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## Next NTSAIHA Meeting on June 10

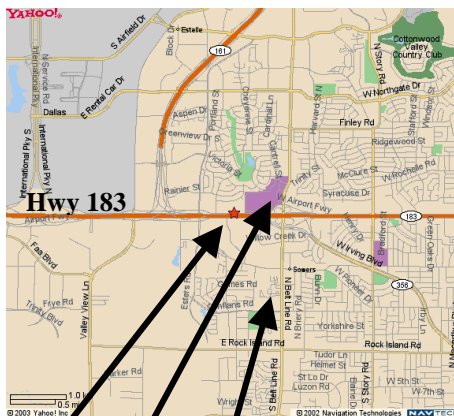
A meeting of the North Texas  
Section of the AIHA has been set up  
as follows:

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Place: Don Pablos  
3911 W. Airport Freeway  
Irving, TX 75062  
972/252-0070

Time: 5:30 p.m. - Arrive and  
Order Dinner (on your own).  
6:00 p.m. - Meeting Starts

The agenda will include:  
Installation of Officers -  
Barbara Wilds  
Shuttle disaster debris search -  
Maxine LaPierre  
Summary of NTS-AIHA at AIHCE -  
Don Hudnall



Don Pablos

Belt Line Road

(North / South)

Irving Mall



## NIOSH eNews

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The students also received passes so they could tour through the Expo area.

Two of the students, Kyle Higbee and Stephanie Frangos, were available on Wednesday from 10:00am – Noon to discuss their projects.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked the Blood Drive. The photo below shows Mike Donahue talking with Susan Dunbar (AIHA Staff).



Mike gave Susan the \$150 cash NTSAIHA donated to hand out to the winners of the \$50 daily cash drawing for those giving blood.

There were a couple of kinks during the blood drive. When I (Don Hudnall) was giving blood the wireless computer network crashed forcing the staff to revert to paper questionnaires and on Wednesday the American Red Cross was short staffed which helped create a long wait time. I think about 116 pints of blood were collected.

Also thanks to Ed Sward who coordinated the AIHce Technical Tours. Eight tours are the maximum allowed and Ed coordinated eight tours. It's my understanding that all the tours went very well. Thanks Ed.

Finally thanks to all the NTSAIHA volunteers who worked the Information Kiosks and Employment Services areas. Job well done. ☺



## AIHce & NTSAIHA Volunteer Highlights

David Wilson coordinated the NTSAIHA involvement at the Monday morning Opening General Session. Among other things, David arranged for the Girl Scouts to be the Color Guard and had the Mariachi Band greet participants as they headed into the opening session.



Barbara Wilds, the NTSAIHA President kicked things off at the Monday morning Opening General Session by welcoming everyone to Dallas. She also gave special thanks to all the local section volunteers who helped coordinate/work the Opening Session, Foundation Fun Run, Blood Drive and Technical Tours. Barbara did an excellent job speaking to the assembly. One person commented "I knew she was good but I didn't know she was that good".

Barbara also worked with AIHA and the local science fair winners to help stage their science fair projects in the Expo area.



Henry Delgao coordinated the NTSAIHA involvement in the Foundation Fun Run. It's my understanding that the Fun Run normally attracts around 100 participants but this time they maxed out at 150. Way to go Henry. The volunteers, Mike Donahue, Jim Shea, Don Hudnall and Maxine LaPierre also did a great job even after arriving at 5:45am and making their way through the wooded hills in the dark. Also the weather seemed to help. It rained a couple of hours before the race started, the rain stopped and then about an hour after the race finished there were more storms and hail. Overall the race went great!

## Treasurer's Report

1/1/03 – 5/21/03

<b>INFLOWS</b>		<b>\$</b>
<i>Dues</i>	1,020.00	
<i>Cash for Change</i>	5.00	
<i>Teleweb - 1/31/03</i>	90.00	
<i>Teleweb – 3/4/03</i>	70.00	
<i>Total Inflow</i>	1,185.00	
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		<b>\$</b>
<i>AIHce Blood Drive</i>	150.00	
<i>Cash</i>	5.00	
<i>Leadership Conf</i>	136.68	
<i>Science Fair</i>	458.77	
<i>Teleweb–1/31 &amp; 3/4</i>	400.11	
<i>Total Outflow</i>	1,150.56	
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>		<b>\$</b>
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	7,095.11	
<i>18 month CD 2/29/04</i>	5,000.00+	
<i>Total Assets</i>	12,095.11	

## ACHMM Conference

September 14-17, 2003  
 The Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, TX  
<http://www.kuce.org/achmm/>

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers and the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of ACHMM invite you to the 2003 national conference, one of the largest in the United States for EHS professionals. This 17<sup>th</sup> annual gathering boasts an exciting program that will inform and inspire. Our theme, “The Challenging World of Hazardous Materials Management,” encompasses the unusual, the unforeseen, and the unexpected, as well as traditional aspects of hazmat and EHS management. Register now and look forward to these and other high points:

### Kyle Olson, ABC News terrorism consultant

Kyle Olson is vice president and senior associate with Community Research Associates, Inc., and an authority on high-tech terrorism, chemical and biological weapons, and arms control. He leads a multidisciplinary program for the U.S. Department of Justice and he directed the teams that supported response efforts after the World Trade Center attack. His keynote presentation will relate terrorism threats to homeland security and current events.

### Lane Beattie, 2002 Olympics officer

Less than six months after September 11, 2001, the Olympic Games convened in the name of peace and international unity. However, Olympics officials were mindful of the recent attacks and of the high-profile target the Olympics had become since the 1972 Munich games. Lane Beattie’s luncheon address will give a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to put on the Olympics, including coordination of a local-state-federal response plan for a potential terrorist attack.

### John H. Bridges III, environmental programs analyst for the U.S. Postal Service

Mr. Bridges was responsible for the Postal Service’s environmental management system and was incident commander for the post-September 11 anthrax response and decontamination. His general session address will discuss how an EMS helps organizations identify and mitigate or eliminate environmental risk that can translate into financial risk.

### Former secretary of the interior Bruce Babbitt

In preserving America’s heritage—from the Statue of Liberty to Alaska’s Arctic Wildlife Refuge—Bruce Babbitt has protected the beauty and integrity of national parks and federal lands. A visionary policy maker, he led the country beyond simple preservation toward a more complex movement he calls “American restoration.” His closing session presentation will include his reflections on the environment and an analysis of national environmental policy.

### Technical and professional program

The conference will feature five strong technical tracks – emergency response, environmental actions, regulatory requirements, management, and safety/industrial health – as well as facility tours, an emergency response exercise, and an array of preconference professional development sessions.

### Networking

In addition to the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management reception at the top of the Fairmont Hotel, we’ve scheduled an evening of networking in the rain forest of the Dallas World Aquarium and a reception hosted by ACHMM exhibitors. Extracurricular activities will emphasize settings conducive to discussion and dialogue.

ACHMM invites you to become aware and enlightened, engage your colleagues, exchange knowledge, and experience the premier organization of hazardous materials managers. We look forward to your participation!

Diana Lundelius  
 Local Chair  
 ACHMM 2003 National Conference  
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## Happenings from the Hill

Aaron K. Trippler  
AIHA Government Affairs

### OSHA Must Issue Proposed and Final Rule on Hexavalent Chromium

OSHA has been ordered by the courts to expedite its rulemaking on hexavalent chromium and issue a proposed rule no later than October 2004, and a final rule not later than January of 2006. The court ruling came after OSHA and an outside party could not agree on a realistic timetable for OSHA to issue a safer permissible exposure limit for hexavalent chromium.

While the outside group (Public Citizen) announced they would prefer OSHA to move even faster, they are now happy that the court has at least ordered OSHA to move forward. OSHA had requested at least 47 months to promulgate a new standard.

### Ergonomics Guidelines for Industry Continue to Move Forward

OSHA has announced that the fourth installment of voluntary ergonomics guidelines will be drafted for the shipyard industry. Guidelines for the nursing home industry have been completed and OSHA plans to announce draft guidelines for the retail grocery and poultry processing industries in the very near future.

So far, OSHA has received mixed signals on its guidelines. While some in the employer sector have criticized the agency's nursing home guidelines, the nursing home industry has praised the agency. Some sectors are concerned however that the true test will come when the agency cites an employer for ergonomics violations. OSHA has cited several in the past few months under the general duty clause.

### Who will pay for Personal Protective Equipment

The issue of personal protective equipment, or more aptly, "Who will pay for personal protective equipment?" continues to be a hot issue within OSHA and outside the agency. Recently, organized labor and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus both wrote and requested OSHA to finalize the rule that would require employers to pay for their workers' personal protective equipment.

This issue has been around for some time, dating back to 1994 when OSHA directed employers to provide the needed equipment. Following a directive from OSHA that employers pay for this equipment, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission rejected the policy in 1997. OSHA then issued a proposed PPE rule in 1999.

Despite the efforts of organized labor and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, insiders say that OSHA is in no hurry to finalize the rule. There are even some who state the agency will soon pull the proposed rule from its agenda.

### Assigned Protection Factors Rule

The Office of Management and Budget has completed its review of amendments to the final rule on Assigned Protection Factors (APF). According to insiders, the review report will be controversial as it would likely assign single-use dust masks and elastometric half-masks the same APF. An update on where the agency is likely to go with this will be forthcoming at the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health meeting scheduled later this month.

### Emergency Planning Assistance Begins to Take Shape at OSHA

OSHA has announced that it is now providing employers with a new Evacuation Planning Matrix to help them protect the safety of workers in emergency situations by devising evacuation plans. The guidance provided by OSHA is intended to assist employers in putting in place an emergency plan, yet does not create any sort of legal obligation for employers.

This is likely to be only the first of several new tools to be offered by OSHA to assist employers in protecting their workers.

### State Legislative Issues

No doubt about it! The issue of mold has consumed the state legislatures this year and is likely to continue to do so for another year or so. To date, nearly 50 measures have been introduced addressing this issue, everything from real estate disclosure statements, to licensing and registration for mold remediators and inspectors.

The most notable bills have been those requiring registration/licensing in the state of Florida. However, the three major bills addressing this issue have all died as the legislature came to a close this past week. Still major bills pending in several other states. ⊗



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Are you a national member:      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$15.00 per year.....Make checks payable to NTS-AIHA  
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**North Texas Section – American Industrial Hygiene Association**  
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# Hearing Conservation Seminar

**July 8, 2003 8:00am–4:00pm**

Motorola Plant, 5555 North Beach Street, Fort Worth, TX  
Co-sponsored by Ft. Worth ASSE and the North Texas AIHA

Before June 30: Pre-registration fee is \$20 (The seminar is free. The fee pays for lunch and break food/drinks-and yes you still have to pay if you tell us you won't eat or drink anything).  
After June 30 or at the door fee: \$25

To register email Johnny Srader ([johnny.srader@motorola.com](mailto:johnny.srader@motorola.com)). Johnny is the Ft. Worth ASSE Vice-President.

Ft. Worth ASSE will be having a meeting during lunch. Skipper Kendrick will be speaking at this luncheon meeting.

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