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## Upcoming Section Meetings

January's ASSE GCC newsletter did not have a lot on the the ASSE GCC Section's events for the year so I thought I would try something new. Here is a **Newsbrief** for the ASSE GCC Section activities. Also, you will find a **speaker application** form attached to this email for the ASSE Region III Personal Development Conference on August 13 – 15, 2007 at the Hilton in beautiful Fort Worth TX. The extended submittal **deadline is January 31, 2007** so fill it out and send it in fast.

Hope you find this useful.

Jay S. Spivak

ASSE GCC VP / Communications

# Houston Downtown Section of GCC ASSE

Our next section meeting is on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 11:30am. The meeting will be held at the El Paso building in the tunnel level across from the El Paso security desk. Format for the meeting is an informal brownbag lunch. The meeting room will be open at 11am, so feel free to show up early and mingle with your peers.

The agenda for this meeting will be a look back at lessons learned in 2006 and updates on various activities for 2007. The current agenda is:

Safety Contact; Meeting Opener:	Mike Farris
OSHA Collaboration with Oil & Gas Industry	Mike Farris
SafeLand	Ricky Ingram; BP
PIDX Overview	Denise Campbell; Chevron North America E&P
	Jana Schey; OFS Portal LLC
Emergency Response Issues At Power Plants	Woody Cole; Calpine Corporation
New API project: Onshore SEMP Program	Mike Farris
Upcoming ASSE Activities	Jay Spivak; Shell Real Estate ASSE GCC VP/Communications
Round Table Discussions	Open

If your organization has identified an incident trend from 2006 or if you are focusing on a specific topic for 2007, you will be able to provide a brief overview during the Round Table Discussion section of the meeting.

Upcoming meeting schedule for the Houston Downtown Section (third Thursday of each month):

February 15  
March 15  
April 19  
May 17

We are in the process of lining up speakers and workshop topics for this Spring. If you would like to suggest a topic or speaker, please email me or address it during the meeting.

The Houston Downtown Section ASSE meetings are open to members and guests, so feel free to invite another safety professional or management member. There is no fee to attend this meeting.

If you would like more information on Section activities, please contact:

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## North Section of Houston ASSE GCC

The North Section meeting schedule has been established for the 2007 calendar year. All meetings are held at the Ramada Inn North located at 16510 I-45 North, Houston, TX 77090 on the northbound feeder of I-45 North between Richey Road and F.M. 1960.

### [Map and Directions](#)

Meetings begin at 11:30 am. The cost is \$12.00 per person which includes the buffet lunch, the speaker presentations and of course all the networking opportunities.

The meeting schedule for the 2007 calendar year is as follows:

Monday March 05, 2007

Monday May 07, 2007

Monday June 04, 2007

Monday September 10, 2007

Monday November 05, 2007

The North Section March meeting will be held on Monday March 05, 2007 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The presentation topic is still in the works so watch future ASSE GCC Newsbriefs for more information.

If you need further information, please contact Bob Tucci at [RTucci@reliant.com](mailto:RTucci@reliant.com) at 713-488-7710.

Professional Development Conference

August 13 – 15, 2007

Hilton Fort Worth

Fort Worth, TX

Region III invites those interested in presenting at our 2007 Professional Development Conference to submit an application for review by the Conference Planning Committee (CPC).

The objectives of the 2007 Conference is to provide our attendees the opportunity to:

- *Determine the key safety and health issues facing our profession.*
- *Improve their professional skills and knowledge.*
- *Prepare for the wide variety of challenges in the health and safety disciplines.*

**Submittal Requirements and Deadlines:**

Submissions may be sent by e-mail to or by regular mail. In the subject line of the e-mail, include "ASSE Region III 2007 and (the topic area)" in your submission. **Extended deadline is January 31, 2007.**

- **Complete** the provided **Speaker Submittal Form** in exact order.

(Please Note: **Submissions not completed in requested format will not be considered.**)

Email provided Speaker Submittal Form, by **January 31, 2007** to: [tara.falin@bakerhughes.com](mailto:tara.falin@bakerhughes.com)) or Gerry Luther (email: region3pdc@calicheltd.com).

Or mail postmarked by **January 31, 2007** to:

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