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ANOTHER STEP BACK FOR ESE'S

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 22

ULPA Conference
Registration Deadline

February 24



Mardi Gras!
(Fat Tuesday)

February 25-28

ULPA Conference
New Orleans, LA

March 31



UL Price Increase
Effective Date

In October, a Federal Court in Arizona granted East Coast Lightning Equipment's Motion for Compliance with a Court Ordered Injunction that corrects false advertisements made by Early Streamer Emission (ESE) lightning protection system vendors Heary Brothers Lightning Protection / Lightning Preventor of America and National Lightning Protection. East Coast filed a motion earlier this year asking the court to review recent advertising and promotional materials distributed by the ESE vendors that appeared to violate the injunction the Court issued in October, 2005. The Court agreed with East Coast's motion and ordered Heary Brothers and National to comply with the Injunction or suffer contempt of court as well as possible sanctions and damages.



ABOVE: A Heary Brothers

The 2005 injunction issued as a result of an October, 2003, ruling by the Court which found that "the tests on which (the ESE vendors) base their advertising claims are not sufficiently reliable to establish that Plaintiffs' air terminal products provide an enhanced zone of protection within a specific, measurable radius and protection against lightning strikes in open spaces." In particular, the Court found impermissible advertisements making claims such as "[o]ur most recent development, PREVENTOR SYSTEM 2005, is an efficient mast-type system, which creates an impenetrable capture zone with a range of 100 meters," and "[t]he protection zone of each Preventor unit (as laboratory tested by Inchscape) is a radius of 50 meters, if installed on highest projection of the structure."

The injunction prohibits the ESE vendors from advertising that they sell a lightning

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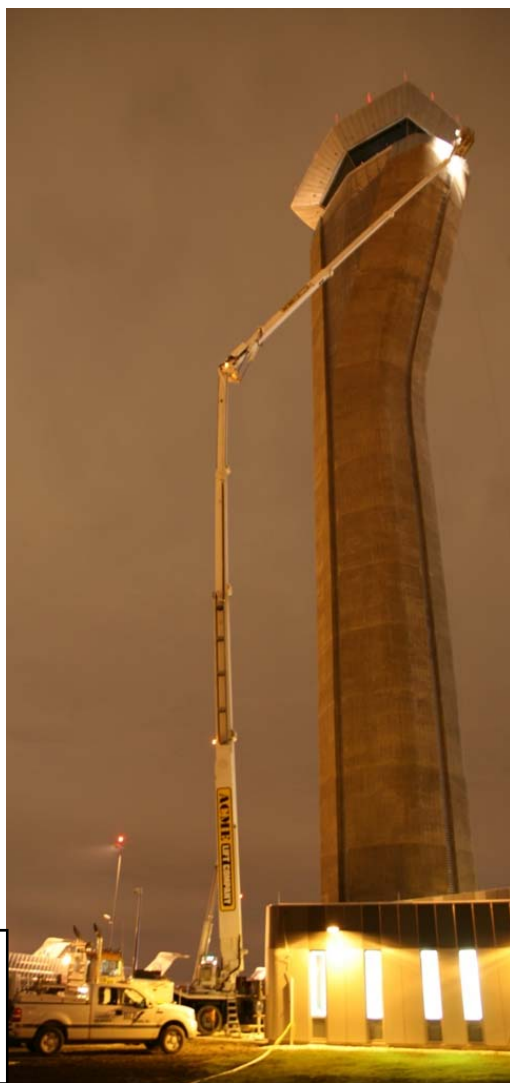


HLP PROTECTS NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT O'HARE INT'L

NOVEMBER 2008 - HLP Systems of Libertyville, IL, just outside of Chicago, recently completed the lightning protection of the new North Air Traffic Control Tower at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. The lightning protection portion of the project consisted of the new base building as well as the 255 foot tall control tower. FAA specifications dictated the system needed to have six total down lead conductors of class two tinned lightning protection conductor. Also, it was mandated that each down leads was to be of completely continuous down the height of the tower (no splicing or welding). Moreover, due to the unique design of the new tower, swing stage man lifts could not be used on all six of the necessary conductors. Due to all of these

circumstances, one of the largest man lifts in the world was needed to complete the work. Manufactured by Bronto Skylift (<http://bronto.fi>), a 78m (256 ft) aerial work platform was used to run and fasten the down leads. While Bronto has many lifts overseas, this particular lift is reportedly the only one of its kind in the United States. Spending most of its time in Florida, it is frequently used by NASA for work on the Cape Canaveral launch pad for space shuttles. While the 78m version is an astounding sized lift, Bronto makes two larger lifts for access applications, 90m (295 ft) and 104m (341 ft).

RIGHT: Working on one of the down leads near the top of the North Air Traffic Control Tower at Chicago O'Hare Int'l



ULPA / LPI CONFERENCE INFORMATION



Mike Riley and Jeff Reagan are the hosts for the 2009 ULPA/LPI Annual to be held in New Orleans the week of Mardi Gras. There is plenty to do in New Orleans but even more during Mardi Gras week. Check out these websites to help get the most out of your time in New Orleans.

www.mardigrasneworleans.com
www.neworleansonline.com
www.nola.com/mardigras/

Mike and Jeff suggest arriving in New Orleans on Monday or Wednesday as it will be difficult to get to the hotel on Tuesday due to the Mardi Gras activities. There are limited rooms available for Sunday through Tuesday so make your reservations early. The conference will take place as follows:

Tuesday, February 24

Mardi Gras Day

Wednesday, February 25

LPI Board meeting

Thursday, February 26

Conference Sessions

Friday, February 27

Conference Sessions

Saturday, February 28

LPI Certification Testing (all day)

Double Tree Hotel
(Downtown New Orleans)
504-581-1300

www.neworleans.doubletree.com

Group Rate Code: BLS
\$159.00 / night



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protection system utilizing air terminals that provide a measurable zone of protection, greater than systems installed in accordance with NFPA 780 and/or that can function effectively to protect open spaces. The order for compliance explains that the ESE vendors "may not conduct advertising in such a way that it leaves an impression that the measurable zone protected is greater than NFPA 780 systems," and suggests that the ESE vendors include a specific disclaimer to that effect in their advertisements.

The Court reiterated that the ESE vendors are forbidden from advertising, "explicitly or implicitly," that their product offers a range of protection "greater than systems installed in accordance with NFPA 780." The Court refers specifically to the false impression created by the ESE vendors' claims of insurance guarantees for ESE systems. The recent order notes that if the ESE vendors cannot or do not wish to change the configuration area for their ESE systems to bring it in line with NFPA 780 systems, they should state in their materials that the greater area they suggest is not scientifically proven or guaranteed.

The ULPA would like to once again thank their board members for all their hard work!

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UL Price Increase This Spring

Underwriters Laboratories recently announced a price increase for their lightning protection services. These prices go into effect on March 31, 2009. Overall, prices went up an average of 31%. However, with the recent change that UL will no longer accept photographs to clear findings documented during the inspection process, these new prices will also be effective for the necessary full site visit once the findings are correct. The table at right shows old and new pricing on all UL's lightning protection services.

Description	Old Price	New Price	Unit
Perimeter of Structure 100 Ft or Less	\$85	\$150	Each
Perimeter of Structure Between 101 Ft and 300 Ft	\$120	\$150	Each
Perimeter of Structure Between 301 Ft and 1000 Ft	\$250	\$325	Each
Perimeter of Structure Between 1001 Ft and 3000 Ft	\$480	\$625	Each
Perimeter of Structure Greater Than 3001 Ft	\$575	\$800	Each
Letter of Findings	\$120	\$150	Hour
Re-Inspection	\$120	\$150	Hour



Upcoming Newsletter Duty Reminders:

Mark your calendars. The following member(s) have volunteered to produce More Static Newsletters for the 2008/2009 season:

February / pre-conference newsletter: Heath Howe

Please remember to forward your newsletter materials to the ULPA office by the 15th of your assigned month.

Contact Kim Loehr, ULPA president at LLpco@aol.com if you have any questions

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