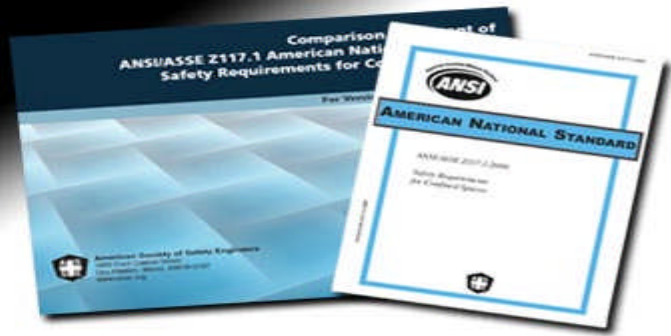




## ASSE Announces New Confined Spaces Comparison Document

Everything you **NEED** to know about the different versions of Z117.1-1995, 2003 and 2009



**What exactly do I need to know?** We have a lot of folks asking "what has changed?" in the newest version of the **Z117.1 Standard- Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces**. To help you make sense of the **more than 167 changes**, we put together an incredibly valuable comparison document that highlights the changes between the current 2009 standard, the 2003 version, and the 1995 version. There have been extremely positive comments about this new Comparison Document, and we are planning to do this with future revisions of other standards as well.

Many of our members also want to know if the revised standard has been referenced by government yet. The answer to that is "not at this point". The standard just came out, and it will take some time for the word to get out. We expect down the road there will be recognition as there have already been a number of inquiries from the public sector. To learn more about the significant differences between the 3 versions of the Z117.1 Standard, you should check out our new, special combo package featuring both the Z117.1 revised Standard and the Comparison Document. We think it is pretty nifty and the information is below:

- **PACKAGE DEAL:** Z117.1-2009 Confined Spaces Standard & Comparison Document Combo
- Additional Standards Listing
- Confined Spaces Mini Tech Brief

Check out [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) for information about ordering these materials.

## Student News

As many of you may know, N.C. A & T hosts the student section of Triad ASSE. Over the past year, we have been working to strengthen the bond between Triad ASSE and students pursuing a career in environmental health and safety. The link between local employers and local students is critical to the success of both groups; involvement with student groups gives those of us interested in environmental safety and health the opportunity to assist others in their chosen career. It also gives us first hand knowledge of entry-level safety professionals that might help us fill vacancies within our organizations either in the form of internships or full-time employees.

The Future Safety Professionals of Tomorrow conducted their second meeting on October 14, 2009. The mission of the organization is to keep students abreast of career and educational opportunities, current safety guidelines, and certifications including MESH, Waste Management, and OSHA. Topics of discussion included upcoming opportunities for community service, recent student activities, suggestions for fundraising, and information on scholarships. They are also in the process of developing a notebook of active resumes that can be made available to interested businesses looking for interns or additional employees.

The Student chapter of N.C.A&T State University plans to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Stay tuned for more information on their activities, and please take time to introduce yourself to student visitors at our next meeting.

## Career Opportunities

*The current state of the economy has affected many of our members and/or their families. This space is devoted to free advertisement of safety-related openings that might be of interest to our membership.*

<i>Safety &amp; Health Mgr.</i>	<i>Oil Terminal Maintenance &amp; Construction Company (see our website)</i>	<i>Charlotte, NC</i>
<i>Safety Director</i>	<i>First Health of the Carolinas</i>	<i>Pinehurst, NC</i>
<i>Senior EHS Specialist</i>	<i>Novartis Vaccines &amp; Diagnostics</i>	<i>Holly Springs, NC</i>
<i>NC Association of County Commissioners</i>	<i>Risk Control Manager</i>	<i>Raleigh, NC</i>
<i>City of Greensboro, Water Resources</i>	<i>Safety Manager</i>	<i>Greensboro, NC</i>

*Please contact Elesa Hurley or Javonn Peaks if you would like to list an opening here and on our website. Check the website for more details if you are interested.*

## Upcoming Meetings

*Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events!*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
10/20	ASSE Meeting Dennis Parnell, NCIC	11:30 AM	Logan's Roadhouse
11/17	ASSE Meeting (Joint Meeting with ACHMM) Todd Beck, R F Micro	5:30 PM	American Express
Dec.	Networking Event with LEPC		Details forthcoming!
1/19	Shannon Backus, Key Risk Weight of the Nation	Noon	To Be Announced

*Watch your e-mail and our website for more information*

*Lunch meetings—Networking at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00.*

*Evening Meetings—Networking at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 P.M.*

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## Meet Your Executive Board

The integrity of an organization is often measured by its leader. Just watch the news on TV, read the latest paper, or check out the headlines on your favorite news website. As people and as professionals, we look to the top of the organization for some measure of its trustworthiness, and its ability to succeed. We make decisions on whether we want to be associated with various organizations often based on our impression of their leadership.

Ron Graves is a leader. He served as President of Triad ASSE last year, and agreed to continue in that role this year when the President-Elect had to step down. Those of us who know him well were not surprised that he voluntarily, with no one twisting his arm, agreed to do that. He is just that kind of guy. That quiet man in the group with a dry sense of humor who catches you off guard at times. The one you know you can go to in a crunch and he'll be honest and upfront. The one that never fails to do what he promised to do, on time.

Ron has been involved in ASSE for 26 years, and has held an assortment of positions including Vice President of Membership for the Piedmont Chapter and membership on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Chapter of the National Safety Council. He served as Foundation Chair and President-Elect for Triad ASSE before assuming his current responsibilities. Ron has been in the safety profession for 31 years, and earned his CSP in 1990.

Ron is an Assistant Vice-President at Key Risk, LLC in Greensboro, where he has been responsible for a loss control department of 14 safety professionals for the past 8 years. Ron has a passion for leadership and helping people, and like so many of us, finds ways to inspire others consistently in his role as a safety professional. Ron graduated from The University of Denver with a BA in Biology/Chemistry/Secondary Education. His career began as a junior high school teacher. When the state of Colorado withdrew from the state OSHA program and became a Federal State, it opened up several positions as inspectors. This resulted in a career change, as Ron's background in chemistry made him a perfect candidate to work with employers who had high risk chemical exposures. His career blossomed from there, and eventually brought him to Greenville, SC with Hewitt Coleman. He held a variety of leadership positions there before relocating to Key Risk in 2001. His responsibilities there are varied, including providing leadership for 14 safety professionals that work in seven states. Ron's passion is people, and he derives a lot of personal satisfaction from assisting in the development and growth of his staff. Ron is one of those increasingly rare quiet leaders that helps others grow selflessly.

Ron has been married to his wife Geri for 27 years. He has 2 daughters, Andrea and Julie. Trips back to Colorado often center around fun with 3 grandchildren, Freedom (16), Alex (10), and Lauren (8). Most of us who know him will be surprised to learn he was a successful fast-pitch softball player "in his younger years", playing on teams that won 8 league championships and 7 Denver City championships. His favorite hobby is playing baseball board games. He is currently recreating the 1958 baseball season, playing a 42-game schedule with all 16 teams. This involves setting the lineups, playing the games, and keeping the player and team statistics. He started the 1958 season on Thanksgiving of 2008 and each team has played 38 games so far, for a total of 304 games played. He is on schedule to complete the season and the World Series by year end.

Keep your eye out next time you are near a dance floor—you might find him there too!

Ron, thank you for all that you do. Your effort, your passion, and your integrity is a role model for all of us.

# 2008-2009 Triad Chapter Officers

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## Professional Development Opportunities

Proactive Safety Management High Impact Workshops,

November 12-13, 2009, Miami FL

Seminarfest, February 14-20, 2010, Las Vegas, NV

Safety Management Symposium: Delivering Safety Results in Changing Times

March 11-12, 2010, Scottsdale, AZ

(Shamelss Plug—Our own Ron Graves will be speaking at this event. Congratulations, Ron!)

Safety 2010, June 13-16, 2010, Baltimore, MD

Check out [www.ASSE.org](http://www.ASSE.org) for more details!

