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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

September 3

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September 11

September 12

October 5-8

Labor Day

Anchorage JATC

Financial Seminar @ Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board Meeting/Membership Meeting

NECA Convention in San Francisco, CA



Tool Box Talks

September 03, 2007

September 10, 2007

September 17, 2007

September 24, 2007

Personal Protective Equipment

PPE: Rubber

Responding to Your Customer's Unsafe Acts

Safety 101: General Guidelines

"Energy Bill Aids Expansion Plans of Atomic Power"

New York Times (07/31/07) P. A1 ; Andrews, Edmund L. ; Wald, Matthew L.

The nuclear power industry stands to gain billions of dollars in government loan guarantees under a barely noticed provision attached to the new energy bill. With 28 new reactors on tap to go up at 19 sites around the country at a cost of roughly \$4 billion to \$5 billion apiece, builders of new nuclear plants and power plants that use clean coal technology or renewable fuels are poised to inherit a windfall in loan guarantees. The implications of the provision are far-reaching because it endows the Department of Energy with the authority to sign off on an infinite number of loan guarantees for projects that use "clean" power generation. Congress helped secure the loan guarantees after the nuclear industry lobby disclosed that the industry needs up to \$50 billion in loan guarantees within the next two years to underwrite expansion efforts.

NECA 2007 San Francisco E-news Online

New details about the Labor Relations Town Hall meeting, exhibitor spotlights, and tour information are just some of the news included in the latest issue of the NECA 2007 San Francisco E-News. For more information on the upcoming NECA Convention go to <http://www.necaconvention.org/news>

"Officials Unveil Worksite Enforcement Plan Including 'No-Match' Rule, More Verification"

Construction Labor Report Banner Vol. 53 , No. 2634 , P. 781 ; Triplett, Michael R.

Pointing to the failure of Congress to pass the Bush administration's comprehensive immigration package, the U.S. departments of Homeland Security and Commerce are taking the initiative in tackling illegal immigration through worksite enforcement. "We all know that a critical part of immigration enforcement is effective interior and worksite enforcement," says Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff. "The reason for that is because the magnet that brings most economic migrants into this country is work. And if we have worksite enforcement directed at illegal employment, we strike at that magnet." Included in the initiative is the issuance of the final rule on the "no-match letter" regulation proposed last

year that will hold employers accountable for failing to act on letters issued by the Social Security Administration when the agency discovers that a Social Security number of an employee supplied by the employer does not match its information. The rule stipulates that civil and criminal charges can be brought against employers failing to respond to no-match letters but provides a "safe harbor" provision to protect employers that attempt to comply with the law. DHS has also announced that it will issue a proposed rule requiring all federal contractors to take part in E-Verify, the department's electronic employment verification system, which will add for the first time a function allowing employers to match photographs provided by employees with photographs that already exist in federal databases from the employment verification documents given to immigrants. Currently, about 19,000 employers participate in the system, with about 1,000 new ones joining every month. Chertoff notes that enrollment in the system would have been mandatory for all employers under the Senate immigration package. "Several construction groups will fight tooth-and-nail" to prevent mandatory participation in E-Verify, says Craig Silvertooth of the National Roofing Contractors Association.

FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

December 15, 2007	Annual Meeting/Christmas Party
October 4-7, 2008	NECA Convention/Chicago, IL
September 12-15, 2009	NECA Convention/Seattle, WA