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Welcome

Welcome to ngNINE's Asbestos Newsletter for May 2007. We are currently enhancing our website to include articles on the issues that companies in the asbestos industry face today. Readers will be able to view these articles and add their own comments and opinions. If you have any ideas for topics and/or would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact us on **0870 766 1955** or email gary.joynes@ngnine.com

Survey reveals workers attitude to asbestos

29th May 2007

A survey carried out on behalf of the HSE has revealed maintenance workers attitude to asbestos. The findings include:

- Many workers are dismissive of the dangers posed by asbestos
- Many workers held the view that they were unlikely to encounter asbestos due to it being banned
- Exposure regarded as "outside their control" by some workers

The full report is available from the HSE website:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrpdf/rr558.pdf>

Cancer sufferer suing the MoD speaks of her plight

23rd May 2007

A 31 year old woman suing the MoD has said she is certain a fire at a MoD site near Donnington in 1983 is the cause of her illness. Full story:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/shropshire/6685867.stm>

“People working in the construction industry need to exercise caution when working in areas that may contain asbestos. Asbestos should not be treated lightly as it causes 3,500 deaths in Britain each year, with annual numbers predicted to go on rising into the next decade. All people working in areas that may contain asbestos need to be aware of the dangers to others and the financial penalties imposed if asbestos is mishandled. The risks from asbestos cement are lower than from other asbestos materials but contractors still need to take proper precautions.”

Joy Jones, HSE Principal Inspector for Construction.

HSE warns of the dangers of working with asbestos after Hereford company prosecuted

18th May 2007

The HSE has warned companies to take extra care when demolishing buildings containing asbestos cement sheets. The warning comes after Wye Valley Demolition Ltd of St Weonards, Hereford, was fined £6,000 and asked to pay costs of £13,621.49 following the release of asbestos during the demolition of a former grain store building in Bodenham.

This prosecution followed an incident between 25 and 29 June 2004 during the demolition of a former grain store building at Chapel Lane, Bodenham. The building contained asbestos cement sheets which should have been removed under controlled conditions but which instead were smashed to the ground by a machine then spread over the demolition site. Full details:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2007/gnnwm403406.htm?ebull=hsegen/21-may-2007&cr=9>

Derby City Council fined after admitting asbestos safety breaches

15th May 2007

Derby City Council has been fined £50,000 with costs of £20,000 after a school was closed for several weeks after asbestos was disturbed during window replacement work. The council and contractor were aware of the presence of asbestos but failed to take appropriate precautions exposing both staff and pupils. Full story:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/derbyshire/6659875.stm>

ARCA Issues New Guidance Notices

19th April 2007

ARCA have issued two Recommended Guidelines:

- Recommended Guidelines for Risk Assessments deals with how arrangements for complying with Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 can be dealt with in a practical way.
- Recommended Guidelines for the Correct Carriage and Disposal of Asbestos Wastes and the Guidelines for Personal Decontamination Procedures have been updated and reissued.

Full details are available on the ARCA website:

http://www.arcaweb.org.uk/ARCA_news1024_detailed.asp?News_Ref=131

Notes from Meeting of MDHS100 Review Group

4th April 2007

Although MDHS100 has proved to be a generally helpful bit of guidance, the Review Group had been set up because there was a need to up-date it.

Full details available on the ARCA website:

http://www.arcaweb.org.uk/ARCA_news1024_detailed.asp?News_Ref=146

ARCA Exposure Level Database

1st April 2007

ARCA are creating a database containing results of personal sampling undertaken during asbestos removal works. ARCA members are asked to record personal monitoring samples and submit them to ARCA. The details of companies will not be used in the database, only the type of work and the exposure levels. This will allow members to judge their own results against those achieved elsewhere in the industry.

Seguro, ngNINE's toolkit for asbestos removal companies, enables companies to enter personal sampling values into the system and create reports to look at these values over time. The reports can be generated for different time periods and different types of work and techniques used and enable these results to be compared against the ARCA database.

Details of the exposure level database can be found on the ARCA website:

http://www.arcaweb.org.uk/ARCA_news1024_detailed.asp?News_Ref=141

Seguro update

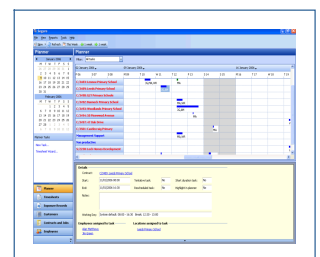
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Seguro continues to evolve with feedback from new and existing clients. The latest version of Seguro contains many new features and improvements including:

Contract/Job costing: Cost new jobs using flexible criteria and rules such as number of employees required by type and labour rate, plant/equipment hire required and waste and lab costs. Seguro allows you to compare estimated costs against running and final costs and build up a databank of costing information over time, making future costings more accurate.

Stock management: In addition to storing plant and equipment information and managing past and future testing requirements, Seguro now stores stock information including purchase dates, suppliers and price. Stock can be assigned to contracts and jobs and any returns managed. A current picture of stock levels is always available and built-in alerts and reports can be generated when stock reaches certain levels.

For further information on Seguro please contact ngNINE on **0870 766 1955**, via email at info@ngnine.com or our website www.ngnine.com



Seguro screenshot.

Online demonstrations

31st May 2007

We are now able to demonstrate our products over the Internet. This has a number of advantages over demo disks:

- You do not have to invest the time installing a demo disk and familiarising yourself with the product
- We can demonstrate the latest version of a product so you can see all the latest features and benefits
- We can tailor the demonstration to the areas you are most interested in and can answer any questions and show how tasks are accomplished immediately

If you are interested in an online demonstration or require further information about any of our products please contact us:

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