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22nd Annual Utah Conference on Safety and Industrial Hygiene To Address Key Issues

SALT LAKE CITY, October 5, 2005—**From the effects of methamphetamine exposure, to preventing construction-related injuries, to the potential impact of nuclear waste storage at Skull Valley**, experts in occupational health and safety will address the state's top workplace safety issues at the 22nd Annual Utah Conference on Safety and Industrial Hygiene.

The conference, to be held Thursday, Oct. 6, and Friday, Oct. 7, at the University of Utah's Ray Olpin Union Building, will host dozens of safety professionals, industrial hygiene specialists and human resources personnel from public and private organizations statewide.

"This annual conference is an opportunity for professionals to learn the latest in workplace safety practices and risks, and to discuss them within a local context," says Dr. Kurt Hegmann, director for the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, one of the conference sponsors. "More than 66,000 Utahns reported work-related injuries last year. This conference helps safety professionals reach their day-to-day goal—reducing the number of those incidents and ensuring Utah's workforce goes home safely each night."

The keynote speaker will be Adrian Escalante, president of Daily Dose Learning, Inc., who will present "Health & Safety within a Multicultural Workforce" on Thursday, Oct. 6. His presentation will offer companies a better understanding of the changing demographics of Utah's workforce and offer practical advice on how to overcome challenging and increasingly common cultural and language barriers to protect employees.

Other presenters will include safety professionals from Workers Compensation Fund, Layton Companies, the Utah Department of Health, the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Questar, and many other organizations.

Conference sponsors include The Utah Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the Utah Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Utah Safety Council, and the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health.

For a complete agenda and additional information, please visit www.rmcoeh.utah.edu/ce.

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Note: Media are invited to attend any presentations. Of special interest may be the general sessions, which include:

- ***Keynote Speaker: "Health & Safety within a Multicultural Workforce," Adrian Escalante, Thursday, Oct. 6, 8:50 a.m.***
- ***Panel Discussion: "Goshute Indian Reservation Nuclear Waste Repository Issues," Connie Nakahara, Jason Groenewald, and Margene Bullcreek, Friday, Oct. 7, 9:00 a.m.***