

# The Blueline

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## *Education*

During the months of April and May, President Elect, John DiGirolomo presented “Facilities Management Review of Common Codes and Standards” Part 1 and Part 2. One session used a question and answer format, while the other used a series of slides to illustrate code issues found in the NFPA Life Safety Code, 2000 edition. Both methods were effective in encouraging very active participation. Audience responders were rewarded for right answers with prizes provided by Livingston Hardware. They underscored the scope of knowledge with which Hospital Engineering professionals must be acquainted.

The June meeting featured Mr. Anthony Monaco of The New Jersey State Department presenting information about Legionella. His detailed discussion of the issues surrounding this important topic was informative and pointed out the value of Engineering and Infection Control practitioners working together.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Full Day Seminar

**Date: Thursday, September 29, 2005**

**Location:** The Galloping Hill Inn — Union, NJ

**Understanding NFPA 101**

**Topic: Life Safety Code 101 and the significance of the New Life Safety Code Surveyors**

**Presenter:** Robert H Bartels of Safety Management Services

## *Committee Reports*

### **Membership Report**

New Members:

April - Mark Ligon, AVP Facilities of R.W.J.U.H. at Hamilton

May - Joseph Glaski of Bergen Regional Medical Center.

June - Jan M. Gaspareck, P.E., of Caretsky and Associates, LLP

### **Advocacy Issues**

Items of interest during the quarter:

*AIA GUIDELINES ON DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.*

Is in the midst of a revision cycle and public comment was accepted on the draft that is posted on the AIA website through the end of June. The comments will be considered and changes will be made by vote of committee members. They will be included in the 2006 edition that will be available in January.

CMS has issued a final ruling on alcohol hand cleansers.

JCAHO is seeking “public comments” on the standard EC4.2, Emergency Management

Standard. Please go to [www.JCAHO.org](http://www.JCAHO.org) to read the proposal and make your comments.

Please copy your comments to **Robert Roop, P.E.** at [mr@critteriumlockatong.com](mailto:mr@critteriumlockatong.com) so he can create a position for our organization. Let your voice be heard! Robert also has a link on our website making it easy for you to send him your comments.

Bill A3897 is a new bill being proposed to license HVAC contractors. Robert is investigating this Bill. You can read more about Bill A3897 at the following web address:

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp> or you can visit the state's website at [www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov).

The ambulatory dialysis proposal requiring emergency generators was not challenged or supported by HFMSNJ. We did not make a comment concerning this Bill.

### Codes and Standards

**Frank Del Gaudio** reports that there is a new requirement for the S.O.C. of J.C.A.H.O. The person filling out the SOC must write out his/her credentials for doing so.

### Safety

In May, **James Corueil** gave a handout at the front door. The handout is a step-by-step method of checking the standard convenience receptacle (120 volt, 15 and 20 Amp.) according to the NEC 99, Chapter 4. The 2005 NFPA99 Healthcare Facilities Code Standard is found on page 26 at 4.3.3.2, "Receptacle Testing in Patient Care Areas."

### Vendor Relations

## *We're Off to the Races!*

*Come join us for Vendor Appreciation Day!*

**Date:** Friday, August 12, 2005

**Time:** 11:30 — 5:00

**Place:** Monmouth Park Racetrack

**Cost:** \$42.00



### *FOOD, FUN, AND A CHANCE FOR VENDORS TO NETWORK THEIR COMPANIES!*

Please mail your RSVP and money for the 2005 Vendor Appreciation Day to:

**Mary Padgett**  
c/o **DIVERSIFIED FIXTURE**  
**1930 Swarthmore Avenue**  
**Lakewood, NJ 08701.**

### *ASHE Notes*

#### **ASHE EDUCATION**

#### *Educational Calendar of Events*

2005	Event	Location
<b>Annual</b> July 10-13	42nd Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition <a href="#">[PDF]</a> Anaheim Convention Center Anaheim Marriott Hotel 2005 Exhibition of Architecture for Health	Anaheim, CA
<b>HCCP</b> July 28-29	2005 Healthcare Construction Certificate Program. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> <b>Registration is Closed</b>	Denver, CO
<b>EC</b> July 28-29	2005 Environment of Care ... Survey Process Preparation. <a href="#">[PDF]</a>	Denver, CO

	Grand Hyatt Denver	
<b>HCCP</b> August 11-12	2005 Healthcare Construction Certificate Program. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> <b>Registration is Closed</b>	Hartford, CT
<b>IC</b> August 22-23	Infection Control: Managing Risk During Construction Operation and Maintenance of Facilities. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> Omni Chicago	Chicago, IL
<b>HCR</b> August 23	2005 Renewal Program for Healthcare Construction Certificate. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> Omni Chicago	Chicago, IL
<b>HCCP</b> September 26-27	2005 Healthcare Construction Certificate Program. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> -- <b>Registration is Closed</b>	Portland, OR
<b>IC</b> October 6-7	Infection Control: Managing Risk During Construction Operation and Maintenance of Facilities. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> Hilton Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
<b>HCCP</b> October 31 - November 1	2005 Healthcare Construction Certificate Program. <a href="#">[PDF]</a>	Tampa, FL
<b>HCCP</b> November 7-8	2005 Healthcare Construction Certificate Program. <a href="#">[PDF]</a>	New Orleans, LA
<b>HCR</b> November 8	2005 Renewal Program for Healthcare Construction Certificate. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> Intercontinental New Orleans	New Orleans, LA
<b>IC</b> November 10-11	Infection Control: Managing Risk During Construction Operation and Maintenance of Facilities. <a href="#">[PDF]</a> Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas	Irving, TX
<b>HCCP</b> December 5-6	2005 Healthcare Construction Certificate Program. <a href="#">[PDF]</a>	Irving, TX

### ***EAB Activities***

Submitted by John Schliewenz, AIA  
Chairman, Engineering Advisory Board

The EAB is beginning a survey of New Jersey hospital construction costs. NJHA will post the survey through their website. Anyone contributing will receive a copy

of the data. No hospital names will be used. This information should be useful to our members in estimating construction budgets for new projects. Please participate in the survey if you can.

The survey has not been finalized. This is what we are looking for:

Project Name  
Project Completion Date

1. Type of Use
  - a. Medical/Surgical In-Patient Nursing Unit
  - b. Clinical Specialty (LDRP, ICU, OR Suite, ED, SDS, NICU)
  - c. Diagnostic/Treatment Specialty (Lin. Acc., Cath.Lab, CT-Scan Suite,
  - d. Non-technical support space (Offices, Lobby, Waiting Rooms, Cafeteria, Warehouse, Conference and Classrooms)
  - e. Technical Support Space (CSS, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Kitchen)
  - f. Parking Deck
2. Type of Construction
  - a. New Building or Major Addition
  - b. Alteration or Renovation
  - c. Refurbishment or interior upgrade
3. Total Square Foot of Project
4. Project costs. A total for each of the following four areas – provide breakdowns if available:
  - A. Consultants & Fees
    - a. Architect/Engineering
    - b. Commissioning
    - c. Misc.
  - B. Construction:
    - a. General Construction
    - b. HVAC
    - c. Electrical
    - d. Plumbing & Sprinkler
    - e. Fixed Equipment
    - f. Major Movable

To make the most sense of the data it would be good to have the above . . . but I'd settle for : Construction Type; Square Foot; Cost.

## *Good and Welfare*

### **From Roger Ennis**

The HFMS-NJ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing was held Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fox Hollow Golf Club. The event was once again a "Sold-Out". We want to thank everyone for making it such a nice day. We hope to see you all again next year!

### **The Winning Golfers**

1<sup>st</sup> Place John Nartowicz, Mike Davis, Ross Clark & Gary Diblasi

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Frank Wojcik, Don Kaszner, Pete Appelmann, Sr & Peter Appelmann, Jr

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bob Geremia, Bob Barry, Frank Del Gaudio & Craig Talerico

Longest Drive	Frank Del Gaudio
Closest to the Pin	Pete Appelmann, Jr. (4')
Ladies Longest Drive	Jennifer Lesko

### **Thanks to our Event Sponsors**

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Roger Ennis  
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Mary Padget  
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John Nartowicz

### **Thanks to Monthly Meeting Social Hour sponsors:**

**April** - ServPro. Thank you Bob Morrison

**May** - The Livingston Hardware Co. Thank you to Mrs. Margaret Nesby

**June** - National Air Filter of Carlstadt, NJ. Thank you to Mr. Stephen Shyka

## *Odds and Ends-*

*By the members for the members*

### **From Jim Coruiel:**

#### **The NJDoH Rule on Porous Storage Surfaces**

This may be old news to some of you but at a recent Administrative Rounds tour no one in our group knew what exactly was required by the current NJDoH Code. I knew there was a new rule proposed, but was not sure it had become a regulation. I went to the internet to find out.

The proposal was now a regulation. It is found in the New Jersey Licensing Standard, Chapter 43G,. The exact reference is 8:43G-13.4 (q), "Articles in Storage shall elevated from the floor and away from walls, ceilings, and air vents to facilitate cleaning. Storage units shall be non-porous and cleanable."

That last sentence sounds the death knell for a fair number of raw wood platforms and a few unpainted wood shelves. The way I see it ; the wood platforms we have made of 2x4's and a plywood top won't pass muster. So now, by code, any storage unit in a patient care area will

have to covered with a cleanable surface like a plastic laminate, or made of plastic or stainless steel.

### **Fireman's Recall Keys**

Here is a good idea for keeping track of those elevator fireman's recall keys. Since you'll only need the keys for an emergency situation, it will be good to have them instantly available and you will be following New Jersey Fire Code regulations in spirit, if not by local ordinance.

The 'rule' is in the fire code at **52:27D-198.14**. **Rules and regulations for fire recall key lockboxes.** It was passed by a unanimous vote 1/9/04.

“ a. A municipality, by ordinance, may require the installation of a lock box in each building located in the municipality that has an elevator. A building's elevator fire recall keys shall be placed in that box. Lock boxes shall be installed at locations that are readily accessible to fire fighting officials. ...”

All of us have a 24 hour, manned location. Then these key(s) would be readily available to anyone needed to use the fireman's recall service. To my knowledge there is not written standard as to the construction of such a box. Certainly, the box would not have to be very big to hold a couple of keys. Your municipality may not require it, but it is a good idea.