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### **CSE Introduces New Miner Breathing Rescuer Device**

CSE Corporation is introducing the Self-Rescuer Long Duration (SRLD). The SRLD, which is approaching the final certification and review process at NIOSH,

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## Safety Committee of CSE Corporation



# Safety Gazette

## Company Safety Committees

At CSE Corporation, we are committed to designing and manufacturing safety products and services for our customers. We accomplish this by focusing on safety issues within the industries we support as well as our own company. Senior management at CSE as well as supervisors and management at all levels are committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment, by utilizing the most current and best safety practices available in our business operations.

On the job safety requires active participation by our employees as well as our management. Injuries and illness losses from accidents and poor work practices are needless, costly, and completely preventable. A fundamental first step in accident prevention is to bring workers and management together in a cooperative effort to promote safety and health by establishing a Workplace Safety Committee.

In June of 2009, CSE Corporation held its first meeting of the newly established Safety Committee, with directions from company senior management to make recommendations to prevent injury and illness due to hazards in the workplace. The goals set forth in our bylaws are as follows:

- Present recommendations and ideas regarding the improvement of safety and health in the workplace.
- Define problems and remove obstacles to accident prevention.
- Conduct quarterly workplace inspections to identify hazards and recommend corrective actions.
- Identify employee safety training needs and support safety programs as mandated by law.
- Review accident and illness reports and establish accident investigation procedures.
- Report annually to senior management on accomplishments and goals.

The committee meets monthly and is entering its second year in existence. So far it has met with success; the accident rate has declined and the company has earned a reduction in its workers compensation premiums due to our certification by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The committee has recently lost two members due to attrition and is approaching a time in which some members may be rotating out. If becoming part of this group sounds like something you might be interested in, inform your supervisor. All members must receive training in three mandatory subjects: Hazard Detection and Inspection, Incident Investigation and Prevention, and Safety Committee Operation. This training and all committee functions are conducted during normal working hours and are fully supported by all CSE managers and supervisors.

(Dave Trimble, Safety Committee Chairman)

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is a result of customer feedback, research and technological advancement in a piece of equipment that is vital to the mining industry. The SRLD offers a 40 percent faster production of oxygen at the start up as well a 10 percent total increase in oxygen production. This new product incorporates state-of-the-industry technology, a product we are proud to produce that truly has miner safety and convenience in mind..

### ***Did You Remember?***

*To change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at home? When we switched to Daylight Savings Time was the preferred date, but now will do just the same.*

## ***Consumer Product Safety***

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recently launched a new consumer product Safety Information database. Consumers are encouraged to visit [www.SaferProducts.gov](http://www.SaferProducts.gov) to search for safety information on products they own or may be considering buying. When logged on, hit the tab “Search Recalls & Reports” where you will find categories such as Babies and Kids, Home, Toys, and Sports & Recreation. Pertinent information concerning recalls are listed as well a link to report unsafe products.

## ***Spring Automobile Safety Advice From AAA***

Now that the winter’s snow and ice have finally melted away, the roads we travel have an unpleasant reminder of the past seasons storms ... potholes.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) offers the following advice for drivers this spring:

**Look Ahead** – Be alert and make a point of checking the road ahead of you for potholes.

**Slow Down** – Hitting a pothole at higher speeds greatly increases the chance of damage.

**Beware of Puddles** – Puddles can disguise a deep pothole.

If you inadvertently have hit a few potholes the AAA passes along the following recommendations:

**Check Alignment** – If your vehicle pulls to the left or right have it checked by a technician.

**Recognize noises/Vibrations** – Any new or unusual noises or vibrations should be checked by a qualified technician immediately.

**Inspect the Tires** – Your tires are the most important cushion between a car and the pothole. Ensure they are inflated according to the vehicles recommendations.

**Inspect Suspension** – Changes in vehicle handling, excessive vibration or uneven tire wear can indicate damaged shocks or struts.

(Sources: AAA and Automotive Fleet Website)

## ***Go Green With Spring Cleaning***

Ah spring! Warmer weather, flowers beginning to bloom, and the desire to clean the house from top to bottom. Spring is a great time to get rid of the clutter accumulated over the winter months and to do a proper cleaning, but the chemicals and solvents used in cleaning supplies can be toxic to the environment and to us. There are a lot of green alternatives on the market, but why not try making your own cleaning supplies out of ingredients you probably already have around the house? You can make as little or as much of these supplies needed for just pennies, and have the comfort of knowing they won’t harm the planet. Remember, even though these formulas are non-toxic, they can be very effective. It is best to test the solution on a hidden part of the surface to make sure that it won’t be harmed.

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## Go Green With Spring Cleaning, (Continued)

**Let's Start In The Living Room:** When it comes to basic cleaning around the house, natural ingredients do an excellent job. Baking soda sprinkled into carpets before vacuuming works well as a carpet freshening agent. For floors and walls, try this simple preparation:

- 1/8 cup washing soda (also known as sodium carbonate-available on the detergent aisle of supermarkets)
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable-oil based liquid soap
  - 1/4 cup vinegar (plain white is best)
- 2 gallons hot water

Mix the ingredients in a pail. Apply with a mop or cloth and wipe clean.

**In The Bathroom:** Bathroom cleaners are some of the most toxic and can be replaced with much greener alternatives. Simple baking soda sprinkled into the toilet bowl and left to sit for a few minutes before scrubbing works well.

To clean the tub and bathroom tile, this scouring powder solution is a green alternative:

- 1/2 teaspoon washing soda
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil-based liquid soap
- 3 tablespoons vinegar

2 cups hot water

Mix the ingredients in a spray bottle or pail. Apply with a cloth and wipe clean.

**Kitchen Aid:** Using non-toxic ingredients makes great sense in the kitchen. Simple table salt and water can be used to clean coffee pots. To cut grease on surfaces and stoves try the following:

- 1/2 teaspoon washing soda
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon vegetable-oil based liquid soap
- 3 tablespoons vinegar

2 cups hot water

Mix ingredients in a spray bottle. Spray and wash. Wipe Clean.

**Yes, I Do Windows:** The old fashioned approach to window cleaning works great. Make a solution of:

- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 4 1/2 cups water

Mix ingredients in a spray bottle. Shake and apply. Wipe clean with a crumpled up newspaper. If you have already recycled your newspaper, try reusable cotton cloths.

*(Reprinted From: Back On Track (EAP) LifeLines – Spring 2011)*

## Calendar of Notable Events

### April 2011

- April 1 = April Fool's Day
- April 2 = National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- April 4 = Walk Around Things Day
- April 13 = Blame Someone Else Day
- April 22 = **CSE Holiday** – Good Friday

### May 2011

- May 5 = National Hoagie Day
- May 6 = No Diet Day
- May 8 = Mother's Day
- May 13 = Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>
- May 18 = Visit Your Relatives Day
- May 25 = National Missing Children's Day
- May 30 = **CSE Holiday** – Memorial Day

### June 2011

- June 3 = National Doughnut Day
- June 8 = Best Friends Day
- June 14 = Flag Day
- June 15 = Smile Power Day
- June 19 = Father's Day
- June 21 = Finally Summer Day
- June 26 = Forgiveness Day

### July 2011

- July 4 = **CSE Holiday** – Independence Day
- July 7 = Chocolate Day
- July 11 = Cheer up the Lonely Day
- July 20 = Moon Day – 1969 man first walked on the moon
- July 21 = National Junk Food Day
- July 24 = Parent's Day

### August 2011

- August 2 = National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- August 6 = Wiggle Your Toes Day
- August 7 = Friendship Day
- August 9 = Book Lover's Day
- August 13 = Left Handers Day
- August 21 = National Senior Citizens Day – honors our elderly population
- August 29 = More Herbs, Less Salt Day

**Household Chemical Disposal:** Saturday, May 7, 2011 North Park Swimming Pool Lot *“The safe and responsible way to dispose of household chemicals”.*

**Acceptable Items:** Paint Products, Pesticides/Herbicides, Pool Chemicals, Automotive Fluids, Batteries, Household Cleaners, CFL Bulbs

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## *Safety Thoughts.....*

*Accident Prevention - Your No. 1 Intention.*

*Safety is a full-time job - don't make it a part-time practice.*

*Safety starts with S, but begins with You.*

*Safety comes in a can, I can, You can, We can be safe.*

*And remember ... Never give Safety a day off!*

*Authors Unknown*

## The Spotlight Is On . . .

**Employee:** Annette R. (Code Name: Nutter Butter Sandwich Cookie)

**Department:** Accounting

**Position:** Accounts Payable

**Where did you grow up?** Ohio

**What is your favorite TV show?** The Game (On B.E.T.)

**Three things that can always be found in your refrigerator?** Milk, eggs, butter, and Daiquiri Mix (no liquor).

**What is your favorite color?** Black

**If you could meet any celebrity or personality in the world, who would it be?** Denzel Washington

**As a child, what was your favorite toy?** Easy Bake Oven

**Would you rather have the power to be invisible or read minds?** Read Minds

**What one thing would you take with you on a deserted island?** A survivor back pack that has everything I need.

**Pet peeve?** Toilet paper should come over the top of the roll

**Pet Pittsburgh peeve?** The Hills

**My favorite Safety Tip is...** Always watch where you walk, lol

**People would be surprised to know . . .** I'm really quite an introverted person (If you really knew me you would know this statement is not true)

