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# North Texas Section - American Industrial Hygiene Association



## Join us for the AIHA TeleWeb, August 19th!

Bob Emery, Ph.D., CIH, will present, "What Industrial Hygienists Should Know About Risk Management and Insurance" on August 19th, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm CST. Your NTS AIHA Local Section will present this TeleWeb at Occidental Chemical Corporation in Dallas (directions on [Page 2](#)). The price of the TeleWeb is \$50, payable to NTS AIHA, Federal ID tax number 31-1254249. If you are attending, RSVP to Louis Holtz ([louis\\_a\\_holtz@oxy.com](mailto:louis_a_holtz@oxy.com)).

This course will provide an overview of the risk management and insurance profession from the health and safety program perspective, specifically addressing:

- How an organization's loss exposures are identified and analyzed,
- How risk management alternatives are evaluated,

- How the most desirable option is selected,
- The implementation of selected risk management techniques, and
- The monitoring of effectiveness.

Suggested strategies for adapting programs to the risk management organizational environment will be presented.

Dr. Emery is the Assistant Vice President for Safety, Health, Environment & Risk Management for the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

This TeleWeb is pending ABIH approval for 0.5 IH Certification Maintenance (CM) points. Participants seeking CM points must complete the final exam, evaluation, and processing fee of \$35 per student.

**Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if vegetables smelled as good as bacon.**

**- Doug Larson**

**Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.**

**- World Health**

## Next Meeting: August 21st

The next meeting of the NTS AIHA will be held on August 21st at a **NEW LOCATION!!** The new location is at the Fuddruckers in Grapevine. The physical address is 2001 State Highway 121, Grapevine, TX, 76501. The phone number is 972-724-0072. Directions can be found on the web site, [www.fuddruckers.com](http://www.fuddruckers.com). The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 pm.

The guest speaker is Jennifer McMillan, Assistant Director of Public Health Preparedness for Dallas County Health and Human Services. In this capacity, Ms. McMillan is responsible for all activities necessary to prepare for and respond to a public health emergency such as pandemic influenza or a bioterrorism attack. Dallas county's population is currently at 2.3 million.

The topic is Dallas County Health and Human Services' role in the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI). CRI is a federally funded effort to prepare major U.S. cities and metropolitan areas to effectively respond to a large scale bioterrorism event by dispensing antibiotics within 48 hours. She will also discuss public health preparedness efforts currently underway within Dallas County.

Ms. McMillan has a Ph.D. in Health Studies from Texas Women's University, with both an M.Ph. and B.S. from Indiana University.

Be sure to mark your calendar!!

## OSHA Update is Scheduled!

Our annual OSHA update is scheduled for **October 7, 2008** at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie. More details will be sent out soon.

Vendors are encouraged to exhibit as well. Please contact Susan Monroe at <mailto:monroe.susan@dol.gov> to get the vendor registration form.

**8:00-9:00 AM** Dean Wingo Region 6 ARA: How OSHA Prioritizes Safety and Health

**9:00-10:00 AM** Jeff Lewis: Region 6 Enforcement Strategy

**10:00-11:00 AM** Todd Jordan: OSHA Specialized Response Teams (ALTERNATE: Dallas and Fort Worth Area Directors-Critical Local Issues)

**11:00-11:30 PM** Howard Cole: What OSHA is Doing and Planning for Process Safety Management

**11:30-12:00 PM** Rick Ranck: Dust Explosions and the Regulatory

Challenge

**12:00-1:00 PM** Lunch

**1:00-2:00 PM** Dean McDaniel Dallas Regional Administrator: State of the Region

**1:30-2:00 PM** Bill Klingbeil: Creating a VPP or Challenge Culture at Your Workplace

**2:00-2:30 PM** Christine Webb: Compliance Assistance Programs for You

**2:30-3:00 PM** Jorge Delucca: Hexavalent Chromium, Silica

**3:00-3:15 PM** Robin Bonville: Current Topics in Federal Agency Programs

**3:30-3:45 PM** David Milligan, Director, TEEX: New Options

**3:45-4:00 PM** Teresea Madden-Thompson: UTA New Options

## Directions to Oxy Chem

Oxy Chem is located at 5005 LBJ Freeway (I-635 West), Dallas, TX, 75244. Parking is above ground in the North and South parking lots only. Please do not use the underground parking lot.

Once inside the building, take the first elevator on your left in the elevator bank (on the left). There is a security desk located near the elevator lobby on the first floor if you need assistance finding the correct elevator. The elevator will only go to the 22nd floor where you must sign in. There will be someone with NTS AIHA on the 22nd floor to sign you in and get you to the TeleWeb.

Contact [Louis Holtz](#) at 972-404-2458 if you have additional questions on the location.

### Consumption

Is chiefly caused by the Filthy Habit of

### SPITTING

#### TAKE THIS CARD HOME

And show it to your family, friends, and neighbors

Consumption is a disease of the lungs, which is taken from others, and is not simply caused by colds, although a cold may make it easier to take the disease.

The matter coughed up and sneezed out by consumptives is full of living germs or "tubercle bacilli" too small to be seen. These germs are the cause of consumption, and when they are breathed into the lungs they set up the disease.

#### DON'T GET CONSUMPTION YOURSELF

Keep as well as possible, for the healthier your body, the harder for the germs of consumption to gain a foothold. Every person should observe the following rules:

DON'T live, study, or sleep in rooms where there is no fresh air. Fresh air and sunlight kill the consumption germs and other germs causing other diseases; therefore have as much of both in your room as possible.

DON'T live in dusty air; keep rooms clean; get rid of dust by cleaning with damp cloths and mops. DON'T sweep with a dry broom.

KEEP one window partly open in your bedroom at night, and air the room two or three times a day.

DON'T eat with soiled hands. Wash them first.

DON'T put hands or pencils in the mouth, or any candy or chewing gum other persons have used.

DON'T keep soiled handkerchiefs in your pockets.

TAKE a warm bath at least once a week.

DON'T neglect a cold or a cough, but go to a doctor or dispensary.



You may have to enlarge this to view it. This came from Guttenberg.com and is entitled, "First Lesson in Industrial Hygiene."

## Wanted: Newsletter Editor

Do you have a way with words? Is your creative inner-self crying to be let out of the bag? We have just the thing for you! After over two years as newsletter editor, membership, and communications person, Kelly Dennison is ready to relinquish this prestigious position.

Duties include: publishing a quarterly newsletter and sending out email notifications at the request of the NTS AIHA board. Articles may be gathered from IH periodicals, the internet, or from members themselves. The current software used is Access for the membership database, MS Publisher and Adobe Acrobat for the newsletter, and MS Outlook for the email distribution lists. Job announcements are emailed, and an annual membership list is sent to the membership.

Please email Kelly Dennison ([kadennison@bellhelicopter.textron.com](mailto:kadennison@bellhelicopter.textron.com)) for more information, or to volunteer.

## AIHA Urges Caution as DOL Ponders Workplace Toxin Rule

By Aaron Tripler, AIHA Government Affairs

On July 25, 2008, the AIHA urged the Department of Labor to move cautiously in its attempt to push through a rule to regulate worker's on-the-job exposure to chemicals and toxins.

Recent news articles have indicated that the DOL on July 7 submitted a draft rule to the Office of Management and Budget for review. While the text of the proposal has not been released, the *Washington Post* reported that the proposal "would call for a reexamination of the methods used to measure risks posed by workplace exposure to toxins." The DOL reportedly did an outside study of the risk-assessment process back in September of 2007 at a cost of nearly \$350,000.

AIHA's concern stems from the fact that the proposal has not been made public, the DOL did not disclose a possible rule in the regulatory agenda, and that important stakeholders and experts have not had the opportunity to review and comment. "On behalf of AIHA's 10,600 members, who work on the front line of worker health and safety on a daily basis, we urge the Labor Department and the Bush Administration to take a step back in rushing this proposal forward," said AIHA President Lindsay Booher, CIH, CSP.

"AIHA has not sent the proposed rule or scientific basis and therefore cannot (sic) comment on its content," added Booher. "However, we are very concerned about the reports we have seen that the Department of Labor may be by-passing the public review process in what appears to be a far-reaching rule. Our members have side ranging expertise in evaluating worker exposure from chemicals and other toxins. That is what we do!," said Booher.

"AIHA strongly urges the Department of Labor to take the time needed to gather input from our members and other important stakeholders if they are moving forward with such an important effort. In fact, for several years we have urged the Department of Labor to streamline its approach to update the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) currently used to control exposures to toxic chemicals. Many of these date back to the 1970's and have not been kept current with new information about the risks they may pose to workers. Waiting until the proposal is announced and then allowing for a short 30-day public comment period will not suffice," Booher concluded.

## Judge Rules in Favor of ACGIH in TLV Lawsuit

By Sandy Smith, Occupational Hazards

In a summary judgment ruling issued on May 6, a federal judge in the United States District Court in Macon, GA, dismissed the last of four counts in a lawsuit against ACGIH, initiated by the International Brominated Solvents Association (IBSA), National Mining Association (NMA) and other plaintiffs. Three counts previously were dismissed in March 2005.

The remaining count against ACGIH for violations of Georgia's Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act (UDTPA) was dismissed by Judge Hugh Lawson in a ruling that represents a major victory for ACGIH and, particularly, the occupational and environmental health community. The count sought to prevent ACGIH from publishing its threshold limit values (TLVs) on the basis that they are "false and deceptive because they are not supported by credible science," and that "they disparage the goods, services or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact."

In its ruling, the court stated that "ACGIH, a non-profit association comprised of a group of scientists that adopts workplace safety exposure levels, is more like an entity designed to promote ideas than one that engages in deceptive advertising in an effort to derive a financial benefit." Further, the court "remains unconvinced that the cause of action created in the UDTPA should be able to stifle ACGIH's dissemination of its opinions as to what exposure levels of

certain substances are in fact safe." The court then granted ACGIH's Motion for Summary Judgment and denied the plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.

"This ruling confirms our long-held position that ACGIH has the right to publish its scientific opinions that make the workplace safer," said ACGIH Board of Directors Chair Lawrence M. Gibbs. "Occupational and environmental health professionals need to know they can rely on the information we provide. We stand by our policies, procedures, processes and our TLVs. After almost 4 years of enormous expenditure of ACGIH financial and human resources in defending against this litigation, we view this a great news for the association, for the continued freedom of expression of scientific opinion and for the entire occupational and environmental health profession."

As with any district court ruling, the plaintiffs may pursue an appeal of the court's order. "If IBSA, NMA or any other plaintiffs elect to file an appeal, ACGIH will continue a vigorous and thorough defense of its position," stated ACGIH Executive Director A. Anthony Rizzuto. "We are confident that the Court of Appeals would affirm ACGIH's right to express its scientific opinions and that ACGIH would once again prevail."



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- ⇒ Immediate notification of local job opportunities for members on email distribution list
- ⇒ NTS AIHA Voting Rights

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If YES, what type of job would interest you?      LOCAL       ALL

Are you a National AIHA Member?      YES       NO

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DATE

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### ACGIH TeleWeb

August 19, 1 pm to 3:30 pm, Occidental Chemical Corp., 5005 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, <http://www.acgih.org>.

### NTS AIHA General Meeting

August 21, 2008, Fuddruckers, 2001 State Highway 121, Grapevine, TX , 76501 <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/NTS/homepage.htm>

### Radon Resistant New Construction and Moisture Control Techniques

September 3, 2008, Holiday Inn Select, Dallas, TX. <http://eng.auburn.edu/distance-learning/ce/live/srrtc/courses.html>

### Radon Mitigation & Hands-on Training and Exam

September 3-5, 2008, Holiday Inn Select, Dallas, TX. <http://eng.auburn.edu/distance-learning/ce/live/srrtc/courses.html>.

### Radon Resistant New Construction & Moisture Control Techniques Seminar

September 8-12, 2008, Holiday Inn Select, Dallas, TX. <http://eng.auburn.edu/distance-learning/ce/live/srrtc/courses.html>.

### Aaron Tripler, AIHA Government Affairs

AIHA Gulf Coast Section, November 20, 2008, Houston, TX. <http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/gulf/AIHA-GCSEventCalendar.xls>

### Advanced Air Permitting

September 29-30, 2008, Austin, TX. [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/admin/calendar/sep\\_2008\\_calendar.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/admin/calendar/sep_2008_calendar.html)



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