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North Texas Section - American Industrial Hygiene Association



NTS-AIHA Local Section Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Fuddruckers, 3644 Irving Mall, Irving, TX

Map: <http://www.fuddruckers.com> (map is on the website)

Cost: NTS-AIHA members – FREE!!

Contact: Louis Holtz mailto:louis_a_holtz@oxy.com

Karen Sinard, Product and Regulatory Affairs Manager, Occidental Chemical Corp. will discuss REACH.

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

The ACGIH Webinar on Control Banding on Feb. 12th (1-3:30 pm) will be held at Occidental Chemical Corporation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX. 75244. The fee is \$50, payable at the door. RSVP to [Louis Holtz](mailto:louis_holtz@oxy.com)

Science Fair Judges Needed!

The North Texas Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (NTS AIHA) will again be presenting two awards at both the Dallas Regional Science Fair and the Fort Worth Regional Science Fair. NTS AIHA is requesting volunteers to serve as judges for those events.

The Fort Worth Regional Science Fair will be judged on Tuesday morning, March 4, 2008, at the University of North Texas - Denton and the Dallas Regional Science Fair will be judged on Saturday morning, March 29, 2008, at the Automobile Building in Fair Park.

The awards are classified as "Special Awards," and will be presented to winners in the Junior

High and Senior High levels in each Science Fair. The Judges will vote on the participants whose entry best promotes the study, evaluation, and control of environmental stresses arising in or from the workplace, or its products, in relation to the health or well-being of workers and the public. The award recipients may also be invited to attend an AIHA Local Section meeting to exhibit their project.

If you are interested in supporting this endeavor then volunteer to assist in the judging of one or both of the events. Please call Bill Vining at 972-529-4300 to volunteer, or to obtain further information. You may also email Bill at vining@oeci.com.

Hygiene is two-thirds of health.

-Lebanese Proverb

Local Education Opportunities

REPSS is sponsoring an Occupational Noise Exposure Measurement Seminar, presented by Quest Technologies. The seminar is being held in Arlington at the LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Road on February 28, 2008, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The course objective is to provide a basic intensive short course on occupational noise exposure and instrumentation for measurement of it. The primary emphasis of the course is the use of personal noise dosimeters in the occupational setting with additional instruction in basic sound measurement techniques and use of sound level meters and devices.

The fee of \$75 includes continental breakfast, lunch and all course material.

To register, contact REPSS at 866-657-3777 or email customerservice@repss.com.

The DFW Airport Department of Public Safety is hosting the Oklahoma State University School of Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology for a 2-hour Incident Command overview for Executives and Senior Officials.

This course designed to increase awareness of how an incident command system can work to ensure cooperative response efforts. Any incident can have a mix of political, economic, social, environmental, and cost implications with potentially serious long-term effects.

The fee of \$40 per person includes course material and a break.

To register, call (405) 744-5714 or email Kelly Dennison (kadennison@bellhelicopter.textron.com) for a brochure to fill out and fax.

Happenings from the Hill thanks to Aaron Tripler

President Bush proposed his '09 budget this week, his last budget proposal as President. But to quote at least one Member of Congress who took a look at the budget "this budget is dead on arrival!" Overall, the budget increases defense spending and reduces discretionary spending. And of course there are winners and losers.

While I would agree that the odds of this budget being adopted are low, the odds of adopting any budget before the next President takes office are probably just as low. The budget is supposed to take effect on October 1, but prior to that look for multiple budget hearings and a slew of continuing resolutions until sometime in early 2009

Notwithstanding these odds, it is still worthwhile to take a look at the proposal. Earlier this week I forwarded a quick look at the figures to many AIHA members and other interested parties. For those who haven't already seen the figures, here they are:

	FY2008	FY2009	CHANGE
Safety and Health Standards	\$16.6	\$17.2	\$0.6
Federal Enforcement	182.7	194.0	11.3
State Programs	89.5	91.1	1.6
Technical Support	21.7	22.6	0.9
Compliance Assistance-Federal	71.4	76.6	5.2
State Consultation Grants	52.4	54.6	2.2
Training Grants	9.4	0.0	(9.4)
Safety and Health Statistics	31.5	34.1	2.6
Executive Direction and Administration	10.8	11.5	0.7
Total OSHA Budget Authority	\$486.0	\$501.7	\$15.7
Total Full Time Equivalents	2,118	2,165	47

Note that the budget once again shows a complete reduction in the Susan Harwood Training Grants. President Bush has attempted to remove these grants each year, but Congress has restored the finding. When this budget is finally approved, look for these funds to be restored.

OSHA also hopes to issue proposed rules on beryllium, the globally harmonized system (GHS), walking/working surfaces, and power presses.



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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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Renewing

NAME Last First MI Certification(s), Title, or Both

COMPANY

Home

Business

ADDRESS Street/Box City State Zip

Home

Business

ADDRESS Street/Box City State Zip

NOTE: HARDCOPIES WILL NOT BE MAILED.

EMAIL ADDRESS (provide one only for newsletter, directory and correspondence)

Home

Home

Business

PHONE

Business PHONE

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

Do you wish to receive email notification of job opportunities? YES NO

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

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>.

“14th 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>

“12th 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

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

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