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Founded 1952
85 Year 2004 Members
71 Year 2005 Members
5 Year 2006 members

Check out our Web Page at:
<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS>

Message

President Message
by Don Hudnall



I just spoke with Mike Rivera at OSHA and they are still very busy with the Katrina and Rita clean-up efforts.

Almost all of those who would be speakers at the update have been scheduled through the end of the year. That means that the OSHA Update will not be held in year 2005. Mike is hoping for early 2006...but we may have to wait and see.

It's sad that local EHS professionals will miss out this year on interacting with the local OSHA area office personnel, but I'm also glad that they are providing so much assistance with those really in need. I have not been to the coast to personally witness the destruction. I have heard incredible stories, such as cows tangled in overhead power lines because of the 20ft storm surge, and can only imagine other non-routine EHS issues clean-up personnel must face everyday. I'm wishing OSHA personnel, EHS personnel and really everyone affected by these hurricanes, a speedy, safe and healthy recovery effort.

On the home front.... Mike Larranaga is doing a great job of scheduling NTS-AIHA meetings. We just had a

great speaker last month provide information on mold mycotoxins and their health effects at the cellular level. For November I believe he is setting up for the AIHA Teleweb on Meth Labs. This is getting more and more attention and should be a great teleweb. Also I believe he is still planning on having a Christmas Party in December. Seems like we are having meetings almost monthly. What a great opportunity to get CM points, network and renew friendships.

Here's wishing you the best as you finish out this year and hope to see you at the Meth Lab Teleweb.
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ABC Nightline - Asbestos, W.R. Grace and Libby Montana

A two-part series on asbestos-contaminated vermiculite, W.R.Grace and Libby, Montana is scheduled to air on ABC's Nightline Wednesday 11/2 and Thursday 11/3, with Ted Koppel anchoring. Dr. Michael Harbut with the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation will be featured. ⊗





AIHA Teleweb Virtual Seminar – Meth Lab

Decontamination: Background and Practice

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: University of North Texas Medical Science Center, Fort Worth, TX

Certification Points: 0.5 CM, 0.25 COC, and 0.25 CEU. Participants must submit a final exam (with a processing fee of \$25.00 per student), and complete a seminar evaluation.

Cost: \$10 per person (includes printed materials – does not include the \$25 processing fee for obtaining certification points).

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Methamphetamine has proliferated from being made and sold by biker gangs to do-it-yourself at home and spread from California to the entire country. The wide range of chemicals involved, spilled, and dumped has created an environmental nightmare and severely contaminated apartments, motels, and residences for unknowing occupants of these clandestine drug labs.

What was used? What are the hazards? Can it be cleaned up? These are questions that individuals who are being called upon to evaluate contaminated facilities and make recommendations for cleanup are being required to answer.

Participants will:

- Become familiar with the different manufacturing methods for making methamphetamine and associated chemicals
- Be able to identify common chemical and physical hazards at clandestine drug labs
- Become familiar with current research in evaluating contamination
- Understand the long term remediation goals and the ultimate goal of returning properties to a safe and healthy environment
- Understand the issues surrounding technology used in decontamination
- Become familiar with the varying “guidelines” and conflicting opinions involved with “approved” practices and professionals by state and federal agencies. ☒

The Department of Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center in downtown Ft. Worth will host the meeting and providing a sandwich lunch. A map, as well as specific meeting room and parking information will be provided to registrants. Contact Don Hudnall at 817-280-2832 or <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textro.com> to register.

Request for Physician/Workplace Relationship

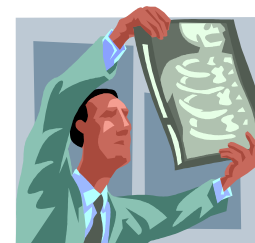
My name is Kurt Kleinschmidt, MD. I am the Director of the Medical Toxicology (MEDTox) Fellowship Program within the Division of Emergency Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW). The two-year fellowship is offered at UTSW in conjunction with the North Texas Poison Center and Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Most physicians who do MedTox have trained in emergency or preventive medicine. MedTox focuses on the diagnosis, management and prevention of poisoning/toxicity and other adverse health effects due to medications, chemicals, occupational and environmental toxins, and biological hazards.

I am contacting you to develop relationships that would enable my fellows and I to have better exposure to the occupational and environmental pieces of MedTox. I wish to find 1-3 folks who would be interested in a steady relationship and who like to train others. Specific areas of expertise that I am seeking include:

- Workplace and/or environmental toxic hazards and potential dangers
- Workplace safety relative to toxins
- Hazardous aspects of asbestos, pesticides, radon, etc.
- Assessment and monitoring including surveillance, pre-employment screening, applications of threshold limit values
- Indoor and outdoor air quality
- Industrial toxicants including airborne particulates, solvents, metals, and toxic gases/irritants

If you would be interested in learning more about us and/or to discuss possibly working with us, please visit our website at <http://www.swmed.edu/toxicology> or email me at <mailto:kurt.kleinschmidt@utsouthwestern.edu> or call me at 214-590-1354.



Thank you
for your
time.

Guide to Occupational Diseases

Haz-Map is an occupational health database designed for health and safety professionals and for consumers seeking information about the health effects of exposure to chemicals and biologicals at work. Haz-Map links jobs and hazardous tasks with occupational diseases and their symptoms. It is one of the products and services made available by the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program.

Chemicals and biological agents in Haz-Map are linked to industrial processes and other activities such as hobbies. Occupational diseases and their symptoms are associated with hazardous job tasks and possible exposure to hazardous agents. Information from textbooks, journal articles, and electronic databases such as NLM's Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB®) is classified and summarized to create the database. HSDB is part of the TOXNET® system of databases related to toxicology and environmental health.

Some of Haz-Map's features include:

- Text search capability
- Browsing by jobs, diseases, or agent
- Searching hazardous agents by adverse effects
- Searching diseases by jobs and findings
- Automated searches of TOXNET

Definitions of technical terms are available by selecting hyperlinks to the glossary. To access Haz-Map, go to <http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov>.



December Meeting and X-Mas Party

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2005
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Fuddruckers, 3644 Irving Mall, Irving, TX
Map: <http://www.fuddruckers.com> (Map is on their web page)
Cost: NTS-AIHA members – free; spouse/guest - \$5
Contact: Don Hudnall 817-280-2832 or <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.texttron.com>

As you are aware, OSHA, which is part of the National Emergency Response Plan, was called to Louisiana and the other States impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to assist with safety and health in the recovery effort.

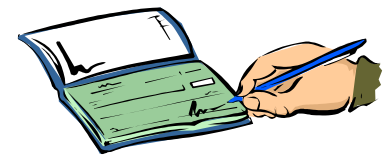
Our OSHA friends have and will continue to accumulate lots of information and stories as they help to protect the individuals who are helping to make a difference to those individuals who have lost a great deal. Mike Rivera with the Fort Worth OSHA Office will be sharing OSHA's hurricane response stories with us during the December meeting. He will have some good pictures showing the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Come enjoy Mike's presentation as well as free food and refreshments. Door prizes will be drawn as well.

Treasurer's Report

01/01/2005 Through 10/23/2005

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues</i>	1015.00	
<i>Teleweb Seminars (4)</i>	435.00	
<i>Newsletter Sponsor</i>	60.00	
<i>AIHA Website Award</i>	500.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,010.00	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>Science Fair</i>	452.90	
<i>Awards/Banquet</i>		
<i>Mail Service/Postage</i>	206.66	
<i>TeleWeb Seminars (4)</i>	990.00	
<i>OSHA/MSHA Update 2004 w/ASSE</i>	1,024.00	
<i>Officer Recognition Awards</i>	207.40	
<i>Donation to AIHF</i>	500.00	
<i>Crisis</i>	302.50	
<i>Communication CD</i>		
<i>Bank Charge Exp</i>	3.00	
<i>Meeting Exp.</i>	240.90	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,927.36	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Annual Total</i>	(1,917.36)	
<i>Checkbook</i>	5,429.12	
<i>Balance</i>		
<i>Certificate of Deposit</i>	5,228.57	
OVERALL TOTAL	10,657.69	



Upcoming Meetings, Seminars and Conferences

Nanotechnology Symposium

Date: November 3, 2005

Location: 5204 E. Ben White Blvd, Austin TX

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

AIHA Teleweb - Meth Lab Decontamination: Background and Practice

Date: November 16, 2005

Location: University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

Contact: <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com> or call 817-280-2832

27th Annual OSH Update – Compliance and Beyond

Date: December 8 – 9, 2006

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Contact: http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/em_osfu.htm

NTS-AIHA December Meeting and Christmas Party

Date: December 14, 2005

Location: Fuddruckers, Irving Mall, Irving TX

Contact: <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com> or call 817-280-2832

AIHCe 2006

Date: May 13 – 18, 2006

Location: McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

Contact: <http://www.aiha.org/aihce06/aihce.htm>

ASSE Annual Conference and Exposition

Date: June 11 – 14, 2006

Location: Seattle, Washington

Contact: <http://www.asse.org>

ASSE Region III PDC

Date: August 6, 2006

Location: TBA

Contact: TBA

National Safety Council Congress and Expo

Date: November 3 – 10, 2006

Location: San Diego, California

Contact: <http://www.nsc.org>

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

(Please print)

Name: _____
 Certification: _____
 Title: _____
 Employer: _____

Business address: _____ Home address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

(NOTE: Please provide an e-mail address so that the newsletter can be e-mailed to you. Hardcopies will no longer be mailed.)

In membership directory, list my: (check one) Business: ____ Home: ____

Do you wish to receive immediate notification
 of job opportunities via email: (check one) No: ____ Local I.H. All I.H Jobs
 Jobs: _____ rec'd: ____

Are you a national member: Yes: ____ No: ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues: \$15.00 per year.....Make checks payable to NTS-AIHA
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