

# AIHA

# MID AMERICA LOCAL SECTION

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Meeting

**October 7, 2008**

**6 p.m. Sign in / Networking  
6:30 Dinner and Presentation**

*UCM Technology Campus  
850 N. Chipman Road  
Lee's Summit, Missouri*

#### Topic:

*Teleweb*

*Risk Assessment in Industrial Hygiene*

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## September Meeting Highlights

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The annual joint monthly meeting with the Heart of America ASSE section occurred last month at Figlios on the Country Club Plaza. Mr. Chuck Adkins, Regional Administrator with OSHA presented his annual OSHA update (below).



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John Zey, AIHA section President recognized Allen Iske for his accomplishment of being named an AIHA Fellow last year. (below)



## MID-AMERICA LOCAL SECTION SPRING SYMPOSIUM

**March 2009**

Information Coming Soon...

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## Continue to help with the Newsletter!

Based on the overwhelming positive response to the first newsletter I am emboldened to continue with the effort. I have received numerous comments such as the following:

*"Congratulations on a wonderful publication. You folks have done an outstanding job of expanding the coverage and making the newsletter visually appealing. I can hardly wait to see what else you have in store!"*

*--Lance Erickson*

I thank each of you for your support. It is greatly appreciated. I do however need your help!

I strongly encourage all of you to submit story ideas, job openings, upcoming events, etc. ([aihamidamerica@live.com](mailto:aihamidamerica@live.com)). Your active participation in the content of this newsletter will determine its ultimate fate. Please send me your ideas!

The Mid America Section has some of the most intelligent, articulate people I have ever had the privilege to meet and I know you all have great ideas, so please share some of them with me, and your other Section members.

## ***NEWS YOU CAN USE***

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### **Local CIH Featured in “Second Hand Smoke” Newspaper Article**

Ralph Keller, CIH was recently featured in the Emporia Gazette Newspaper as an industrial hygiene expert. He provided information relating to the effects of second hand smoke. To read the full article, go to:

[http://www.emporiagazette.com/news/2008/aug/21/hygienist\\_says\\_science\\_secondhand\\_smoke\\_not\\_clear/](http://www.emporiagazette.com/news/2008/aug/21/hygienist_says_science_secondhand_smoke_not_clear/)

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### **New Missouri Immigration Status Billed Passed into Law: *Mandates Employee Safety Training***

The State of Missouri has recently passed a new Illegal alien and immigration status verification bill into law. This bill changes the laws regarding illegal aliens and immigration status verification, and became law in Missouri on August 28, 2008.

Among other things the new law requires the following, which becomes effective August 28, 2009.

*“Contractors and subcontractors who contract to work on public works projects must provide a **10-hour OSHA construction safety program**, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within 60 days of beginning work on the construction project. Contractors and subcontractors in violation of this provision will forfeit to the public body \$2,500 plus \$100 a day for each employee who is employed without training.”*

Source: [CCS SS HCS HB 1549, 1771, 1395 & 2366 -- ILLEGAL ALIENS AND IMMIGRATION STATUS VERIFICATION](#)

## **Department of Safety Sciences University of Central Missouri**

### **8th Annual Safety Sciences Fall Symposium**

#### **“Building Quality OSH Programs Through Vision and Leadership”**

**Date: November 14, 2008**

**Time: 7:30 to 4:30**

**Where:**

University of Central Missouri Campus  
Ed Elliott Union, Room 237A,  
Union 233 & Union 235  
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093

**Registration Deadline:**

November 2, 2007

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The Fall Symposium is a co-hosted by the Department of Safety Sciences and the Association of Student Industrial Hygienists. Fifty percent (50%) of any realized proceeds from the symposium will go to the ASIH student chapter.

\*CIH Certification points have been requested, previous Symposiums also qualified for CSP points.

# USEPA Studies Alternative Asbestos Control Method Program



USEPA Region 6 has announced the availability for review and comment of two draft reports titled, “Evaluation of the Alternative Asbestos Control Method at Site Two (AACM2) for Demolition of Asbestos-Containing Buildings, and

Evaluation of the Alternative Asbestos Control Method at Site Three (AACM3) for Demolition of Asbestos-Containing Buildings”.

These reports were prepared by EPA's Office of Research and Development. Although this information is presented outside of our own Region 7, it will have widespread effects across the country.

**“Why Is an Alternative Asbestos Control Method Potentially Needed?”**

According to information posted on US EPA Region 6 website: EPA experts believe that developing an Alternative Asbestos Control Method for use during demolition offers an opportunity to better safeguard citizens' health and support redevelopment efforts.

It is important to understand that the asbestos emission standard that currently applies during building demolition will not change—the alternative method would be held to the same emission

standard, it would just be a different way of getting there.

**“Is more study needed?”**

Public comments have poured in, including from one of a former Mid America Section member, Ms. Andrea H. Pouliot, CIH, HQ Industrial Hygiene Program Manager. She submitted the following:

*“This is the Ft Chaffee study that we looked at about a year ago. It looks like a lot of care went into this project to ensure that there were no releases, however these buildings are very special buildings, unlike most buildings that are encountered on military bases, let alone those found in private neighborhoods. I have worked on many installations and have not seen the berming and free set back room that was available for these projects.*

*Somehow I feel that 2- 3 very similar scenarios of building demolition should not be used as a basis for a new alternative method. I still have difficulties getting abatement contractors to set up cassettes properly without overload, to set enough monitoring points, and to provide legible reports for the required air monitoring under the existing protocols.*

*I applaud Region 6's attempts to find an alternative method, but if this method is to be applied to older structures in close contact with other buildings, especially those which house infants and children, then more studies simulating these conditions need to be performed.”*

The final EPA reports for AACM#2 and AACM#3 will be posted simultaneously with the final peer review report.

Source: US EPA Region 6 website



# Get the Word Out!

We are looking for local companies with interest in helping to support this newsletter and the local AIHA section through advertising. With only a small donation (time, treasure or talent accepted) you can help spread the news, and support your local AIHA section. If you are interested please contact Greg Lemke at: [aihamidamerica@live.com](mailto:aihamidamerica@live.com) today!



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### ***Update your Website information!***

**Updated membership contact information is needed.** Please contact **Sandra Harris** or **Greg Lemke** to update your contact information. This is a great opportunity for you to network with other industry professionals, and we want to help make sure that you have the contact information you need to be successful in your efforts.

## **In case you missed it**

### **DOL Grants Nearly \$15.9 Million to Aid Texas' Recovery from Ike**

The U.S. Department of Labor announced a \$15,883,200 grant to the state of Texas to create approximately 600 temporary jobs to assist in Hurricane Ike cleanup and recovery efforts.

"This \$15.9 million National Emergency Grant will put several hundred Texans to work helping communities recover from Hurricane Ike damage," said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. "This grant will also fund humanitarian assistance such as food, clothing, shelter and other critical aid that Texans affected by the hurricane devastation are in need of."

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Membership dues are due for those members who have '2008' next to their names on the website this year. Payment can be made to Sandra Harris at any of our regularly scheduled meetings or by contacting her directing at:

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Refer a colleague or friend to join AIHA and the local section. After all, AIHA is your essential connection to other OEHS professionals. Whether you are a practicing professional, student, professor, or consultant.

With AIHA membership, you become part of a community of more than 10,600 experienced professionals from every industry worldwide who are dedicated to health and safety in the workplace, community, and environment

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### **AIHA membership offers you**

A sense of community and belonging to the IH and OEHS professions is fostered with benefits such as: Volunteer Groups, Special Interest Groups, E-mail Discussion Groups, Networking Opportunities, and Resources for Consultants, along with Career Leadership Opportunities.

AIHA also offers many opportunities and experiences that enable you to grow professionally including: The Synergist magazine, Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene, Distance Learning Courses, Career Advantage, Special Student Membership Benefits, OEHS Central, Symposia, Future Leaders Institute.

### **Advocacy**

With AIHA, you and the profession have a voice. You are heard through programs such as: AIHA Government Affairs, Public Relations, and Consumer Relations.

## **Upcoming Events of Note:**

***Safety & Health Council of Western MO / KS: Kansas City Area Environmental Conference & Expo,***  
*Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, KS,*  
*October 24, 2008*

***22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health & Safety Conference of the Ozarks,***  
*Branson, Missouri*  
*October 28-31, 2008*

***12th Annual Federal Safety & Health Congress, Expo & VPPPA Conference,***  
*San Juan, Puerto Rico*  
*October 28, 2008 - November 2, 2008*

***Professional Conference on Industrial Hygiene (PCIH)***  
*Tampa, Florida*  
*November 8-11, 2008*

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