registration will become final.

## Risk Assessment Examination

Examinations Coordinator, Ross Underwood, has been working on the risk management examination to bring our membership criteria in line with the National Standard and the new NSW Regulation. This will apply to all new applicants for membership within the next months.

Ross is also developing a draft CPD scheme and this will be presented put to Members at the Annual General Meeting on August 3.

**Do You Know  
any dangerous  
goods'  
Organizations?**

Of course you do!  
We are interested  
in involving and  
interesting them in  
becoming  
Corporate  
Members. Please  
contact Terry  
Grainger,  
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Coordinator –

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with any  
suggestions.

## **Corporate Member Profile - Leighton O'Brien MassTech**

Leighton O'Brien MassTech is a specialist tank monitoring and leak detection company and is the most experienced and largest SIRA vendor in Australia. It provides companies with the most knowledgeable and reliable SIRA service for local conditions and Leighton O'Brien MassTech also provides SIRA services worldwide.

Leighton O'Brien MassTech is the market leader in SIRA and integrity testing with over 11,000 tanks under management. Oil companies such as Caltex, Mobil, Woolworth's Petrol, United Petroleum, and Engen (of South Africa) & Exxon Mobil in the Caribbean, trust Leighton O'Brien to manage the integrity of their storage networks.

Leighton O'Brien MassTech has developed this trust by:

- successfully implementing SIRA across several large networks containing thousands of tanks
- achieving substantial reductions in fuel losses for national networks
- achieving the earliest possible detection of leaks
- maintaining storage tank compliance rates amongst the best in the world
- achieving measured reductions in clean up costs for clients
- being flexible and adaptable to evolving client requirements
- innovating and pioneering solutions to deliver world class storage integrity standards through processes such as:
- developing the most sophisticated SIRA algorithms available for Australian storage conditions
- developing fully outsourced tank management systems incorporating loss investigation processes and due diligence based on on-line information recording systems
- providing the worlds best practice tank and line integrity test - this is recognized as the most modern testing technology available and is able to detect leaks at a rate as low as 65 ml per hour. Fully certified to the US EPA protocols, the MassTech test is available nationally.
- being the only organization in Australia with the full range of leak detection technologies, software systems and expert locally based personnel to deliver fully integrated outsourced SIRA based tank integrity management service

Based on our experience, Leighton O'Brien MassTech believes we exceed the minimum requirements laid out by oil companies and we strongly encourage them to validate these claims.

## **Keeping in Touch**

If you have any suggestions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the AIDGC Executive Officer [robyn@f1.net.au](mailto:robyn@f1.net.au) or leave a message with the AIDGC paging service 02 9430 6739 and I will return your call.