Texas Health Inspectors Now Have Power To Shut Down Salons Immediately. A new Texas legislature signed into law states that if Texas state health officials witness flagrant violations of sanitation standards in salons, they now have the jurisdiction to immediately close the salon. Prior to this law, inspectors could only close a salon after an investigation, which would often take months to complete. The new law comes in response to a local North Texas television investigation that showed hidden camera footage of nail salons neglecting mandated sanitation procedures.

NSI Puts On Training Seminar in Belgium. In May, NSI put on an intensive training seminar in Brugge, Belgium for its international distributors and educators. More than 80 people from 20 different countries attended the seminar. Topics focused on NSI's future products, education and training, and nail chemistry.

CND Expands Distribution Into Asia. CND is partnering with the Sphere Atlantic Corporation (SAC) to distribute its products throughout Malaysia and Singapore. To celebrate, CND and SAC hosted a launch party in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May. The party also announced the grand opening of The Chic NailSpa, a new nail salon that will only carry CND products.

EPA Helps Nail Salons Go Green. The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded two Seattle non-profit groups $100,000 to help nail salons become more conscious of the toxicity of some of the chemicals used during business. The groups involved — The Environmental Coalition of South Seattle and The Community Coalition for Environmental Justice — will conduct a three-year project that will entail researching alternative products and chemicals that might be safer than those currently used, installing equipment to reduce exposure to chemicals, and community education.

600-hour training program. The program contains advanced manicuring and pedicuring training techniques so graduates can quickly gain work in the spa industry as “spa manicurists.”

Giving Back Crusing for a Cure. SpaCare, Charitable Organized Living — an organization supported by the Day Spa Association and the International Medical Spa Association — had its Hearts for a Cure Cruise on September 9th, 2007, in New York City. The cruise immediately followed the Spa and Resort/Medical Spa Expo and Conference held during the same time, and guests and salon professionals enjoyed a night of fine dining, dancing, and fun while the SS Temptress cruised the Hudson River. All proceeds from the event went towards the Melanoma Research Foundation.

Three San Diego Beauty Academies Cooperate to Form Nail Technician Program. Poway, Je Boutique, and Bay Vista academies are launching the nation’s first Spa Nail Technician program. The schools worked closely with Janet McCormick, manicurist and esthetician, and author of “Spa Manicuring for Salons and Spas,” and Doug Schoon, CND’s chief scientific advisor, to develop a comprehensive

Cuccio Mentors L.A. Spa. Tony Cuccio took a recent trip down to the heart of Los Angeles’ Little Korea to the Elements Day Spa to encourage and personally mentor owners Jay and Juli Park. Cuccio talked about the importance of establishing retail in the spa in order to increase profit and introduced his new Cuccio marketing plan to help salons across the world continue to grow their business.