



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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CONGRATULATIONS

Frank Mendham

Tim Dean

Bassett Consulting

Engineers

Queensland

Full Members

Welcome again....

To Chris. Flannery who has generously committed himself to assisting the AIDGC Board once again and also will Chair the 2007 Conference Sub-Board.

SAI Global

Accessing Australian Standards

Members are advised that AIDGC has resolved the issues with SAI Global and members can once again use our Standards Membership No. and their own Credit Card to purchase and download Australian Standards at discount prices.

Please note, purchase is only by your credit card and online.

First Customer Email Newsletter

All Members should have received the first issue of our Newsletter, Editor John Baker. Congratulations to him are in order, as it has been a resounding success, yielding significant responses and an interest in AIDGC and our website – according to our monitoring data.

Entitled 'The Dangerous Goods Report' it was transmitted to representatives of industry and government, AIDGC Members, Associate Members and Corporate Members.

The trial newsletter appears to present a highly successful and efficient means of promoting the interests of AIDGC and its Members.

Safety is No Accident

NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

This Guide presents tabular information taken from respected references in the fields of industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, toxicology and analytical chemistry.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/>

What's On???

AIDGC Conference

September
2007

Corporate Members

Our Corporate Members provide a range of products and services to the Dangerous Goods Industry. Their contact details are:

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Portable Oxy-Fuel Gas Equipment – WorkSafe Victoria

A summary has been compiled on frequently asked questions about portable oxy-fuel gas cutting and welding equipment.

<http://tinyurl.com/2z93f5>

Online Engineering Calculators with Free Access

A vast compendium of java applet type calculators for cautious experimentation and verification before use in serious applications.

<http://www.martindalecenter.com/Calculators4.html>

US CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FINAL REPORTS

Chlorine Release at Glendale

The final report concluded that insufficient safety margins, a lack of engineering safeguards, unclear procedures/training and an absence of published guidance were among causes of an 850 kg of chlorine gas escape from an overloaded scrubbing system. Recommendations included that The Chlorine Institute should modify the "Chlorine Scrubbing Systems, Pamphlet 89".

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

Texas City Refinery Explosion

Final investigative report with far reaching recommendations on one of the landmark major industrial accidents in several decades.

http://www.csb.gov/completed_investigations/docs/BP%20Final%20Report%203.23.07.pdf

Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals

This report provides an ongoing assessment of the effects of exposure to 148 identified environmental chemicals using bio-monitoring (the assessment of human exposure to chemicals by measuring the chemicals and/or their metabolites in human specimens such as blood or urine).

<http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/thirdreport.pdf>

http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/thirdreport_summary.pdf

Please relay links that you would like to share via What's Happening to jdbaker@ozemail.com.au

Simply Containers

have their own Newsletter online and we are recommended! See http://www.simplycontainers.com.au/images_pdfs/March_2007_Newsletter.pdf

HazMat 2007 Hazardous Materials Conference

It's not too late to be a part of this 2 day Conference - May 10 and 11 - at the Dockside Convention Centre, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Park (city side of Darling Harbour), Sydney.

More about Buncefield

Another massive report has been issued by the independent investigation Board and makes recommendations on the design and operation of fuel storage sites see:

<http://www.buncefieldinvestigation.gov.uk/reports/recommendations.pdf>

Seminars and Site Visits

Always wanted to visit somewhere?

Really interested in finding out the 'real story'?

Know an interesting place and have contacts to access it?

Let Peter Hunt know and we will organize it for you

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London Buses to Run on Bio-Ethanol and Hydrogen

A double-decker bus to carry 81 passengers and powered by ethanol is being trialled. Transport for London Environment (TFL) said the bus would join a fleet of 7 hybrid diesel-electric buses currently running in London, with plans for fifty more hybrids by the end of 2008.

As part of the goal to cut London's carbon dioxide emissions by 60 percent from 1990 levels by 2025, TFL has just completed trials of hydrogen-powered buses and plans to buy 10 in the next year or so.

<http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/41511/story.htm>

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.