

- **EXITS SIGNS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM** - Over 100,000 **EXIT SIGNS** sold annually in the U.S. contain **tritium**, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen. This allows the signs to glow in the dark without any power source. However, in landfills they pose a carcinogen threat and can percolate into an area's drinking water. In December 2006, the **Nuclear Regulatory Commission** required old exit signs to be taken to licensed haulers to special radioactive dumps. **Pennsylvania** alone had 50 landfills that turned up high levels of **tritium** in the leachate (liquid waste). A problem? But who drinks the leachate?



GUESS & WIN!

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: *When and where was the worst industrial accident (lives lost and injured) in the U.S.?"* **ANSWER:** The Texas City explosion on April 16, 1947 of the ship Grandchamp from stored fertilizer chemicals. Dead 578, injured 3500. Want more info on this disaster? Read: "**City of Fire**" by Bill Minutaglio, 2003, Harper Collins Publishers, ISBN 0-06-018541-4.

HERE IS THIS MONTH'S QUESTION: *"What and when was the largest building ever intentionally demolished by implosion in the U.S.?"* **Your Prize:** You're choice, pocket calculator, laser pen or canvas plan carrier. Just send your correct answer, mailing address and prize choice to: codexperts@aol.com. (Only one winner from each firm). Good Luck!


2007 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

THE DATE AND locations of our "**Principles Of The International Building Code**" one-day seminar/workshops scheduled for 2007 is enclosed. This revised program will be presented on PowerPoint with an all new illustrated workbook. Instruction will be by **Kelly P. Reynolds**. The course awards 6 hours of **H.S.W AIA/CES** credits. Go to www.codexperts.net and click "**Seminars**" for a registration form.



- **Subjects include:** Changes from 2003 to 2006 editions; board of appeals; liability & court decisions; using conflicting standards; definitions; determine use groups, construction type and allowable height and area; recognize and use trade-offs and options; mixed uses; unlimited area buildings; fire rated materials and their use; means of egress; calculating occupant load; when and where fire protection requirements apply; understand and apply the code tables; common formal interpretations, current code adoptions and using the Internet for research and a **2006 International Building Code Plan Review Record**.

☞ **REGISTER TODAY.** These programs fill up fast. Mail or fax your registration NOW!


 Kelly P. Reynolds

"It Is Easier To Whisper Advice From Cover Than Giving Advice At The Point Of Attack."