Hello everyone, I hope all of you are enjoying Winter. We are fortunate that there has not been too much ice and snow to affect our daily commutes around the Chicago Metro Area.

Some of you may realize that January is the National Radon Action Month. Radon is a radioactive gas that comes out of the ground naturally and can contribute to the development of lung cancer. If you have never had radon tested at your house or have not had it done recently, it would be a good idea to do so. You can hire a professional to conduct the testing, but a do-it-yourselfer can buy the test kit at a local hardware store for about $10-$13 and it includes a pre-printed envelope to mail it to a laboratory for the results. You would set the kit in a common area of your house or any other designated area you wish to test and then mail it away for the results. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency has found that about 42% of homes of homes tested in the State show high levels of radon, so having the testing completed can either help give you peace of mind for your family or alert you that a hazard is present.

Our Chapter is always looking for volunteers to help out with operations. None
of us are paid for the work we do, but if we did not have Members helping out with leadership positions on the Executive Board or other support positions with the website, programs, newsletters, nominations and awards, recordkeeping, etc… we would not be able to function. I know we all lead busy lives, but the Chapter does need your help. The listing of our Executive Board Members can be found at the Chapter website and many of us are in attendance at the monthly meetings. Please take some time to talk with one of us about how we can utilize your talents!

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, please contact me at: ryan.mannion@zf.com. Thanks.

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**Future Meetings**

**February Meeting -- Breakfast at 8:00am**
Joint Meeting with Risk and Insurance and Management Society

February 11, 2016
"A Functional Philosophy of Risk Management and Loss Prevention"
John Busch from the US Dept. of Homeland Security

Hamburger University, 2815 Jorie Blvd, Oak Brook, IL

**Free Training Opportunities**

Sustainable Workplace Alliance will be offering two training opportunities in the coming months.

"Best Practices in Teaching Technical Subjects"
March 4, 2016
More information can be found [HERE](#)

“Hazardous Materials Packaging and Shipping (49 CFR) Train-the-trainer”
April 11-15, 2016
More information can be found [HERE](#)

A great opportunity for those who are [CIAH and CIH](#) to earn 6 technical contact hours of CEU’s for the 1-day and 30 technical contact hours of CEU’s for the 5-day course.