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### President's Message

It happened again! Whenever we plan a social at the Brew Works, it seems like Mother Nature has other plans. I hope everyone fared well on July 27<sup>th</sup> when torrential downpours turned most of the major roads into parking lots or accident scenes. Despite the rain, we had a few members attend the July Social and Kick-off Meeting, and we were able to cover the planned agenda items.

The weather cooperated on September 15<sup>th</sup> and we were able to hold our first Teleweb Presentation on the Fundamentals of Biosafety. There were eleven attendees and we had a very positive response to the format and information presented. Topics covered included the microbial world, biosafety levels and risk assessment, regulations and guidelines, and biosafety cabinets. Based on the responses of attendees, we're planning to host the next teleweb offered by AIHA. See the activities calendar for more details.

The Professional Development Course and 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Industrial Hygiene Conference planning is underway. We are very excited about the speakers and topics that are lined up. Be sure to mark your calendar for these two value-packed days in April 2005.

We are also trying to strengthen our relationships with other local organizations, such as the Lehigh Valley ASSE and Central PA-AIHA chapter. By working with these groups, we are striving to provide more cost-effective opportunities for members to continue their professional development and provide a joint effort for issues that impact environment, health and safety professionals, such as title protection.

Sincerely,  
Blake Morris  
President – AIHA Lehigh Valley Section

Fisher Clinical Services  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

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## November Plant Tour and Teleweb

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**When:** November 18th, 12 PM to 4:30 PM

**Where:** DSM Nutritional Products,  
Belvidere, New Jersey

**Cost:** \$60 for members  
\$80 for non-members

DSM Nutritional Products will host the November plant tour. DSM produces vitamin C, dry vitamin and mineral premixes, liquid vitamin blends and solutions and suspensions for food and dietary supplements.

Following lunch/chapter meeting and the tour, a teleweb presentation by Jeff Burton of *HVAC & IAQ Ventilation: Applying AIHA's 2004 Guideline* will be provided. The teleweb presentation is approved for 0.5 CM points. For more information on this course, go to the AIHA Distance Learning website at [www.aiha.org](http://www.aiha.org).

Directions to the facility and further information will be issued to registrants via email prior to the event. Please contact Sherry Leinbach at [leinbasb@apci.com](mailto:leinbasb@apci.com) to RSVP.

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## 2004-2005 Activities Calendar

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### **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Plant Tour/Meeting/Teleweb

12:00 PM – 4:30 PM

DSM Nutritional Products, Belvidere, NJ

### **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Holiday Social with ASSE

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bethlehem Brew Works, Bethlehem, PA

### **February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Dinner Meeting

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest Blvd.

### **April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Spring Conference and PDC

Holiday Inn, Bethlehem, PA

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## Government Affairs

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Aaron Trippler, Director of Government Affairs for AIHA, spoke September 9<sup>th</sup> at a dinner meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the AIHA. He reported that there is not much significant EH&S legislation pending in Washington at this time. The most significant legislation of interest to EHS professionals is likely the Safe Act, S 2719, introduced by Senator Michael Enzi. AIHA has released a position statement in support of this proposed legislation (refer to the AIHA.org website to view a copy of this position statement). Aaron indicated with the coming elections in November it is not likely that any significant legislation will be passed until January.

Also of interest, recent changes proposed at the CDC would re-assign NIOSH to what some argue is a "lower position" within the organization. AIHA has communicated concerns to the members of Congress and the CDC. For more detailed information on these and other EHS matters in Washington, log onto the member's only section of the AIHA.org website and click on "Government Affairs".

- Tim Docherty, President-Elect

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## Employment Opportunity

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Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy, Inc. is seeking an experienced environmental, health and safety professional. If you are interested in viewing the full job listing, please visit [http://www.ssmgroup.com/career\\_dev/jobs.asp](http://www.ssmgroup.com/career_dev/jobs.asp).

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## Has Your Address Changed?

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