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### Message from the President –

Summer greetings everyone! I hope everyone has found a little time for some R & R during our summer break. I am privileged to serve this year as the new President of the Lehigh Valley Section. Last year was packed with **VALUE** for our members. Past-President, **Blake Morris**, did a fantastic job leading the effort to provide our membership with numerous opportunities to expand our knowledge, network with our peers, and earn Certification Maintenance (CM) points close to home.

We are fortunate to have Blake's continued involvement on the Executive Committee, as well as the expertise, energy and dedication of Bruce Allen, Dave Reinbold, and Joe Gentile. Our thanks also go out to Sherry Leinbach for her continued administrative support. Our fall lineup of events is coming together nicely.

On Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 you'll be able to join us for a low-cost, teleweb seminar on [Nanotechnology](#) being hosted at the Lehigh Valley Hospital School of Nursing, 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew Streets in Allentown. Normally, to register for this teleweb you'd have to spend over \$200!!! LV-AIHA members can join us for the **low, low price of only \$30**. See attached flyer for additional info.

On Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 you can attend a full day, Professional Development Course (PDC) titled, "**Basic Electrical Safety with Application of NFPA 70E**". PDC's such as this course are typically offered at the national conference (AIHCE) for a cost of almost \$300. You'll be able to save the cost of travel and earn a full CM point here in the Lehigh Valley for **only \$140**. See the attached flyer for more info.

In December, we'll get together once again with our friends from the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the ASSE for a Holiday Social at the Bethlehem Brew Works. As we begin work on the Spring PDC and IH conference we'd like to hear your ideas, suggestions, & comments on topics you'd like to see presented. Also, if you'd be willing to host a plant tour, lunch or dinner meeting at your site in November, please let me know.

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## Home Safety

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**Did you know that a fatal injury occurs every 16 minutes and a disabling injury occurs every 4 seconds in homes throughout the United States?**

As industrial hygienists and safety professionals we focus our efforts on instilling safe behaviors into the culture of our workforce. I recently stumbled upon an excellent resource that you may want to use to encourage your workers to continue thinking about safety when they go home to their families each day.

The Home Safety Council (HSC) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to preventing home related injuries. Their website, [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org), offers a wealth of information that you may want to encourage your workforce to check out.

One specific tool available at [http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/resource\\_center/rc\\_checklist\\_w001.aspx](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/resource_center/rc_checklist_w001.aspx) gives folks the ability to generate a customized home safety checklist. At my place of employment, we added a hyperlink to this resource on our safety website and promoted this information to our workers via e-mail. The feedback I've received on this tool has been **very** favorable.

Do you have a favorite website or handy resource that you'd like to share with the members of our local section? If so, let us know and we'll gladly include it in a future newsletter.

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## Fall 2005 Event Calendar

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**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (1pm – 4:30)**  
Nanotechnology Teleweb

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (8 AM to 5 PM)**  
Electrical Safety Course  
Presented by Paul Zoubek, CSP, CIH

**December – Holiday Social – Joint Meeting with LV ASSE.** Tentatively scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bethlehem Brew Works. **FREE to all members.**

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## New ANSI/AIHA Standard Approved

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FAIRFAX, VA (July 29, 2005) — ANSI/AIHA Standard Z10, Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, has received final approval from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This approval means that the standard, developed through a consensus process by a committee of experts and stakeholders from industry, labor, business, professional organizations, and government, is a fully recognized American National Standard.

The approved standard is being prepared for publication and will be available in mid-September. The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), which serves as secretariat for the Z10 Committee, is taking advance orders for the publication online at [www.aiha.org/marketplace.htm](http://www.aiha.org/marketplace.htm) or through its Customer Service Department at (703) 849-8888.

“Under the leadership of Chair Alan Leibowitz, the Z10 Committee has worked together to develop a standard of management systems and principles to help organizations continuously improve their occupational health and safety performance,” said AIHA President Roy Buchan, DrPH, CIH. “AIHA salutes the dedication of the committee members who made this standard possible, and we look forward to seeing the impact their good work will have on the health and safety of working people everywhere.”

The new standard enables organizations to integrate occupational health and safety (OHS) management into their overall business management systems. It focuses on principles that are broadly applicable to organizations of all sizes and types, not on detailed specifications. It is compatible with relevant OHS, environmental, and quality management standards, such as International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9000 and 14000, and with approaches to OHS management in common use in the United States.

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## Has Your Address Changed?

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Please send any address changes to Sherry Leinbach at: [leinbasb@airproducts.com](mailto:leinbasb@airproducts.com)

If you know of a colleague who has recently changed jobs or addresses, please forward this newsletter so he/she can stay in touch.