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### Case Study: Deadly Nitrogen Leak at Food Manufacturer

In December 2020, a food manufacturer in Vernon, CA, experienced a hazardous gas leak of nitrogen which tragically resulted in the death of 2 employees. The employer recently plead guilty to criminal charges related to the incident and was ordered to pay a \$1 million criminal fine and \$35 million civil settlement with the victims' families. The Cal/OSHA investigation revealed significant deficiencies in the facility's safety procedures and training related to the pressurized gas systems. This case serves as a sobering reminder of the real-world consequences of inadequate safety management.

Robust safety management saves lives; simple practices can have significant impacts. Here are practical actions to take at your workplace today:

- Conduct comprehensive hazard assessments. Regularly evaluate all workplace processes and equipment to identify potential hazards.
- Ensure employees are thoroughly trained. All training should include verification that key concepts are understood and applied correctly.
- Establish and enforce clear safety protocols. These protocols should be written down and accessible to employees.
- Encourage a culture of safety communication. Empower employees to report unsafe conditions and take prompt corrective action.
- Audit and review safety programs regularly. Programs should be not only compliant but also effective.

### Mentorship and Emerging Professionals Programs

If you would like to be involved with the mentorship program, then please reach out to Jasmine San Nicolas at [jsannicolas@uscompliance.com](mailto:jsannicolas@uscompliance.com).



## Events

### 2025 Joint Technical Symposium

*Date & Time:* October 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am–4:00pm

*Location:* Carson Community Center

*Details:* Hosted by the ASSP and AIHA chapters of Southern California, the Joint Technical Symposium returns. The event features multiple workshops and keynote speakers from industry professionals, an exhibitor hall, and ample networking opportunities.

*Registration:* \$194 until 8/11, \$239 until 9/22, sign up [here](#)

### Job Postings

Find job postings in the Safety Professional field on our website [here](#).

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: Nominate Someone

Nominate someone to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter! Email [Courtney.Horist@NV5.com](mailto:Courtney.Horist@NV5.com) to make a nomination.

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