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POTOMAC SECTION NEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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**Join us for the next Section dinner meeting:
January 19th 2005**

Wednesday Evening, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

**Lamar Reich, Ph.D. McDonough School of Business,
Georgetown University**

**Occupational Safety and Health as Economic and Ethical
Elements in Business Education and Practice**

**China Garden
1100 Wilson Boulevard
Rosslyn, Virginia
(703) 525-5317**

DIRECTIONS:

Metro: Orange Line-or Blue Line stop Rosslyn, on Wilson Boulevard, one block North (down hill) across Wilson Blvd from the Metro

Driving Directions:

I66 Exit at Rosslyn, exit 75, follow the signs to Wilson Boulevard.
Free parking in the garage underneath the restaurant after 6 pm

Time:

6:00 - 7:00 Registration and social hour
7:00 - 7:30 Dinner
7:30 - 7:45 Announcements
7:45 - 8:30 Speaker

Cost:

	Pre-registered	Not Pre-registered
Section Members* (dues paying)	\$20	\$25
Non-section Members	\$25	\$30
Students	\$5	\$5

**dues can be paid at the door*

Please RSVP to Allen Cooley at 703-642-6891, email ACooley@versar.com

A Message from our Section President:

Happy New Year! This time of year seems to be the busiest for the Section. There are a number of upcoming events that require coordination and member commitment to ensure success. The event that is most critical to our Section's operations is the election of officers and directors for the 2005-2006 term. The Section will have three officer positions open: Secretary-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, and President-Elect. Celia Booth, who graciously volunteered to serve as Secretary-Elect for this term, has agreed to serve as Secretary for next term. There will also be two board positions opening. Elections will be held in February, and Mark Geiger and the nominating committee are accepting currently nominations. Please consider a leadership role in the Section.

In our largest coordinated outreach effort, the Potomac Section will support local school systems by judging science fairs and awarding prizes to entries with an environmental, safety or health focus. Our support of these fairs is an outstanding opportunity to introduce industrial hygiene and environmental safety and health to middle and high school students. This year, Chris Kase has volunteered to coordinate the science fair efforts. The Section is planning to provide judges for Arlington County, Montgomery County, Fairfax County and Prince William County school system fairs. If you have an interest in helping with the science fairs, or if you have worked with any of the school systems on science fair efforts and can provide advice or contact information, please contact Chris.

Our first dinner meeting of the New Year features a presentation on *Integrating the Business Case for Safety* by Lamar Reich, Ph.D. of the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19 at the China Garden in Rosslyn. Our February meeting, which will be held on February 5, will feature David O'Connor of OSHA. David will discuss *MSDS and Global Harmonization*. Our Spring PDC with ASSE on *Emerging Technologies* is planned for March 5.

As always, if there is a topic or a speaker that you'd like to see presented, please don't hesitate to contact Allen Cooley or me.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Vic D'Amato, CIH, CSP
President, Potomac Section of the AIHA

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AIHA News

NIOSH needs the help of you and your network of contacts who have industrial or other business locations in areas affected by the earthquake/tsunami. NIOSH has asked AIHA to reach out to its members to help obtain the most current information from these areas, even if it is not complete information. Updates at a later time will be accepted.

Please provide information on the official AIHA document (Word) and e-mail it to Mili Mavely at mmavely@aiha.org. More information is available in a letter about the request (PDF).

You can also help the victims of the tsunami by finding a charity through InterAction's website. The AIHA Board of Directors is considering a variety of other ways to help the tsunami victims and will keep the membership posted.

SOURCE: <http://www.aiha.org/> (Monday, January 10, 2005)

Section Membership

Membership applications are now being accepted for the Calendar year 2005. The application is attached. Fill it out and bring to the next dinner meeting or mail it to Rao.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee is currently reviewing and considering action on several issues, including:

- Updating our by-laws and operations manual.
- Enhancing benefits for dues paying members.
- Upgrading our email communication system and web site capabilities.
- Looking at existing Officer and committee position descriptions and redefining or creating new positions to align with today's technology and member lifestyles, and to enhance service to our membership.

If you have an interest in participating in these discussions, or if you have an opinion on these issues, please contact Vic D'Amato (vdamato@masimax.com or 571-203-7908). The next Executive Committee meeting will be held February 10. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Vic.

Science Fairs

Over the years, the Potomac Section has supported local school systems by judging science fairs and awarding prizes to entries with an environmental, safety or health focus. The fairs are usually held in the early spring.

Our support of these fairs is an outstanding opportunity to introduce the industrial hygiene and environmental safety and health to middle and high school students. This year, Chris Kase has volunteered to coordinate the science fair efforts. The Section usually provides judges for Arlington County, Montgomery County, Fairfax County and Prince William County school system fairs. If you have an interest in helping with the science fairs, or if you have worked with any of the school systems on science fair efforts and can provide advice or contact information, please contact Chris Kase.

Nominations Requested for Officers and Directors for the 2005-2006 Term

The Section will have four officer positions opening in May, which is the end of the 2004-2005 term: Secretary-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect, and President-Elect. There will also be two board positions opening. Nominations for our February election can be submitted in January.

Please consider a leadership role in the Section. The time commitment is not significant, and the opportunity to work with local and national leaders in this career field is rewarding. Anyone interested in nominating a member for a leadership role, or running for office, should contact Mark Geiger.

Local Section Project 2004-2005

AIHA National is undertaking a Project to gather useful information from and concerning AIHA Local Sections, to evaluate the gathered data, and to make recommendations for strengthening and/or improving each local section (plus student local sections), the local section system, AIHA's support of the local section system, and visa versa. It is recognized that each local area has special needs and conditions that are best met by having regionally-tailored Local Sections. There are positive and negative attributes to the current independent LS system. Many Local Sections are struggling but the specific details of problems facing each Local Section are not known.

The Project will be conducted by a Project Team made up of members of the Local Section Council, local section leaders, and other representatives of stakeholders. Dan Marsick has graciously volunteered to represent the Potomac Section for this Project. Dan may be contacting Section members for input into a survey that the Project Team will be sending out in March. If you have any questions regarding this Project, please contact Vic D'Amato at 571-203-7908 or vdamato@masimax.com.

Spring PDC on *Emerging Technologies*

A joint National Capital Chapter of the ASSE and Potomac Section planning committee for the Spring PDC has been established and is beginning work on the *Emerging Technologies* PDC. The PDC is tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2005 at The Catholic University of America. The joint PDCs are very beneficial to members and can be financially beneficial to the sponsoring organizations; but a lot of volunteer help is needed. If you can think of a topic or a speaker that fits the theme of this PDC, please contact Bruce Donato, Dan Marsick, or Chris Kase. As March approaches, the committee will be looking for volunteers to help prepare and distribute announcements, prepare abstracts and hand-outs, and work the day of the PDC. Please consider volunteering to help on this effort.

CIH and CSP Certification Review Course

Due to scheduling conflicts with review courses offered locally by the national ASSE organization, the National Capital Chapter of the ASSE has deferred planning any local review courses. However, the Potomac Section may still sponsor a summer review course for the CIH examination if there is enough interest. If you or someone you know is interested in attending or presenting, please contact Vic D'Amato.

FUTURE POTOMAC SECTION MEETINGS: Plan on the 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated.

? **June-? July**, A summer event has not yet been planned. Those interested please contact Allen Cooley.

Month	Day/Date*	Topic	Speaker	Location
February	Wednesday	Global Harmonization of Hazard Communication	Invited: Jennifer Silk?	TBD
March	Wednesday, 2 nd	Joint PDC w/ ASSE and Washington Area Chapter System Safety Society - Emerging Technologies (including nanotechnology)		Catholic University, Washington, DC
April	TBD	Joint meeting with HPS - Depleted uranium chemical toxicity and radiation concerns	David McClain, Ph.D. Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	Bethesda, MD
May	21-26	AIHCE (National Conference)		Anaheim, CA
June	Wednesday	George Meaney Labor Education Center	Worker Safety Education Programs	Silver Spring, MD

AIHA NATIONAL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please visit your Section web page and web links for more details on the following events. (www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/potche/homepage.htm),

Welcome to the January edition of AIHA's monthly e-newsletter, the AIHA E-ssential Connection.

These monthly updates will help you stay on top of the information and services available to you. If you do not wish to receive this monthly update, please reply to this e-mail and we will remove you from our update list.

Below are new summaries with links to the e-newsletter website. When you see an item that interests you, click on the link following the summary to view the entire news item. Or, if you like, click on www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm to go directly to the e-newsletter website and read all of the articles at once.

Important AIHce Registration News: Be Sure to Read Before You Register There have been several changes to the AIHce registration process. Chief among them is a new discount being provided as an incentive to attendees and exhibitors to stay in official AIHce hotels. To ensure that you are fully aware of these new policies, and how they may impact your registration, be sure to visit www.aiha.org/aihce05/regfaq.htm.

Also be sure to keep an eye out for your 2005 AIHce Advance Program in the mail. Both registration and exhibit space sales are going strong so don't delay! Choice hotels and PDCs go quickly!

You can present your graduate student poster paper at AIHce 2005 during the launching of the newly designed Networking Cafe. Learn what you need to know to take advantage of presenting in this unique setting.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#2

Serving as a moderator or monitor for EHS crossover programs and serving as a PDC monitor are rewarding experiences. Find out how you can volunteer at this year's AIHce.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#3

You can attend a new session at AIHce this year that features the government affairs representatives from AIHA and ASSE. Find out why this session is taking place and how you can learn more.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#4

Get the details on the AIHF Fun Run and help the Foundation while participating in an annual conference tradition.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#5

Get more information on the new youth employment rules published by the Department of Labor. The rules will cover young people whose jobs include restaurant cooking, roofing, and driving.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#6

Since John Henshaw's announcement that he was leaving OSHA, there have been more changes at the agency. Find out who's who at OSHA and what they will be doing.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#7

You should have your AIHA spring catalog by now. Learn more about what is in the catalog and how you can get more copies.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#8

Even if you missed the deadline for the January bound version of the AIHA Consultants Listing, it's not too late to be included in the online version. Get information and prices on the Listing.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#9

The 2005 AIHA Member Get a Member campaign offers you an opportunity to get involved with the association and a chance to win great prizes. Find out more about what is new with this year's campaign and how you can participate.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#10

Learn about the latest AIHA educational opportunities and how you can take advantage of special savings.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#11

Are you looking for a new job or a qualified candidate? CareerAdvantage is the place to go for jobs, including laboratory quality assurance director, industrial hygiene technician, and more.

www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/enewsletter.htm#12

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

AIHA Distance Learning

Check out the upcoming web-based training seminars at the AIHA web site:

<http://www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/RegFormSafetyHighVolt.pdf>

NEW TeleWeb Virtual Seminar - Dermal Stress Management.

LIVE on January 31, 2005 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. ET Arranged by Jennifer Sahmel, and Presented By Chris Packham and Helen Packham.

For complete course information and pricing, go to www.aiha.org/UpcomingTeleWebs.html

Designed to provide a practical approach to the prevention of damage to healthy skin resulting from workplace exposure, this new TeleWeb will

cover:

- Identification of hazards
- Risk assessment
- Practical risk management
- Monitoring
- New techniques to measure skin condition

Participants gain an understanding of how the skin interacts with the working environment and what is needed to develop a system to prevent workplace dermal exposure damage, learn techniques for

dermal exposure risk assessment and management, as well as explore developments in skin health surveillance that can aid in determining the effectiveness of control measures.

Chris Packham is a founding partner of EnviroDerm Services. Concerned with the development of technical solutions to prevent dermal exposure, Mr. Packham co-developed (with Helen Packham) the unique concept of 'dermatological engineering,' the combining of dermatological knowledge with engineering techniques to produce a dermally safe workplace. Mr. Packham is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health, a member of the European Society of Contact Dermatitis, the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management, the British Occupational Hygiene Society, and is involved with AIHA's Dermal Exposure Assessment subcommittee.

Helen Packham also a partner in EnviroDerm Services, is a biologist with a special interest in the science of "skin bioengineering." She holds regular courses on skin health surveillance for occupational health practitioners and runs regular courses on occupational skin management, dermal exposure risk assessment and risk management. Mrs. Packham is a member of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health and the European Society of Contact Dermatitis.

Can't attend on January 31, 2005? No problem! Order a CD prior to the TeleWeb, via any of the three easy registration methods!

Register before the early registration deadline and save \$50!

~ Web/Fax/Mail: <http://www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/TeleWeb2005Dermal.htm>

~ Phone: (800) 651-7916

** If you've already registered, please forward to a friend who will benefit from this exciting educational event. **

Subject: Register for AIHA's Building Science Course

Register by January 13 and save \$50 for Building Science: Understanding and Controlling Moisture in Buildings, February 14-16, 2005, taught by Hal Levin, Fellow, ASHRAE and Francis "Bud" J. Offermann, MSME, PE, CIH. The class will be at the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA. For full course details and to register visit www.aiha.org/ce.htm.

This three-day intensive course covers building science fundamentals as they relate to moisture control. The course will address a range of climate conditions but it will not address the special problems of hot humid climates. Assessment of moisture pathways as a result of various moisture transport mechanisms including air pressure differentials between spaces within a building and between the building and its surroundings will be examined. Moisture diagnostics in existing buildings as well as design considerations for new buildings will be covered.

Participants will be able to recognize and evaluate actual and potential moisture problems in building components (including foundations, walls, and roofs) as well in building systems (including plumbing and mechanical systems). The successful student will be able to provide design guidance to control moisture in new projects or in remediation, and management of existing buildings.

This course is designed around the real needs of professionals who deal with the design, management, operation, and improvement of modern buildings, such as Industrial hygienists, Facility managers and designers, and anyone concerned about IAQ, with special emphasis on moisture and moisture-related problems.

Don't miss out! Early bird registration for this popular building science course closes on January 13, and will only be offered once in 2005. We look forward to seeing you there.

Call AIHA at (703) 849-8888 for updated road course information.

NEWS FROM AIHA – NATIONAL

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AIHA Recognizes and Expresses Thanks to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA

Sincere appreciation and gratitude are extended to John Henshaw for exceptional service to the occupational and environmental health and safety community

FAIRFAX, VA (December 16, 2004) — The president of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), Donna Doganiero, CIH, recently sent a letter of appreciation to John Henshaw, assistant secretary of labor for OSHA. Henshaw recently announced his resignation from the United States Department of Labor, effective December 31, 2004.

“On behalf of AIHA, I wish to extend John Henshaw our heartfelt thanks for outstanding service for the past three and one-half years,” said Doganiero. “We wish Mr. Henshaw the best in his future endeavors and are hopeful that the experience and knowledge that he has gained will be put to good use in continuing to protect workers.”

In the letter, Doganiero praised Henshaw’s comprehensive, integrated efforts to focus the agency’s relationships and resources on promoting health and safety in the workplace, engage in multifaceted approaches to addressing the most serious hazards, and maximize stakeholder involvement in priority-setting and program implementation.

Doganiero specifically cited Henshaw’s accomplishments with regard to increased professional certification of OSHA personnel, increased participation in the Voluntary Protection Programs, and the development of the OSHA Alliance program. She also thanked Henshaw for OSHA’s efforts to protect first responders following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., and to prepare for worker protection during future national emergencies.

Henshaw is a long-time member and former president of AIHA.

For more information regarding AIHA and the departure of John Henshaw, please contact Aaron Trippler at (703) 846-0730 or atrippler@aiha.org.

Here are the top public policy issues identified in the survey completed last fall by AIHA.

AIHA Top Public Policy

Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Issues

Biannual public policy survey indicates issues that are most likely to present concerns for the industrial hygiene profession in 2005-2006

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), as a result of its biannual membership survey, projects the top public policy issues of concern to AIHA members and the occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) profession over the next two years.

AIHA has identified the following as the top public policy issues for 2005-2006:

Regulatory Issues

- Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) PELs are consensus-based limits that indicate how long an individual can be exposed to a particular substance without experiencing harmful effects. The occupational health and safety profession considers PELs to be one of the most basic tools needed to protect workers. However, many PELs have not been updated since the 1970s. Science in this area has matured, but the PELs have not. AIHA continues to facilitate a working group of industry and labor professionals striving to reach a consensus on the best way to update the PELs. The group continues to consider ways that regulatory or legislative changes could improve current methods.

- Emergency Preparedness and Response

Homeland security is as vast as the transportation system and is as personal as the individual workers who need protection. OEHS professionals are crucial to the safety of emergency response workers and the community that depends on them. AIHA began its efforts on this issue following the Sept. 11 attacks and continues to move forward to provide assistance regarding emergency response issues. In addition to internal association efforts to build programs to supplement federal homeland security efforts, AIHA hopes to work with other organizations to develop programs that address the important issues in emergency preparedness and response.

- Safety and Health Programs

Notwithstanding the fact that this issue has been removed from the OSHA regulatory agenda, AIHA fully supports efforts to ensure that employers incorporate a written safety and health program into workplace policies.

- Ergonomics

AIHA remains convinced of the need for an ergonomics standard, yet in the absence of a standard supports OSHA's development and release of voluntary industry-specific guidelines. In addition to the considerable information available on AIHA's website, the AIHA/OSHA alliance focuses most of its efforts on ergonomics issues.

- Hazard Communication/Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs)

Because of increased interest in hazardous materials over the past several years, AIHA and its members have had success in also bringing hazard communication and MSDSs to the forefront. AIHA supports efforts to improve the accuracy of MSDSs and supports efforts to improve hazard communication for employers and employees. Such efforts are also a crucial element in protecting workers and others in case of national emergencies.

Legislative Issues

- OSHA, NIOSH, EPA Appropriations

Protection of workers and research and education efforts in support of worker health and safety are not possible without adequate federal resources dedicated to the issue. While OSHA and NIOSH have fared reasonably well over the past several years, continued concern over the federal budget deficit could create the need to reduce expenditures in this area. AIHA believes that OSHA and NIOSH must remain adequately funded to carry out their statutory responsibility to ensure that every worker who goes to work returns home safe and healthy. AIHA also supports adequate funding for the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Emergency Preparedness and Response

Similar to AIHA's concern for this issue from a regulatory perspective, AIHA supports legislative measures that further incorporate programs for emergency preparedness and response. AIHA believes that both federal and state legislation is needed to clearly define the kind of programs needed and the resources to put these programs in place.

- Professional Recognition/Title Protection

This issue continues to appear in the top public policy issues for AIHA, as it has since 1993. Professional recognition/title protection allows industrial hygienists and others who have met minimum educational and experience requirements (such as certified industrial hygienists and certified safety professionals) to be legally defined and recognized as competent to perform certain work without the need for additional requirements. While some form of professional recognition/title protection legislation has been enacted in 18 states, AIHA continues to educate federal and state policymakers about the importance of recognizing those professionals who have received education and certification from nationally recognized and accredited organizations.

- Laboratory Accreditation

Accredited laboratories are the best way to ensure that test samples from workplaces, homes, and food facilities are analyzed correctly. Over the course of the last several years, AIHA has been working to see that the AIHA laboratory accreditation program is noted in federal and state legislation and regulation as one of the programs with national recognition

and acceptance. This issue continues to be an important part of both scientific and government affairs around the country.

- OSHA Reform – Compliance Assistance, Third Party Review, Professional Certification, Federal Contracting/OSHA Compliance, Voluntary Protection Program, Criminal Penalties

Congress is likely to consider several measures that would reform a number of OSHA policies. As was the case in the 108th Congress, AIHA will continue to make recommendations and monitor any potential changes at OSHA that may impact occupational health and safety and workers.

- Material Safety Data Sheets

Over the course of the past year, there has been increased attention given to MSDSs and their importance in protecting workers from hazardous materials. Much of this increased attention is due to international acceptance of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). AIHA supports efforts to improve the training provided to employers and employees in developing and interpreting MSDSs, improve the accuracy of MSDSs, and work with Congress and others to determine whether, and how, the United States should address the issue of the GHS.

Other issues AIHA members find most important are personal protective equipment, generic exposure assessment regulations, and risk assessment legislation. AIHA makes these issues a priority within its government affairs efforts and strives to keep occupational health and safety in the forefront with federal and state policymakers.

OTHER LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GWU EOH Seminars

EOH Seminar. Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30pm [sharp] in Ross 643. Directions: take Metro to Foggy Bottom, and Ross Hall is 180 degrees to your right as you exit, across from new GWU Hospital. Picture ID is necessary for entry to Ross Hall. FREE and open to any environmental and/or occupational health professional in the area. CME credits are available. Here are the planned topics for the next three months:

January 19 Jennifer Sass, PhD, Natural Resources Defense Council, "The Regulation & Toxicity of Perchlorate: Where is Public Health?"

January 26 Butch DeCastro, PhD, American Nurses Association, "ANA's Handle With Care Campaign: A Multi-Component Strategy to Address Musculoskeletal Disorders Among Nurses."

February 2 TRYING TO GET A WATER EXPERT TO DISCUSS Post-TSUNAMI SITUATION

February 9 John Balbus, MD, Environmental Defense, "Nanotechnology innovations and toxicology"

February 16 Stephanie St. Pierre, MDiv, American Indian Community House (NYC), "Health Ethics and Native Communities: PCBs in Mohawk Women and Children"

February 23, Chuck Engel, MD, MPH, Walter Reed Army Institute, "The history and characteristics of battle health syndromes"

March 2, Tee L. Guidotti, MD, MPH, EOH/GWU, "New American Thoracic Society (ATS) guidelines for noncancer asbestos pulmonary diseases"

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

(1) The Washington DC War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking applicants for four fulltime research positions. Successful candidates will manage and collaborate in one or more of the recently funded post-deployment health studies of U.S. veterans of Vietnam War, 1991 Gulf War, and the current war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Qualifications: A graduate degree in epidemiology, biostatistics or related field with demonstrated ability to manage, maintain, and analyze a large data file is highly desirable. Appointment is for a term of three years and U.S. citizenship is required.

Salary and Benefits: Total annual compensation range is \$65,800 to \$117,000. Full Federal benefits including health and life insurance options, retirement, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave will be provided.

For more information about the WRIISC-DC see: <http://www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC/>. Review of applications will begin on January 3, 2005 and will continue until all positions are filled. Interested individuals should send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to:

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Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20420
Tel. (202)254-0370; Fax. (202)254-0380
han.kang@hq.med.va.gov

(2) Consolidated Safety Services, Inc. (CSS) currently has a job opening for a Safety Specialist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, which is located in the Washington, DC area. Candidates should have appropriate education and

experience in performing services to evaluate compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations including those relating to asbestos, lead, general safety, confined space, PPE, IAQ, fire safety, radiation, etc. Excellent oral and written communication skills are required.

Qualified candidates will have the opportunity to work with a team of highly qualified professionals. CSS has an excellent benefits package including paid vacation, health insurance and an employer-match 401K program. For immediate consideration please send resume and cover letter to Scott Robbins by email: srobbins@consolidatedsafety.com

Salary commensurate with experience.

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Potomac Section
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL
September 2004 - December 2005

Name/Title: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone/Fax: _____ Work e-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone/Fax: _____ Home e-mail: _____

Are you ABIH certified? ___ CIH ___ OHST Other _____

Are you a member of AIHA National? ___ Yes ___ No (interest in an application ___ Yes ___ No)

DUES: Make checks payable to AIHA - Potomac Section

- ___ \$20.00 Newsletter via e-mail
___ \$25.00 Newsletter via regular mail
___ \$5.00 Student rate with newsletter via email

Which address do you prefer for Potomac Section correspondence? ___ Work ___ Home

INTERESTS
check all that apply

- ___ Running for a Potomac Section Office ___ Government Affairs (SGAO) VA or MD
___ Helping to arrange Potomac Section Meetings/Speakers ___ Assisting with future PDCs
___ Assisting with Student Science Fairs Other _____

RESOURCE BANK

Members are requested to identify primary IH practice areas. Please circle:

- 01 Comprehensive 07 Engineering 13 Toxicology
02 Chemistry 08 Air Pollution 14 Ergonomics
03 Safety 09 Education 15 Epidemiology
04 Health Physics 10 Occupational Medicine 16 Risk Assessment
05 Environmental Pollution 11 Administration 17 Indoor Air Quality
06 Hazardous Waste 12 Equipment Sales/Development 18 Other _____

Please mail this form and check to: Rao Tadavarthy, 6953 Cottontail Court, Springfield, VA 22153 OR bring your check and this form to any 2005 meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____