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85 Year 2004 Members  
71 Year 2005 Members

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<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS>

## NOT ANOTHER HURRICANE STORY

by Erika Erikson

The obvious thing to write about this month is hurricanes. Between Katrina and Rita the gulf coast area will never be quite the same as it was just a few weeks ago. However, just the evacuations for the two storms confirmed something that we as health and safety professionals know; having a plan in place that can be implemented quickly in the face of a disaster, natural or man-made, is key to saving lives and limiting damage. Never known as one that does the obvious, this is the extent of the hurricane portion of this article.

One of the things that I’ve been trying to do since I started practicing law is to educate the other attorneys, and staff, about what health and safety professionals do and the type of knowledge and training necessary to become a health and safety professional. I gave a “brown bag” on the basics of industrial hygiene a few months after I started practicing. It contained a little of the history of industrial hygiene, the different types of hazards, routes of exposure, standards, controls, and sampling.

The sampling portion was probably the most popular as I had borrowed some instruments to do a “dog and pony” on some of the more common sampling techniques. I knew that they were getting it when one of the guys commented that some time ago he had been reviewing records at a plant that uses arsenic, along with

several other chemicals, and he kept licking his fingers as he turned the pages. He looked up and said “I shouldn’t do that should I?” Since the “brown bag,” I’ve had several questions regarding general health and safety, OSHA standards, and sampling both in relation to client matters and general office operations.

I would challenge all of the members to look around them and see where in their organization or community there is an opportunity to perform some outreach and educate others on what we do and how it can impact them. The feeling you get when you see the light bulb go on will make it well worth your time.

## OSHA Update

As you are aware, the October 27 OSHA Update was cancelled.

OSHA is part of the National Emergency Response Plan, which was activated in response to the Hurricane Katrina and Rita disasters. This resulted in many of the OSHA presenters being called to Louisiana and the other States impacted by the hurricanes. It is expected that there will be as many as 100 OSHA employees assisting with safety and health in the recovery effort, which will probably go on for some time.

The OSHA Update will be rescheduled as soon as possible. In the meantime, our OSHA friends will be accumulating lots of information and stories to share with us. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support. ☒



## NTS-AIHA Meeting –

### Neurotoxic Effects of Exposure to Micotoxins in Indoor Environments

**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2005  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Fuddruckers, 3644 Irving Mall, Irving, TX  
**Map:** <http://www.fuddruckers.com/> (Map is on their web page)  
**Cost:** No charge for the meeting; dinner on your own  
**Presenter:** Dr. Enusha Karunasena, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
**Contact:** Don Hudnall at 817-280-2832 or <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com>

### NIOSH Posts Precautions and Resources on Storm and Flood Clean UP

Precautions for working safely during storm and flood clean-up, and resources for assessing and addressing potential clean-up risks, are spotlighted on the NIOSH Web page. Preventing injury, illness, and death from electrical hazards, carbon monoxide, and heat stress are among the issues highlighted. These resources are designed to be useful in the field for workers involved in clean-ups such as those that will follow in the wake of the devastation in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina and Rita. The storm and flood clean-up page can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/flood>.

Other important web-based resources for safety and health in relief and

clean-up from the Hurricanes are available from:

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):  
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.asp>

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:  
<http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/hurricane.html>

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):  
<http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/hurricaneRecovery.html>

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):  
<http://www.fema.gov/press/2005/katrinaemergency.shtm>

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security:  
<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=16&content=4768>. ☒

### OSHA's QuickTakes News Bulletin

QuickTakes is an electronic news bulletin from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). It is a great way to receive updates on important OSHA issues.

QuickTakes is sent out the 1st and 15th of each month and contains a snapshot of OSHA's activities that support safety and health in the workplace, including news and announcements, background information, and other information of interest to stakeholders.

Readers can receive the news memo by clicking on the QuickTakes icon on the left side of OSHA's homepage at <http://www.osha.gov> and following the subscription instructions.

### Treasurer's Report

01/01/2005 Through 9/19/2005

<b>INFLOWS</b>		\$
Dues	1000.00	
Teleweb Seminars (3)	340.00	
Newsletter Sponsor	60.00	
AIHA Website Award	500.00	
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	1,900.00	
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>		\$
Science Fair	452.90	
Awards/Banquet		
Mail Service/Postage	206.66	
TeleWeb Seminars (4)	990.00	
OSHA/MSHA Update 2004 w/ASSE	1,024.00	
Officer Recognition Awards	207.40	
Donation to AIHF	500.00	
Crisis Communication CD	302.50	
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	3,683.46	
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>		\$
Annual Total	(1,783.46)	
Checkbook	5,563.02	
Balance		
Certificate of Deposit	5,132.00	
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	10,695.02	

### AIHA Matches Gulf Coast Professionals With Job Opportunities

*Special discounts intended to assist those whose jobs have been disrupted by Hurricane Katrina and Rita*

FAIRFAX, VA (September 21, 2005) — To assist occupational and environmental health and safety professionals in the Gulf Coast area who are seeking work in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Rita, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is working to match these displaced professionals with employment opportunities.

In cooperation with its partner Boxwood Technology, AIHA is offering complimentary 30-day job postings on its *CareerAdvantage* website for any hurricane relief or support positions in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and Louisiana. In addition, to help increase the number of jobs from which candidates can select, the association is making available 30-day listings at 50 percent off to anyone posting a job in other parts of the country.

Employers who have positions available in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and Louisiana can use the promotional code "Katrina2005" to secure their free listings, while other posters should use the code "DIS50" to receive their discounts.

For more information on how to post or search for jobs related to Hurricane Katrina and Rita, please call the AIHA career center support line at (888) 491-8833. For more information on AIHA's *CareerAdvantage* job board, please contact Wanda Barbour, manager of career and employment services, at (703) 846-0782 or [wbarbour@aiha.org](mailto:wbarbour@aiha.org). ☒

## Shakespeare need not apply!



Industrial Safety & Hygiene News (ISHN), read monthly by 70,000 professionals,

is soliciting EHS professionals to write short feature articles (approximately 1000 words) in 2006.

This is a chance for AIHA members to get wide recognition for their work. Spotlight program success stories. Share dos & don'ts and tips & ideas that worked!

Authors may also obtain PDF reprints of their published articles.

For writer's guidelines and assignment deadlines, contact ISHN Editor Dave Johnson at [johnsonD@BNPmedia.com](mailto:johnsonD@BNPmedia.com) or call 610-666-0261.

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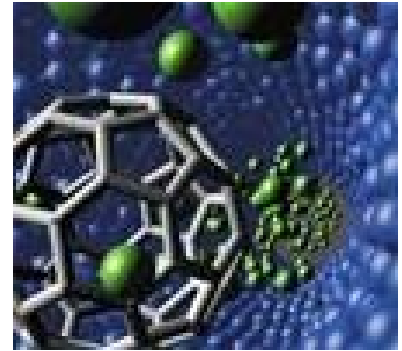
## Nominations for OSHA and MSHA

Excerpted from AIHA's *Happenings from the Hill*

The President intends to nominate Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor (Occupational Safety and Health). Mr. Foulke is a Partner with the law firm of Jackson Lewis, LLP in Greenville, South Carolina. He previously served as Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Mr. Foulke also served as an adjunct professor at St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans, Louisiana. He received his bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and his JD from Loyola University. He later received his master's degree from Georgetown University.

The President intends to nominate Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. Mr. Stickler served as Director of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Deep Mine Safety. Earlier in his career, he worked for Beth Energy Mines, Inc. for thirty years. During that time, Mr. Stickler held a number of positions including Manager, Superintendent and Shift Foreman. He received his bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College.  
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## Nanotechnology Symposium



**Date:** November 3, 2005  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Spansion, 5204 E. Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX  
**Points:** 1 CM; 0.5 COC  
**Cost:** \$100 Before October 5  
\$150 Late Registration  
(Includes breakfast, lunch, and handouts)  
**Sponsor:** Texas Hill Country Chapter AIHA

### Agenda Outline

- *Nanotechnology; What's the Ruckus*
- *The Physics of Aerosol technology; Implications for Control & Monitoring Devices*
- *The Bio-Nano Interface: The Interactions Between Water Suspendable Carbon Nanostructures and Biological Membranes*
- *Occupational Safety & Health and Nanotechnology; Knowns and Unknown*
- *Nanomaterials in an Industrial Environment*
- *Respirators; Effective Means of Protection*

For more information and registration forms, go to <http://www.texashillcountryaiha.org/nanotechsymposium/nanoprogram.htm>. ☒

## Upcoming Meetings, Seminars and Conferences

### **Second International Symposium on Nanotechnology and Occupational Health**

**Date:** October 3 – 6, 2005

**Location:** Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave., SE, Minneapolis, MN

**Contact:** <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conferences/nanotechnology/>

### **2005 IAQA-IESO-AmIAQ Annual Meeting & Exposition**

**Date:** October 6 – 9, 2005

**Location:** Hilton Resort at Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL

**Contact:** <http://www.iaqa.org/> or <http://www.amiaq.org/>

### **Exposure Assessment Symposium**

**Date:** October 20 – 21, 2005

**Location:** Marriott City Center Downtown, Denver, CO

**Contact:** <http://www.aiha.org/TheAcademy/html/eaagenda.htm>

### **PCIH 2005**

**Date:** October 22 – 25, 2005

**Location:** Marriott City Center Downtown, Denver, CO

**Contact:** <http://www.aiha.org/TheAcademy/html/pcih.htm>

### **Nanotechnology Symposium**

**Date:** November 3, 2005

**Location:** 5204 E. Ben White Blvd, Austin TX

**Contact:** <http://www.texashillcountryaiha.org/nanotechsymposium/nanoprogram.htm>

### **CSP Exam Preparation Workshop**

**Date:** November 7-9, 2005

**Location:** Tampa, FL

**Contact:** <http://www.aiha.org/MeetingsEducation/html/CSP.htm#Register>

# Year 2005 Membership

### NTS-AIHA Membership Benefits Include

- Subsidized meetings and member discounts.
- \$10 savings on each issue of newsletter sponsorship. \$15/issue for non-members. \$5/issue for members
- NTS-AIHA Membership Directory sent in December and upon request. Members only.
- Immediate notification of local job opportunities for members on email distribution list. .
- NTS-AIHA Voting Rights.

### **Dues are only \$15 / year**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following information even if you are renewing your membership.

## NTS-AIHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Do you wish to receive immediate notification  
 of job opportunities via email: (check one) No: \_\_\_\_ Local I.H. All I.H Jobs  
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Are you a national member: Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

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