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Message from the Chair

I would very much like to thank Bob Mussro for our March presentation dealing with the technical, safety, and environmental challenges of maintaining the Air Force's fleet of F-15 fighters. I hate that I missed it, but I've never known ER visits to schedule themselves properly. For those of you who were there, I'm sure you appreciated Bob's work. I know from past experience that maintenance work is often over-looked and under-appreciated. However, it's good maintenance work and innovation that keeps plants operating and doing so competitively. Thanks again Bob.

While the first day of spring is in March, April always has been the onset of spring to me. The leaves come out, the flowers pop up, and life returns to the earth. (It would be a completely awesome month if it wasn't for April 15th.) As the years go by, I see this creation adapt, heal, and renew, I think of the things that have changed in my lifetime. I can still remember the Cuyahoga river catching fire in the summer of 1969. There were no bald eagles in North Carolina where I lived. Acid rain was a threat and smog were becoming an issue in more cities than just Los Angeles. Since I became a chemical engineer in 1979, we have made great progress. I haven't search out the statistics, but my senses tell me that our water, air, and land are much cleaner than when I was a kid. The EPA has continuously tightened environmental standards and we've continued to meet them. We can always do better I suppose and perhaps we shouldn't be happy with good enough, but we ought to enjoy the successes. Chemical engineers are responsible for the majority of the success in cleaning up our air, water, and land. We ought to enjoy that and let people know that we care and work hard to do things the right way. A very large percentage of my time goes into making sure we produce a high-

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quality product without hurting anyone or polluting anything. So, if you're a chemical engineer, take a bow. By the way, bald eagles are common in North Carolina these days!

We have been invited to a tour of the NICCA USA plant in Fountain Inn by Kayla Murdaugh, Plant Operations Manager on April 22nd. Please be sure to see the details below and be sure to RSVP early as spots for the tour itself are limited. Thanks in advance, Kayla, for hosting us and Karl for arranging the visit. See you guys on the 22nd!

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

April Meeting Information

April's Meeting will be a Plant Tour of NICCA Chemical, a producer of textile chemicals, in Fountain Inn.

The plant tour will have limited space, a maximum of 12 people, and will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Use the sign up below to sign up early!

Nicca has a few requirements on site, please ensure you have the following:

- Hard Hat or Bump Cap
- Safety Glasses, Long Sleeves, long pants
- Closed Toe Shoes (steel toes preferred)

We also will require your current employer to be identified in the sign up, as NICCA reserves the right to screen competitors. If you have any issues with the above requirements, please contact sec@wscaiche.org.

TITLE:	NICCA Chemical Plant Tour
DATE:	Tuesday, April 22th, 2025
Event timing:	Social Starts at 6:00pm Dinner Starts at 6:30pm Intro/Presentation starts at 7:00pm Safety Orientation/Plant Tour starts at 7:15pm
LOCATION (in-person event):	NICCA USA Inc. 1044 S Nelson Dr Fountain Inn, SC 29644
LOCATION (virtual event):	There will not be a virtual event for the plant tour.
COST	No Charge for Dinner
RSVP by <u>4/16/25</u>	RSVP HERE if you plan to attend. Registration is required by 4/16 as the names will be provided at that time to NICCA

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Opportunities to Assist

We welcome your participation on any level in this organization. Please reach out to Devon Clymer, sec@wscaiche.org, if you have any feedback on any of the following:

- You or someone you know would like to give a technical presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- Provide meeting topic or location recommendations to the leadership team.
- Provide recommendation or access for a plant tour (usually in the spring).
- You have interest in joining our Officers or Executive Committee.
- Any general question or comments on meeting times, locations, and topics

2023-2024 Officers and Executive Committee

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2024-2025 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
April 2025	Nicca Chemical	Nicca Chemical Presentation and Plant Tour
May 2024	TBD	WSCAICHe May Social
