



POTOMAC SECTION NEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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Comments for the Newsletter
should be sent to Leigh Doptis at
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Join us for the next Section dinner meeting:

March 20, 2003 Local Emergency Response Planning

Speakers: Barry Hemler and David Beatty, MPH

Topic: Emergency response planning in the Montgomery County School System

Location: Holiday Inn at Tyson's Corner, VA
1960 Chair Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102
703 893-2100

Times: 6:00-7:00 Registration and Social hour
7:00-7:30 Dinner
7:30-7:45 Announcements
7:45-8:30 Speakers

Menu: Buffet

Cost: \$20.00 members, \$25.00 Guests

RSVP required: Contact Mark Geiger by COB March 16, 2003 at Mark.Geiger1@navy.mil, call 703 604-1422, or FAX your Name, Phone No., and E-mail Address to Mark at 703 602-4786.

Directions:

- Metro: Take Orange line to Dunn Loring stop. There will be a shuttle about every 15 minutes
- Driving directions: From I-495, Exit 46A, Rte 123, Chain Bridge Road to Tyson's Corner. Make a right on International Drive. Make a left onto Greensboro Drive. The hotel entrance is on the left.

A Message from our Section President:

This month the Potomac Section is sponsoring two activities. The first is our annual Professional Development Course, which was held on March 5th. The second will be on March 20th, an event postponed because of snow on its originally scheduled date of February 20th.

About 40 personnel, drawn from our own Potomac Section, the Chesapeake Section, the National Capital Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, and the International System Safety Society, attended the PDC. The PDC's theme, "Design and Construction of Safer Products, Systems and Facilities" was well addressed by the seven fine speakers and applied to acquisitions in the fields of air traffic control, military equipment and building design. Mark Geiger and his helpers arranged a top-notch day.

At the March 20th dinner meeting at the Tyson's Corner Holiday Inn, Barry Hemler and David Beatty will describe emergency response planning efforts in the Montgomery County, Maryland schools. Contingency planning has always been part of the professional lives of many of us, and its need and scope have only been expanded since 9/11. President Bush attended Barry's last presentation on school indoor air quality, so the evening is highly recommended. (We don't expect the President this time!)

Good things are happening in our Section and they continue to be directed to your professional needs. There's no time like the present to avail yourselves of these enriching opportunities, network with your peers and advance your career. Get involved with us!

Ken

SECTION NEWS:

Should you desire to support our industrial hygiene profession by participating in the leadership of our local section, please know that changes adopted by ABIH in 1998 state that elected Board members of local sections receive 0.5 points/year. Please contact Ken or another Board member if you're interested.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: Some time ago our section voted in favor of making a donation to the ACGIH to support its legal defense related to the TLVs[®], even before the AIHA decided to support their cause. For some reason or another the donation was never made. Recent Board action was taken to remedy this non-action and a check in the amount of \$1,800.00 was recently forwarded to the ACGIH with a note explaining it.

FUTURE POTOMAC SECTION MEETINGS:

Plan on the 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated.

16 April, 6:00 PM April 16, Joint Potomac Section meeting with the Health Physics Society. CDR Philip L. Liotta, USN, Chief Health Physicist, Chairman, Radiation Sciences Department, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute will speak

on Health Effects and Public Concerns from "Dirty Bombs."

10-15 May, the AIHce 2003 is scheduled at Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas; consequently, there will be no may meeting this year. Perhaps an informal get-together at the Conference—stay tuned...

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

For more details on the following events, please visit your web page

(www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/potche/homepage.htm).

19 March: "The Role of the Industrial Hygienists in Preparing For the Worst", 1-day 1-CEU Professional Development Course sponsored by the Local Section Metro NY American Industrial Hygiene Association. For more info go to www.metnyaiha.org. Contact us at tracy.everett@gcgriskmanagement.com or 212-431-3000 extension 253.

27 March, Registration deadline for the 24th annual version of a Baltimore tradition...The Control of Biohazards Course, April 28th through May 2nd, 2003. Registration is limited to the first 60 applicants. For more information, please e-mail: biosafety@controlofbiohazards.com or

visit <http://www.controlofbiohazards.com>

1-3 April, The U.S. Geological Survey invites you to attend the Conference on Natural Science and Human Health.

What: "Natural Science and Public Health: Prescription for a Better Environment"

When: April 1-3, 2003

Where: 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA, at U.S. Geological Survey.

The conference goal is to foster linkages between natural resource science and human health by bringing together the USGS and its partners. This conference will explore how natural and earth sciences from USGS can benefit the public health community. The purposes are to provide scientific presentations of current USGS research on links between environmental quality and human health, and to discuss the implications of environmental research for National Security; identify linkages, causalities, and promising next steps for USGS health-related research through the synergy of exchange; promote the establishment of additional collaborations between the USGS and human health community; discuss new and proposed standards for ground water, surface water, and air quality. Registration information can be found at

<http://health.usgs.gov/health2003.html>. We hope that you can join us for this exciting conference. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Christina Kellogg by telephone (727) 803-8747; or e-mail at ckellogg@usgs.gov.

10-11 April, Annual Safety Summit, to be held at the Georgetown University Conference Center on April 10th and 11th. We are currently finalizing the registration and agenda, so please check our website for the most up-to-date information, <http://www.msb.edu/prog/cbpp/safety/>

11-13 April. The University of Maryland, College Park, will host a 3-day greening conference at the University. For more details on conference, see <http://www.umd.edu/des/general/greening/day.html>

22-23 April, "Biosecurity: Challenges and Applied Solutions for Our Future," a symposium at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, VA. Details are posted on the Section web site.

12-14 May, An International Short Course to be held in Edinburgh, UK on dermal exposure and risk assessment ... for occupational hygienists, occupational physicians and researchers in the field of human exposure assessment. Program and registration form available at www.DERMEX.org or e-mail: DERMEX@iomhq.org.uk

April 30 - May 2 2002: Occupational Hearing Conservation Course for initial certification or recertification under the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC). Sponsored by Washington Occupational Health Associates, Inc. To register or obtain further information, contact: Pavitra Srinivasan, Washington Occupational Health Associates, Inc. 1120 19th St. #410 Washington, DC 20036 p. 800-777-WOHA f. 800-865-6525 email: psrinivasan@woha.com

FYI:

Complimentary copies of the **NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards**, dated January 2003, are available from the NIOSH Publications Office.

You may order by:

Phone: 1-800-35-NIOSH

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<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/email-pubs.html>

Snail mail: NIOSH Publications, 4676 Columbia Pkwy., Cincinnati, OH 45226

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Position sought: Chris Williams has just recently re-located to the local area and is seeking a senior level health and safety position in the greater Washington, Baltimore, & Northern Virginia areas. His home telephone number is 410-263-9616. Thank you for your assistance.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

PROFESSIONALS. Eastern Research Group (ERG), Inc. is seeking detail-oriented individuals to fill mid to senior level occupational safety and industrial hygiene positions Northern Virginia (Chantilly and Arlington). Work involves performing and developing detailed reports on comprehensive safety and health inspections of complex federal laboratory facilities. Positions may require extensive travel. Candidates must have a B.S. degree in public health or a related science or engineering field with 3 to 5 years experience in performing OSH inspections (particularly in a laboratory setting), an excellent understanding of the OSHA standards, and excellent research, writing, and analytical capabilities. CSP/CIH qualifications a plus. Send resume and salary requirements to HR Department-CHKS0301.2B, ERG, Inc., 14555 Avion Parkway, Suite 200, Chantilly, VA 20151-1102 or email to resumes-cha@erg.com.

Government Position Available. We are seeking to hire an experienced Industrial Hygienist, DS-690-9/12, preferably a CIH with an extensive safety and industrial hygiene background for [The District of Columbia's 21\(d\) Onsite OSHA Consultation Service](#). No vacancy announcement is out yet but the qualification standards are as stipulated in OPM X-118. A description of the Consultation Service can be viewed at

<http://www.osha.gov/oshprogs/consult.html>. Applicants can send resumes to or get further information from Mr. John Cates, Project Manager, JohnCates@dc.gov, 202-671-1800, District of Columbia Government, Office of Occupational Safety and Health, 64 New York Ave, NE, FL 2, Washington DC 20002.

Ms. Marilyn Williams, Department of Employment Service, Human Resources Specialist, can also be contacted about this position at Marilyn.Williams@dc.gov, 202-671-2517. Also according to DC Personnel Specialist, Cynthia Stevenson, 202-442-9608, when a vacancy announcement is released by DC Personnel, 202 442-9700, it will be posted on http://dcop.dc.gov/services/employmt_opp/index.shtm



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Potomac Section
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

JUNE 2002 – December 2003

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

RESOURCE BANK

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

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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: Dan Marsick, 7617 Gralnick Place, Springfield, VA 22153 or bring your check and this form to any 2002-2003 meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____