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Not in My Back Yard

Many states do not have the real estate to manage their own waste so it is exported across the state border. From 2001 to 2003 the interstate disposal increased 11%. That was 39 million tons of garbage that was shipped out of state.

Recently, a congressional research service published a report that addresses this phenomenon. According to *Interstate Shipment of Municipal Solid Waste: 2004 Update*, Pennsylvania was the largest waste importer, accounting for 23% of the national total. Most of the refuse came from New York and New Jersey. The second largest importer was Virginia and their numbers are rising. Michigan receives 62% of its imported trash from Ontario, Canada. It is not surprising that New York leads the list of exporters, followed closely by New Jersey. Overall, waste imports have increased 170% since the early 1990s.

ChemStation provides custom-formulated odor control agents for landfills with product application techniques that are designed for each site. Our odor control products are available in ready-to-use formulations or concentrated strengths that will mask, encapsulate or counteract nearly any type of malodors. For more information about ChemStation products, delivery and local service support, contact your Account Representative or visit our Web site at www.chemstation.com. ■

Lockout/Tagout

Without lockout/tagout procedures, employees can suffer severe injuries, including loss of limbs. All too often, these injuries could have been prevented if the injured employee had not been taking a shortcut or circumventing the established procedures. Designed for the servicing and maintenance of machines and equipment, lockout/tagout greatly protects craft workers, machine operators, and laborers from serious injuries.



Lockout/tagout procedures safeguard about 39 million workers from accidents and injuries caused by either releases of energy caused by the start up of machines or equipment, or unexpected releases of stored energy. The terms lockout and tagout mean:

Lockout – Placement of a lockout device (such as a lock) to block the flow of energy from a power source to a piece of equipment.

Tagout – Process of attaching a tag to a disconnect switch or other energy isolating device to warn others not to restore energy to the tagged equipment.

Employees should always lock and tag out power sources and switches when they service or repair electrical and other types of energized equipment, and never ignore or remove the locks or tags of other employees when they come across them in the workplace. To recognize locks and tags, employees must be trained. For more information, check out OSHA regulation 29 CFR 1910.142, The Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout). ChemStation also offers a full complement of plant support that includes Lockout/Tagout training. Contact your Account Representative. ■

March Offerings

March has three monthly observances we'd like to mention. It's Academy Awards Month, National Noodle Month and everyone's favorite…Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month. Girl Scout Week is celebrated the second full week of March (did you order your cookies?) and the fourth week has been set aside as American Chocolate Week. On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, an organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs. March 6, 1836 is the day Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna. The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred on March 10, 1862 as $5, $10 and $20 bills began circulation. On March 15, 44 BC, Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate chamber in Rome by Brutus and fellow conspirators. March 17 is celebrated as Saint Patrick's Day, commemorating the patron saint of Ireland. This year, Easter is celebrated on Sunday, March 27



Exit Route Rules

OSHA provides guidelines to assist employers in complying with requirements of subpart E (Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans, and Fire Prevention Plans). The rules for emergency exits fall under the 29 CFR 1910 and can be reviewed on their Web page at www.osha.gov. If you haven't read it lately, you might want to print a copy and see if your company is compliant with the emergency plan. ■



See You There!

Held March 15-19 at the Las Vegas Convention Center, CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2005 is the world's largest international gathering place for the construction, aggregates and ready mixed concrete industries. ChemStation will be there to showcase our asphalt release products and application system along with our concrete removal products.

You will find us among the 2,300 exhibitors at Booth S-11155. Please stop by and say hello. ■



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Remember the Alamo

On March 6, 1836…6:30 a.m., the last firing is over…The Alamo has fallen! After a 13-day siege of 2,000 Mexicans, 189 heroes had offered their lives to insure the freedom of Texas.

William Barret Travis – Commander of the Alamo was one of the first to fall. He died defending the north wall at an early hour on March 6. He was 26 years old.

James Bowie – Co-commander of the Alamo. Killed in his bed (in a small room in the south side) where he laid sick with pneumonia. He was 41 years old.

David (Davy) Crockett – His body was found in a small fort in the west side. He was 50 years old.

There were 28 officers; 30 volunteers from South Carolina (along with William B. Travis); 15 volunteers from Tennessee (along with David Crockett); 32 volunteers from Gonzales (the only group who responded to the repeated appeals for help from Colonel Travis); all other volunteers (81) came from different countries (England, Scotland, Germany, Ireland) and from various states.

The Mexicans – General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna along with over 2,000 men (infantry, artillery and cavalry) and an unknown number of camp followers. At the end of the Battle of Alamo, Santa Anna's loss was estimated at 600 men. ■



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