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Time's Running Out: In Two Weeks, IH Takes Center Stage May 19, 2008

In just two weeks, Minneapolis will play host to several thousand industrial hygienists attending the **American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Expo** (May 31-June 5). The event is taking place at the Minneapolis Convention Center, which was recently named one of the nation's top 15 most eco-friendly convention centers by Expo and boasts nearly 480,000 square feet of trade show space and a 28,000-square-foot ballroom.

Co-sponsored by the **American Industrial Hygiene Association** and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, AIHce 2008 has more than 130 new technical sessions and 80 Professional Development Courses planned for every niche. More than 300 exhibitors will be on hand displaying their latest products and services.

The expo will be the focal point of the event, but in addition to the exhibits and educational opportunities several other items of interest are planned. New this year will be a NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluation Emergency Response Trailer and a "Before Their Time: The World of Child Labor" photo display. Back by popular demand will be the "Mock Meth Lab," a large display in the expo hall of seized paraphernalia that is meant to educate attendees about the different "cooking" methods being used in methamphetamine labs, their resulting chemical exposures and health effects, and the remediation practices that must be employed during cleanups. An even older favorite of AIHce is the 24th Annual **American Industrial Hygiene Foundation's** Fun Run/Walk on Tuesday, June 3. It is sponsored by General Mills and MSA.

The Opening General Session, scheduled for 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, will be presented by renowned economic futurist Jeremy Rifkin, founder and president of the Foundation for Economic Trends. The author of several books, including the international bestseller "The Biotech Century," Rifkin will give a presentation titled "The Future of Work" that promises to provide insight into the scientific and technological changes affecting tomorrow's economy, workers, and environment.

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