



POTOMAC SECTION NEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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“WIFM”

What's in it for me? I heard a past president of a local safety association give a talk on this and with that in mind, it seemed appropriate to forward the following email comment from a new officer of our section.

Read the following, then give some serious thought about becoming an officer or other active executive committee member.

Celia Booth who stepped up to be our secretary elect was astounded that no other “more highly qualified, heads-up people” are interested in providing leadership support for the AIHA Chapter, which doubtless has some of the most competitive and qualified OHES professionals in the country. In an recent email she said;

Why do you suppose that I wouldn't have any competition? Are we all being pushed so hard in our jobs that we can't make the time commitment to participation in professional organizations? That's a rhetorical question, as I changed jobs for that very reason last year. But, I've found that the participation with you all (if not in person due to family commitments) has gotten me tuned back in to issues that we need to keep our heads up for the safety of workers. Pardon me for preaching to the choir - that's why you are all so dedicated and participating!

Enough said, contact Vic or Mark if you would like to find out what's in it for YOU!

Join us for the next Section Dinner Meeting
February Meeting announcement

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SOCIETY
POTOMAC SECTION

Dinner Meeting
February 16, 2005
Wednesday Evening, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

HAZCOM GLOBAL HARMONIZATION

Presented by David O'Connor
Department of Labor, OSHA, Washington, D.C.
Office of Chemical Hazards

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

Hilton Hotel
6550 Loisdale Rd
Springfield , VA

Cost: members \$20
 Non-members \$25*
 students \$5
*dues (\$20) can be paid at the door to get member price

For Reservations,
please e-mail Chris Findlay by noon on Friday, February 11th at findlay.christopher@dol.gov or call
him at 202-693-9633

DIRECTIONS

Metro, to Springfield Franconia—on the Blue Line then call the hotel at 703-971-8900 and ask for the private
shuttle pickup, or catch the “TAGS” public van.

NO SHUTTLE SERVICE AFTER 7 PM. [DRIVING MEMBERS CAN PROVIDE RIDES TO METRO FOR THOSE IN NEED AFTER MEETING.]**Driving, (courtesy of Dan Marsick)**

Directions to Hilton Springfield

Note: Houlihan's is the restaurant at Hilton Springfield, which is next door to Kaiser Permanente and across from the Springfield Mall. There is a bridge next to Loisdale Road that takes ALL Rte 644 traffic over the local roads. Be careful NOT to be in thru lanes when you approach this bridge. Park ONLY in Hilton spaces (not those reserved for KAISER).

From southbound I-95 (very busy intersection), get off at Rt. 644 East Franconia, bear right, turn right shortly at Loisdale Road. You will see the Hilton on the right.

From southbound I-95 (Serious traffic and not moving)- get off at Edsall Road West, go some distance to Backlick Road (stay left), Turn left at Backlick Road (you cannot go straight), go straight on Backlick Road (changes name to Amherst Road) 1.9 miles, when going over bridge after shopping center, get left and use ramp to Old Keene Mill Road, at stop sign turn right BUT get left (not FAR left) ASAP to go down Rt 644. Turn left at the sign for Loisdale Road (0.9 miles). You will see the Hilton on the right.

Instead of exiting at I-95 southbound:

From I-495 South (outer loop from Maryland), get off at Braddock Road East, bear right for 1.7 miles, turn right onto Backlick Road (changes name to Amherst Road), follow for 2.3 miles, when going over bridge after shopping center, get left and use ramp to Old Keene Mill Road, at stop sign turn right BUT get left (not FAR left) ASAP to go down Rt 644. Turn left at the sign for Loisdale Road (0.9 miles). You will see the Hilton on the right.

Instead of exiting at I-95 southbound:

From I-495 West (inner loop from Maryland), get off at Van Dorn St., bear right off ramp and make right onto Van Dorn St., Follow Van Dorn through 3-4 traffic lights and turn at LARGE intersection right onto Rte 644, Franconia Road westbound. Follow Franconia until you see signs for Loisdale Road.

Metro is conveniently located on Frontier Drive, about 0.5 miles east from the Hilton and behind Springfield Mall. You can walk through the Mall to Target and then across the parking lot to the Hilton. Be careful when crossing Loisdale (busy 5-lane street).

The National Capital Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers and The Potomac Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Present a

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

(Including Nanotechnology)

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Pryzbyla Center, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C

Check-in/On-site Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.

Conference will begin at promptly at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAM*

• NANOTECHNOLOGY

- Overview (Loretta Schuman – OSHA)
Characterization of nano-particles (John Small – NIST)
Legal Issues (Martha Marrapese- Keller & Heckman)
Global Harmonization (Michele Sullivan – MRS Associates)

- Latest Laboratory Technology (tbd)
Executing System Software Safety – (Janet Gill – Navy)
New Respiratory Legislation – (MSA)
ASSE/AIHA Association Updates

*Topics and speakers subject to change

FOR MORE DETAILS CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITES

www.asse-ncc.org or www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/potohome.htm

Price includes a continental breakfast, lunch, breaks and certificate of attendance**.

Inquire about group and student discounts.

**A certificate of attendance will be awarded which can be used for COC’s, CM points or CEU’s.

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A Message from our Section President:

Leadership. Not everyone considers a role as a leader in an organization, especially in a volunteer organization like the Potomac Section. There are a number of reasons: concerns about the time commitment; feeling that someone else more qualified is available; or maybe it's just that no one has asked. Every Spring, the Section holds its annual election of Officers and Directors, and it's that time of year! The Section will have three officer positions open: Secretary-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, and President-Elect. There will also be two board positions opening. If you haven't considered a leadership position in the Section for the reasons I've stated above, consider this:

1. As with any volunteer role, there is a time commitment. However, it's a great opportunity to work with professionals in your career field helping to advance the profession at the "grass roots" level. And, the networking opportunities as a Section Leader are rewarding.
2. There are no pre-requisites for being in a leadership role in the Section. You learn as you go. We are privileged to have excellent mentors who have extensive experience and enjoy working with Section leaders. All you need is the desire to work with others to better our organization and, hopefully, our profession.
3. If no one has ever asked, well.....

Mark Geiger and the nominating committee are accepting currently nominations. If you interested in serving the Section as a leader, or if you know of someone who would make a good leader, please let me (vdamato@masimax.com or 571-203-7908) or Mark (mark.geiger1@navy.mil or 703 604-1422) know.

Chris Kase is coordinating upcoming science fairs this year. The Section's support of these fairs is an outstanding opportunity to introduce industrial hygiene and environmental safety and health to middle and high school students. 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 (Chris.X.Kase@questdiagnostics.com).

Our February meeting, which will be held at the Springfield Hilton on February 16, will feature David O'Connor of OSHA. David will discuss *MSDS and Global Harmonization*. Our Spring PDC with ASSE on *Emerging Technologies, Including Nanotechnology* is scheduled for March 2. The PDC committee has been working hard, and the agenda for the meeting promises to be very insightful.

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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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.

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 scheduled for March 2, 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. 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
March	2	Joint full day PDC with National Capital ASSE	Various	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

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>

Upcoming TeleWebs include:

Toxicological and Occupational Medicine Perspective on Molds and Mycotoxins: Update and Implications for Industrial Hygiene

February 16, 2005

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST

Early Registration Cutoff - February 2, 2005

Designed to discuss and summarize recent developments and publications concerning the toxicity of molds, this TeleWeb will address an industrial hygiene approach to mold. It will also examine the influences that have impacted the process of dealing with mold and the resulting process industrial hygienists utilize to assess and remediate mold.

Presenters include: V. Robert Denham, Jr, JD, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy LLP; Bryan Hardin, PhD, GlobalTox Inc.; Ed Light, CIH, Building Dynamics; Coreen Robbins, PhD, CIH, GlobalTox Inc.; and Daniel Sudakin, MD, MPH, Oregon State University.

Control Banding

March 11, 2005

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST

Early Registration Cutoff - February 25, 2005

This TeleWeb will offer a balanced mix of theoretical aspects, practical examples, and hands-on activities. The speakers will discuss the origins, technical basis, limitations, and current uses of control banding. Current activities in developing and developed countries, a report from the National Control Banding Workshop, and a case study/ demonstration will be discussed. Participants will also have an opportunity to apply control banding principles to real-world examples.

Deborah Nelson, PhD, CIH, Geological Society of America, and Susan Ripple, MS, CIH, The Dow Chemical Company, will present this exciting new TeleWeb.

Creating Breakthroughs for Safety, Health, and Environmental Excellence

April 13, 2005

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST

Early Registration Cutoff - March 30, 2005

The purpose of this TeleWeb is to identify and describe the key components required to create breakthroughs in safety, health, and environmental performance and how unsafe attitudes and behaviors impact performance in these areas. The presenter will also discuss the importance of building a common health and safety culture that involves all employees working toward a common goal of excellence.

Michael D. Topf of Topf Organizations will present.

TeleWeb Virtual Seminars deliver cutting-edge educational content live via the Internet and telephone from the convenience of an attendee's home or office; multiple attendees can participate for the cost of a single registration. More than 7,000 participants have utilized this convenient and cost-effective continuing education format since its debut in 2000.

Participants need Internet access and a telephone, or just a phone, to be part of these live educational events. Additionally, an archive copy of each TeleWeb will be available on CD.

To register for any TeleWeb Virtual Seminar, please call toll-free at (800) 651-7916 or register online at www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/html/TeleWebSeries.html .

AIHA members who register early can attend the TeleWebs for \$235, nonmembers for \$265. After the early registration cutoff date, tuition will be an additional \$50 for both members and nonmembers. Every site registered will receive materials prepared by the course presenter(s), which may be duplicated for each participant.

Please contact Stacey Talbot at (703) 846-0749 or stalbot@aiha.org with questions regarding TeleWeb Virtual Seminars or AIHA's Distance Learning Program. For more information, including system requirements, please visit www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/html/TeleWebSeries.html .

LOCAL COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

April 13-15, 2005: Occupational Hearing Conservation Course for initial certification or re-certification approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) at Sibley Hospital in Washington, DC. AAOHN Continuing Education Credits available.

To register or request additional information, please contact Chris Groboske or Sandra Boston at WOHA at (202) 463-6698.

NEWS FROM AIHA

February 7, 2005

SPECIAL REPORT
FY2006 BUDGET REQUEST FOR OSHA

President Bush has requested a \$467 million budget for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in fiscal year 2006. The request was announced today. The request represents an increase of \$2.8 million from last year's appropriation and includes increases in state plan compliance assistance programs and data analysis and performance measurement.

The increase is somewhat of a relief to occupational health and safety stakeholders who had heard that the President would be cutting most domestic programs by around one percent and slashing many other programs all together. While the increase does not keep up with inflation, in these times of budget restraint, this may be the best that could be hoped for.

One additional bright spot (if you can call it that) is that the proposal cuts all of the dollars (\$10.2 million) in training grants. This means that all other programs received an increase as they split this money. If history holds true, Congress will restore these training grants, resulting in additional dollars in most of the OSHA programs.

No word yet on how NIOSH or EPA fared in the President's proposal. Inside talk was that NIOSH would take a small hit of a couple of hundred thousand dollars and that EPA would take a much bigger hit. As soon as these figures become available, we will pass them on.

Here is a look at the 2006 proposal:

BUDGET AUTHORITY – OSHA
(Dollars in Millions)

	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Change</u>
Safety and Health Standards	\$16.0	\$16.6	\$0.6
Federal Enforcement	169.7	174.3	4.6
State Programs	91.0	92.0	1.0
Technical Support	20.7	21.7	1.0
Federal Compliance Assistance	70.9	73.3	2.4
State Consultation Grants	53.4	53.9	0.5
Training Grants	10.2	-	(10.2)
Safety and Health Statistics	22.2	24.5	2.3
Executive Direction and Administration	10.1	10.7	0.6
Total, OSHA Budget Authority	\$464.2	\$467.0	\$2.8
<i>Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)</i>	2,208	2,208	

For information on any of the items in this report, please contact Aaron Trippler.

New Congress Convenes – But Don't Expect Many Changes

The 109th Session of Congress convened in early January with a few new faces, but is generally looked upon as “more of the same”. With Republicans increasing their slim majority by a small number, most believe that three major issues – tax reform, tort reform and social security, will dominate the first year of this session. Add to this the continuing situation in Iraq and most do not expect issues like occupational health and safety to receive much attention.

The administration has already hinted that the fiscal year '06 budget will be very tight. Early talk is that most program will be level-funded and many others will actually receive a decrease. What will happen with OSHA and NIOSH remains to be seen, but after both received respectable increases in '05, AIHA doesn't feel there will be many additional dollars put forth.

Occupational Health and Safety

As to who will be controlling the agenda for occupational health and safety, it may be a little early to tell. What we do know is that Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY) has moved up from subcommittee chairman to full committee chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. While we hoped this would mean even more of a focus on issues of importance to AIHA, it now looks as if this may not be the case. Most believe the full committee will have a full plate dealing with the issue of pensions. And some say that Senator Enzi will not move forward with his previous offerings of the "SAFE Act". As for the subcommittee chairmanship, the committee has yet to meet to determine who will chair this subcommittee. The top name being talked about at this time is Senator John Ensign (R-NV). Senator Ensign has not shown a particular interest in OSHA issues in the past, so will just have to wait and see what transpires.

In the House, few changes are coming. Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA) will still lead the subcommittee overseeing OSHA. Rep. Norwood has indicated he will move his OSHA reform bills through the House as soon as possible. In the last session, Rep. Norwood saw his bills easily pass the House, only to be stopped cold in the Senate with no one taking the lead. Unfortunately for Rep. Norwood, the same could hold true this time around.

Changes at the Agencies

The most awaited change in federal agencies will be who will replace John Henshaw at OSHA. At this time, it looks like three names continue to be discussed as the leading candidates. The three are Dr. John Howard, currently the head of NIOSH; Jim Thornton, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety and Northrop Grumman in Newport News; and Horace (Topper) Thompson, a lawyer. Of course, as most know, Jim Thornton is a past president of AIHA and is the current president of the Academy of Industrial Hygiene. Notwithstanding the fact that Jim's name is on the "short list", Jim has not indicated whether or not he is seriously interested. No word on when the appointment will be made.

Over at NIOSH, much will depend on whether Dr. Howard is named to head OSHA. And no word yet on who might take over at the EPA, since Mike Leavitt resigned to become Secretary of HHS.

State Legislatures Begin With Flurry of Bill Introduced

Nearly all of the state legislatures have convened for the year and the number of bills introduced continues to grow each day. Early checks find about 50 to 100 bills being introduced each day that AIHA is reviewing for possible interest. Some involve mold, others involve the reporting of health and safety violations and still others cover general interest in the issue of OH&S.

Federal and State Legislative Action Centers

Visit the AIHA Federal Legislative Action Center to stay abreast of national issues important to occupational health and safety. The center can be found within the members-only section of the AIHA web page.

The State Center offers AIHA members the opportunity to monitor all state legislative sites, scan IH professional recognition/title protection laws in states where adopted, and even review and follow all state legislation being monitored in the state legislatures throughout the year. Included under each state site is access to the various state agencies, including the Governor’s office and OSHA state plan sites. If professional recognition/title protection legislation has been enacted in a particular state, this law can also be found.

Another important feature is member access to each of the weekly legislative/regulatory reports sent to each state. With this access, members can follow any piece of legislation that may be of interest.

For information on any of the items in this report, please contact Aaron Trippler.

VIRGINIA

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for Virginia.

Current Legislation

None to Report

Legislation Reported Earlier

VA S 971	<p>AUTHOR: O'Brien (R) TITLE: Labor Violations INTRODUCED: 01/11/2005 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: SENATE SUMMARY: Prohibits an employee from seeking any further relief for discharge or discrimination as a result of reporting health or safety violations if the employee does not file his complaint alleging such discharge or discrimination within 60 days after it occurs. STATUS: 01/20/2005 Engrossed by SENATE.</p>
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Regulatory Report

None to Report

MARYLAND

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for your Maryland.

Current Legislation

MD H 350 **AUTHOR:** Smigiel (R)
TITLE: Task Force on Indoor Air Quality
INTRODUCED: 01/27/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Environmental Matters Committee
SUMMARY:
Establishes a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality in Educational Institutions to address health and environmental risks posed to students and employees by toxic organisms located in the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems of educational institutions; provides for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; requires the Task Force to issue a specified report by July 1, 2006.
STATUS:
01/28/2005 To HOUSE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

In bill text the following has special meaning
underline denotes added text
~~struck out text denotes deleted text~~

2005 MD H 350

AUTHOR: Smigiel
VERSION: Introduced
VERSION DATE: 01/27/2005

UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 350

By: Delegates Smigiel, Boschert, Cluster, Costa, Cryor, Dwyer, Haddaway, Kach, Nathan-Pulliam, Petzold, Sossi, and Taylor

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2005

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning
Task Force on Indoor Air Quality in Educational Institutions

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality in Educational

Institutions; providing for certain membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain report by a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from participating in certain activities of the Task Force under certain circumstances; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Indoor Air Quality in Educational Institutions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- (a) There is a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality in Educational Institutions.
- (b) The Task Force consists of the following twenty-four members:
 - (1) Two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (4) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (5) The Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the Chancellor's designee;
 - (6) The State Superintendent of Schools; and
 - (7) Sixteen members appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - (i) Two representatives of the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) repair industries;
 - (ii) Two representatives of not-for-profit organizations that focus on indoor air quality and related health issues;
 - (iii) One representative from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health;
 - (iv) One representative of local government;
 - (v) Two representatives of county school boards;
 - (vi) One representative of a private noncollegiate educational institution certified by the State Board of Education;
 - (vii) One representative of a noncollegiate educational institution operated by a bona fide church organization;
 - (viii) Two members of the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

- (ix) Two citizens affected by HVAC-related illnesses caused by HVAC systems in educational institutions in the State;
 - (x) One physician representative of the Maryland College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine with credentials and experience in the evaluation and treatment of illnesses related to indoor air quality; and
 - (xi) One person with expertise in architecture or building design and engineering.
- (c) The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Task Force.
- (d) The Task Force shall:
- (1) Study the nature, location, and extent of health and environmental risks posed to students and employees of educational institutions as a result of molds, spores, and other toxic organisms located in the HVAC systems of public and private educational institutions in Maryland, including:
 - (i) The relative risks associated with the manufacture, maintenance, and repair of HVAC systems in educational institutions; and
 - (ii) Actual and projected costs for the medical treatment of HVAC-related illnesses caused by HVAC systems in educational institutions in the State;
 - (2) Make recommendations regarding:
 - (i) The prevention of HVAC-related illnesses, including a monitoring program to identify the probable onset of HVAC-related illnesses and their underlying causes;
 - (ii) The use of appropriate remedies and controls in educational institutions, including the best available treatment technology and voluntary prevention and pollution reduction programs;
 - (iii) A plan to provide information and warnings to affected students, students' families, and employees of educational institutions regarding health and environmental risks associated with the indoor air quality of their sites; and
 - (iv) Legislative or regulatory measures that are necessary and appropriate to address current gaps in federal, State, and local protection of students and employees of educational institutions from HVAC-borne toxins; and
 - (3) Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and subject to Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before July 1, 2006.
- (e) State agencies represented on the Task Force shall provide staff support for the Task

Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) A member of the Task Force who misses two meetings of the Task Force may not participate in any decision-making processes or recommendations of the Task Force.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Legislation Reported Earlier

None to Report

Regulatory Activity

None to Report

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 two months:

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

SUMMER INTERN POSITION REQUESTED.

A Junior at Salisbury State in the Environmental Health Science program with a minor in Biology needs to find an internship (200 hours) for this summer. While pay would be nice, it is not a requirement. If you know of anything in the Frederick, MD area, please contact Corbitt, Stefanie Corbitt@khlaw.com if you have something. She needs to know by 2/10/05

JOB OPENINGS

1. Georgia-Pacific Corporation, a Fortune 100 company and one of the world's leading manufacturers of paper and building products has an immediate need for a **Senior Corporate Health and Safety Specialist** in our downtown Atlanta office.

Key responsibilities are to promote safety and health, provide programs and other technical guidance to corporate, business unit and facility personnel to prevent accidents; comply with corporate policies and procedures, and comply with safety and health regulations. Will be considered one of the top Safety and Health technical experts within the company and a key resource to the corporate, business unit and site safety professionals. The position reports to the Director of Industrial Hygiene and Safety Systems.

A substantial amount of candidate's time will be in support of the corporate industrial hygiene program as a senior level expert. Perform industrial hygiene surveys at facilities in all Georgia-Pacific business units. Perform safety and health evaluations of facilities in all business units dealing with all aspects of safety and industrial hygiene. Work with management to develop safety plans and strategy. Assist in developing and conducting training classes. Provide direct support to business unit management under the internal consultant model. Develop and instruct training courses for wage and salaried employees. Develop written safety and health policies and communications. Act as a center of expertise for assigned safety/IH subjects. Serve as a customer service contact for assigned business units. Approximately 60% travel necessary.

Masters Degree in Industrial Hygiene and Safety or related field. CIH certification required. Dually certified CIH/CSP preferred. Minimum 10 years experience in manufacturing industrial hygiene/safety and health work. Working knowledge in OSHA Regulations, both CFR 1910 and 1926. Good communications skills, both verbal and written as well as strong computer skills. Self-starter, team player, customer focus and accountability.

We offer competitive salaries, benefits package, career growth, stable environment, and much more! For consideration, please email your resume including salary history in confidence to: SSHEADQU@GAPAC.COM . Candidates MUST INCLUDE Job Code, ADIMB620SSH in the subject line to be considered. We welcome and encourage diversity in our workforce. An Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V. Please visit our website at www.gp.com.

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2. DDOT Announces Pedestrian Safety Position

DDOT has an opening for a Pedestrian Safety Specialist, a full-time position for someone who will guide urban transportation planning to integrate pedestrian safety into the District's transportation system, along with other duties.

Information and application procedure is available from: James R. Sebastian, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager DDOT, 2000 14th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 671-2331, (202) 671-0617/fax, (202) 409-9197/mobile, jim.sebastian@dc.gov, Website: <http://ddot.dc.gov>.

Bill Rice
Spokesperson, Dist. Department of Transportation
202/671-2004
202/437-7787/cell
202/671-0127/fax

3. 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@consolidatedsafty.com.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Scott J. Robbins, CIH, CSP
Consolidated Safety Services, Inc.
GSFC Industrial Hygiene Office
Mailstop 250.9, Bldg 97
Greenbelt, MD 20771
Phone: (301) 286-6795
Fax: (301) 286-1618



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 2004-2005 meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO: