



ASSP – LA Chapter | August 2026 Newsletter



Management of Hazardous Materials

Recently in Southern California, there have been multiple incidents related to the proper management of Hazardous Materials. In Garden Grove there was a storage tank containing 7,000 gallons of methyl methacrylate that overheated, leading to a potential explosion and the evacuation of thousands of residents. In Los Angeles, a cold storage warehouse fire led to the compromising of an ammonia line, causing nearby residents to shelter-in-place.

These incidents highlight the importance of proper management of hazardous materials. Employers should take the time to review their own hazardous material management programs to ensure the safety of their employees and the surrounding community. Consider taking the following steps for stronger hazardous materials management:

- Maintain a current and accurate chemical inventory
- Ensure regular maintenance is being performed
- Ensure hazardous materials are being stored properly
- Train employees on hazardous materials and emergency procedures
- Check Cal-OSHA and Cal-EPA regulations for applicability of CalARP, RMP, and other chemical management regulations.
- Implement a management of change program

Events

Netflix: The Show Must Go On!

Date & Time: August 27th, 10am-12pm

Sign-Up: \$40, includes lunch ([click here](#))

Join LA ASSP and Netflix for a session on how engineering and safety teams assess risk across live production environments.

Virtual Resume Prep Event

Coming soon in September!

Walk for Hope 2026

Date: November 8th

[Registration/Donation Link \(click here\)](#)

This fall, LA ASSP is proud to partner with City of Hope for the Walk for Hope 2026 — a movement to end cancer for all.. Join us as we walk together — in Duarte, virtually, or in spirit — to support cancer research and compassionate care.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: Nominate Someone!

To nominate someone to be highlighted in the monthly newsletter, email Courtney Horist at Courtney.Horist@NV5.com

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