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The Safety of  
the people shall be  
the highest law

-Marcus Tullius  
Cicero

# North Texas Section - American Industrial Hygiene Association



## Holiday Party and Meeting Scheduled

### NTS-AIHA Holiday Meeting & Party

**Date:** Thursday, December 13, 2007

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 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

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Rick Bure, CIH, Eastman Chemical Company will discuss  
“GHS—What to Look Forward to.”

*There will be a NTS-AIHA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting*

### Time to Pay Your Dues—It’s EASY!!

Heard the saying, if you want to dance, you need to pay the fiddler? Well, we know you want to dance for 2008, so it’s time to ante up for your annual dues.

Local section dues are now due. You can pay at the Holiday Meeting and Party, but WAIT—it gets better!

National AIHA has offered to us a

simple click to add your local section dues to your national annual dues. It has never been easier to pay!

Be sure to pay your national dues now!

Just go to <http://www.aiha.org/Content/AboutAIHA/joinrenew.htm>

On December 1, the NIOSH Publications Office became part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's CDC-INFO. Orders for NIOSH publications can be placed either through the NIOSH Web site, <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/email-pubs.html>, or by telephone through CDC-INFO at 1-800-CDC-INFO.



## NIOSH News

NIOSH is soliciting input from its Stakeholders on their needs for information and guidance to be included in a revision of the "Occupational Exposure Sampling Strategies Manual" (OESSM)," which is sometimes referred to as "Leidel, Busch and Lynch" or "The NIOSH Yellow Book". This meeting is an excellent opportunity for you to provide input on the update and help shape the future of occupational exposure assessment.

The OESSM has been a seminal document on exposure assessment and has served as the basis for NIOSH recommendations and guidance to OSHA and the professional community for many years. However, the underlying science supporting occupational exposure assessment as well as the needs for, and uses of, occupational exposure assessment have advanced and evolved since the Manual was published. In response to these ad-

vancements, NIOSH has decided to update the guidance and recommendations to reflect these changes and help move occupational exposure assessment into the future.

The input of stakeholders such as practicing industrial hygienists, educators and researchers, students, safety practitioners, and regulators is critical to assuring that the guidance and recommendations developed meet the needs of today's and future practitioners.

There is no cost to attend the meeting, but pre-registration is required to ensure that we can adequately accommodate all those interested. A reduced cost for Hotel accommodations has been arranged at the Washington Court Hotel for the evenings of November 7 and 8. Complete meeting information is available at [www.team-psa.com/niosh-OESSM07/home.asp](http://www.team-psa.com/niosh-OESSM07/home.asp).

## Happenings from the Hill thanks to Aaron Tripler

**Lead in Construction Rule.** OSHA decided to retain its standard on lead in construction without any major changes. The agency just completed a regulatory review of the standard (first issued in 1993).

**Ergonomics.** Just when you thought the word ergonomics had been removed from the dictionary at OSHA, it announced draft guidelines on ergonomics for employers and their employees in the shipyard industry.

**Personal Protective Equipment.** OSHA announced an informal public hearing on its proposed rule updating its PPE design standard. The proposed rule was published in May, and the hearing is scheduled for early December. Another issue is the "wait and see" on the updated PPE rule for employer payment for personal protective equipment. A

lawsuit was filed that would force OSHA to finalize the rule. Then Congress became involved with the introduction of legislation that also would force OSHA to finalize the rule. In the interim, OSHA announced that it would finalize the rule by November. The lawsuit and the legislation were effectively put on hold to give OSHA a chance to publish the final rule. We'll have to wait and see if OSHA meets its own deadline.

**Methamphetamine Laboratory Cleanup.** EPA would be directed to produce guidelines for cleaning up methamphetamine laboratories if legislation enacted by the House makes its way through the legislative process. H.R. 365 has been enacted by the House and it looks like it might also be passed by the Senate. AIHA has some interest in this legislation as the guidelines would provide some guidance and standardization for determining when a lab site has been completely cleaned.

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- ⇒ 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

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For the annual Directory, which address do you want posted?      HOME       BUS       NONE

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Are you a National AIHA Member?      YES       NO

SIGNATURE

DATE

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



**“NSTI Nanotech Annual Conference—Call for Abstracts,”** June 1 – 5, 2008, Boston, MA. Deadline is December 6, 2007. <http://www.nsti.org/Nanotech2008>.

**“14<sup>th</sup> International Society for Respiratory Protection,”** September 14 – 18, 2008, Dublin, Ireland. Deadline is June 30, 2008. <http://www.isrp.com/dublin/>.

**“Work, Stress, and Health 2008: Health and Safe Work Through Research, Practice, and Partnerships”** March 6 – 8, 2008, Washington, DC. <http://www.apa.org/pi/work/wsh.html>

**“Semiconductor Environmental, Safety and Health Association (SESHA) Annual Symposium and Expo”** March 25 – 29, 2008, Portland, OR. <http://www.seshaonline.org/meetings/2008/index.php3>

**“American Association of Occupational Health Nurses”** April 25 – May 2, 2008, Salt Lake City, UT. <http://www.aaohn.org/education/symposium-expo/index.cfm>

**“International Association of Fire Chiefs 2008 International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference”** May 29 – June 1, 2008, Hunt Valley, MD. <http://iafc.confex.com/iafc/haz08/cfp.cgi>.

**“2008 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition”** May 31 – June 5, 2008, Minneapolis, Minnesota. <http://www.aiha.org/Content/CE/aihce/aihce.htm>.

**“2008 World Safety Conference and Exposition”** June 2 – 6, 2008, Las Vegas, NV. <http://www.nfpa.org/wsce>.

**American Society of Safety Engineers “SAFETY 2008” Professional Development Conference and Exposition** June 9 – 12, 2008, Las Vegas, NV. <http://www.asse.org/speakerpage08>

**“12<sup>th</sup> US/North American Mine Ventilation Symposium”** June 11 – 18, 2008, Reno, NV. <http://www.unr.edu/ventsymp2008>

**“2008 ASTM Boulder Conference on Surface and Dermal Sampling”** August 4 – 8, 2008, Boulder, Colorado. Kevin Ashley in the NIOSH Division of Applied Research and Technology is the Symposium Chair. [http://www.astm.org/cgi-bin/SoftCart.exe/filtrexx40.cgi?U+mystore+swqs8906+-P+EVENT\\_ID+1080+/usr6/htdocs/astm.org/SYMPOSIA/callforpapers.frm](http://www.astm.org/cgi-bin/SoftCart.exe/filtrexx40.cgi?U+mystore+swqs8906+-P+EVENT_ID+1080+/usr6/htdocs/astm.org/SYMPOSIA/callforpapers.frm)

**“8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Academy of Occupational Health Psychology”** November 12 – 14, 2008, Valencia, Spain. <http://www.ea-ohp.org>

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