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**Dennis Brickman Presents Tree Chipper Paper at ASME 2011
IMECE Conference**

AURORA, IL - - 11/29/2011 - - [Dennis B. Brickman](#), P.E., mechanical engineer and Senior Managing Consultant at [Engineering Systems Inc. \(ESI\)](#) presented a paper entitled “*Commercial Tree Chipper Safety Control Bar Activation Analysis*” (conference technical paper number IMECE2011-64750) at the [ASME 2011 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition](#). The seven day technical conference was held November 11-17, 2011 in Denver, Colorado.

The paper addressed the ability of a human worker to activate safety devices to stop and reverse the mechanical infeed system inside a commercial tree chipper infeed hopper. Studies were performed using a tray-equipped commercial tree chipper, incorporating a safety control bar and safety cables to stop and reverse the mechanical infeed system. The test results indicated that the human test subject was able to successfully activate the safety control bar and the safety cables from a variety of body positions around and within the tree chipper infeed hopper.

Mr. Brickman specializes in mechanical engineering safety and design and has over 25 years experience in safety studies, accident investigation, failure analysis, experimental testing, warnings and instructions, and standards research. He is also a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) in two states.

He is an active member of many other industry related and professional organizations, has given numerous presentations, and is well-published (see [Mr. Brickman's curriculum vitae](#) for more details). He can be reached by calling the [Chicago \(Aurora\), IL office](#) at 630-851-4566 or by email at dbrickman@esi-il.com.

