



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

June 2006

Welcome to our first
WA Member:

Roland Nelson

Risk Management
Technologies

And a new Associate
Member:

Peter Moore

Responsive
Environmental
Solutions

DIARY DATES

* August 3

Annual General
Meeting PLUS

Seminar Topic TBA

Ryde Eastwood
Leagues Club

Emergency Plans Seminar

We had a record turnout at this Seminar with over 35 attendees. The presentation is now available on the Members' Only website.

Safety is No Accident

Fibreglass Manufacture

An Investigation Report on a Combustible Dust Fire and Explosion that killed 7 and injured 37

http://www.csb.gov/completed_investigations/docs/CSBFinalReportCTA.pdf

Aluminum Component Manufacture

Investigation Report on a Dust Explosion that killed 1 and injured 6

http://www.csb.gov/completed_investigations/docs/HL%20Publish%20Final.pdf

If you would like to share any links please send to jdbaker@ozemail.com.au

Chemical Blast in China

A blast at a chemical plant in eastern China has killed at least 10 people and left 26 others injured, local officials and press reports said.

The blast occurred at the Dunan Chemical Group Co in Dangtu county in Anhui province late on Friday afternoon levelling a two-storey workshop that produced emulsifying agents for explosives, Xinhua news agency reported.

"The cause of the blast is still unknown and is under investigation," an official at the work safety administration of Ma'an city that oversees the county told AFP, adding that the situation was still unclear and it was possible the death toll could rise.

Initial investigations indicated that chemicals could have been ignited during the emulsifying process, Xinhua said.

The factory produced explosives for civilian uses, such as mining, it said. The exact number of workers in the building was not immediately known, it added.

"The rescue work is difficult, since there are combustible materials in the plant, which might lead to further blasts," Xinhua quoted rescuers as saying.

Source: AFP and thanks to Dean Hawthorn

* September 15

Annual Conference

Crowne Plaza Darling
Harbour

Nitrocellulose Fire in US

USA, NJ, JUNE 24 2006. FIRE PUT OUT AT CHERRY HILL CHEMICAL PLANT

A compound used to make perfume caught fire early this morning at a plant on Hollywood Avenue off Route 38 in Cherry Hill, officials said. The blaze at Keystone Chemical created a cloud of yellow smoke, but air-monitoring equipment found the surrounding Cherrydale Acres neighborhood did not experience contamination, said Cherry Hill Fire Chief Robert Giorgio. Four people were working in the plant at the time of the fire, which began at about 3 a.m., but no one was injured, Giorgio said. Several paper-and-plastic drums containing the compound, nitrocellulose, were consumed in the blaze, which firefighters brought under control shortly before 5:30 a.m., he said. Cherry Hill firefighters are familiar with Keystone because the township's hazardous-materials team has prepared for emergencies at the site by visiting and collecting information about the facility's layout, operations and the chemicals stored there, Giorgio said. "They have the right systems in place to control something if they have a problem," he said. "But whenever you have a process like that, there's always the potential for something to happen." The fire may have started from a spark that ignited alcohol in the chemical compound that is supposed to keep it stable, Giorgio said. As a cleanup contractor begins work today, firefighters continue to discuss with company officials what to do with nitrocellulose remaining in the storage area, Giorgio said. The Gloucester City Fire Department performed air monitoring, and the Camden County Health Department assisted, he said.

<http://courierpostonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?template=townpage&Category=Beverly&cal=BURCAL>

Queensland Technical Seminar

On the 20th June the Queensland chapter of the AIDGC held a Technical Seminar at Toyota Materials Handling to discuss the manufacture of flameproof forklift trucks and the conversion of diesel forklifts for use in Zone 1 and Zone 2 hazardous areas.

This Seminar gave members, regulators and industry consultants an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the physical aspects of diesel and electric forklifts that make them so suitable for use in hazardous areas and also, the importance of ongoing maintenance.

Thanks to Martin Gross and Stan Palmer of Toyota Material Handling (QLD) and Mike Robbins of Chess Engineering for their time and technical expertise.

If members would like a copy of the power point presentation please email Peta Lywood - plywood@bigpond.net.au

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL DG SEMINAR

The AIDGC has been approached by the National Safety Council of Australia Ltd to provide a presenter for a free seminar they are holding in Harris Park on 23 August 2006 to acquaint industry with the recent changes to dangerous goods regulations. Peter Hunt has kindly volunteered for the task. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the AIDGC with businesses who by that point will be considering 1 September 2006 operation of the regulation.

AIDGC WEBSITE UPDATES

Comprehensive AIDGC website upgrades have been completed and our thanks go to Karen Page from Front Page Marketing as AIDGC's facilitator.

Web site upgrades include:

- Updates to News & Events page
- Membership Package (new Membership and Corporate Membership information & forms are now downloadable from the Home Page)
- 'What's Happening in Safety' Links (Internet downloadable as .pdf files from Member's Page)
- Newsletter Archive - which includes the last twelve months of What's Happening in downloadable format from Member's Page
- Technical papers from AIDGC Annual Conference and Technical Evenings (in downloadable format from Member's Page)
- AIDGC logos (downloadable from Member's Page)
- A Member field to which a brief description of business services can be added via the Members Page – see next news item for description and instructions
- An email aggregator - so that a progressively up-to-date Members' list can be maintained

Adding your Business Details to the AIDGC Website

This feature is aimed at promoting our Members and enabling current and future customers to familiarize themselves with your areas of expertise directly from the website.

You are now able to display a short description of your Business Services and you can do this yourself:

- ✚ Go to the 'Members' Only' site
- ✚ Click on the 'Update Details' on the 'Welcome' page
- ✚ This will take you to the 'Edit Details' page where there is a box to
- ✚ Enter a description of your business details and services – maximum 300 characters. The program tells you how many characters you have entered - if you enter too many characters the option won't activate.
- ✚ Click on the 'Update' button

Then when a customer goes to 'Find a Consultant' they can click to see your Business Services.

This option is to be used only to describe in a professional way the services you or your company are able to provide. Please note that 'non-conforming' or 'unprofessional' entries will be liable to editing.

Keeping in Touch

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