



POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

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Join us for the next Section Dinner Meeting

March 23, 2005

Wednesday Evening, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

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

Lamar Reinsch, Ph.D.

**McDonough School of Business
Georgetown University**

China Garden
1100 Wilson Blvd
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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: members \$20 (RSVP by 3/21/05) \$25 after 3/21
Non-members \$25* (RSVP by 3/21/05) \$30 after 3/21
students \$5**

***dues (\$20) can be paid at the door to get member price**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING SO WE HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE!

**Please RSVP to Allen Cooley at 703-642-6891, email
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A Message from our Section President:

March has been a very positive month for the Potomac Section.

I just received news that Ken Fischer, a Past President and active member in the Section, has been awarded the status of Fellow of AIHA. Late last year, the Section nominated Ken for his outstanding service and contributions to the Section, the National organization, and the field of industrial hygiene. Only about 5% of the members of AIHA qualify for this prestigious award. Please join me in congratulating Ken on this outstanding milestone in his career!

The March 2 Professional Development Conference, *Current Developments in EHS, including Nanotechnology* was very successful. Those that attended have commented on how interesting, and possibly daunting, the prospects of ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety as the field nanotechnology develops. The success of this PDC was a result of the Planning Committee's hard work, which included members of both the Potomac Section of the AIHA and the National Capital Chapter of the ASSE. Thanks to Bruce Donato, Dan Marsick, Chris Kase, Joe Beres and anyone else who lent a hand, as well as their counterparts at NCC ASSE, the PDC generated revenue for both the Potomac Section and the National Capital Chapter of ASSE.

Thanks to Chris Kase and all of those who volunteered as judges and coordinators, the Potomac Section had another successful year in helping judge at Science Fairs sponsored by local school systems. Currently, this is the Section's most significant outreach initiative introducing young students to the occupational and environmental health and safety profession.

The Section will be holding our annual Officer and Director elections, as well as our annual Industrial Hygienist of the Year Award (IHY), in April. The ballot of nominees is beginning to fill up, so if you know of someone who you think would make a good leader or who is deserving of the Section's Industrial Hygienist of the Year award, please contact Mark Geiger (mark.geiger1@navy.mil or 703 604-1422).

Finally, the Section is planning an end-of-the year meeting in early May. This meeting will be free to all members and will include the formal induction of new Officers and Directors, the IHY award, and recognizing the recipients of Potomac Section awards for Science Fair entries that addressed environmental or occupational safety and health issues. Gavin Burge is chairing the planning committee for this meeting; so if you have any questions or ideas, please contact him.

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.

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
April	13	Joint meeting with HPS - Depleted uranium chemical toxicity and radiation concerns	David McClain, Ph.D. Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	BCC Fire House Bethesda, MD
May	21-26	AIHCE (National Conference)		Anaheim, CA
June	Wednesday	George Meaney Labor Education Center	Worker Safety Education Programs	Silver Spring, MD

Special Opportunity for FREE IH Books from MSHA:

Dear Colleagues, The MSHA Academy periodically cleans out its library. We have some older edition reference and text books that are in excellent condition for surplus. We would like to donate them for international development. Do you know anyone that may want these free books?

Chris Findlay, CIH, CMSP

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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:

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.

Leadership Link - Local Section Edition

Communicating with the leadership of AIHA is important to the staff that support our volunteer efforts and the board of directors. Toward that end we have developed this quarterly electronic newsletter to provide you with up-to-date information and insights on what is happening at AIHA.

When you see a headline that interests you, click on the link following the headline to view the entire news item. Or, if you like, click on <http://www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/leadershipnews.html> to go directly to the e-newsletter website and read all of the articles at once. If you have questions about anything in this communication, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Boyer at (703) 846-0768 or jboyer@aiha.org. We appreciate all that you do on behalf of AIHA and the profession. Thank you.

Mark your calendar for the Local Sections Council business meeting held on May 24. <http://www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/leadershipnews.html#2>

Get the details on the local section web contest. Judging will be held starting March 21. <http://www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/leadershipnews.html#3>

Lead the way and support the Foundation by signing up for the 2005 AIHF Fun Run at the AIHce in Anaheim. <http://www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/leadershipnews.html#4>

Find out how you can take charge and get the word out on AIHF scholarships before the March 1 deadline. Although we're past the deadline for THIS year, please keep this deadline in mind for next year. <http://www.aiha.org/aboutaiha/html/leadershipnews.html#5>

NEWS FROM AIHA

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Fairfax, VA (February 14, 2005) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) recently sent a letter of support for the National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005 (H.R.230) reintroduced by Rep. John E. Sweeney (R-NY). The purpose of the bill is to provide a program for regulatory compliance assistance to small businesses.

“All efforts to help small businesses comply fully with federal regulations are very commendable,” said Donna Doganiero, AIHA president. “AIHA strongly supports legislation that will provide competent and qualified individuals to assist businesses in protecting the health and safety of their most important asset—their employees.”

AIHA has closely followed this program concept for several years and has been supportive each time it has been introduced. In 2001, AIHA was pleased to offer testimony in favor of an earlier version of this legislation, along with specific recommendations to strengthen the bill. Rep. Sweeney was successful in having the bill amended to include these recommendations and in developing committee report language to provide further clarification.

AIHA appreciates inclusion of these proposals as part of the new bill and hopes that if committee hearings are held, clarifying report language is again adopted.

The association’s letter also urges the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) to consider including AIHA and similar groups in any discussions related to the type of “referral to experts” that should be contacted to provide technical expertise to small business on occupational health and safety issues. AIHA believes strongly that only competent and qualified experts, such as Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) and Certified Safety Professionals (CSPs), should be specified. CIHs, CSPs, or equivalent occupational health and safety expert has demonstrated professional competency through formal education, certifying examinations, and appropriate continuing education.

The National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act would provide confidential, in-depth pro bono counseling to the owners and operators of small businesses regarding compliance with federal and state regulations through existing SBDCs. This potential partnership among federal agencies is designed to increase outreach efforts and access to training and educational activities, information, and resources. Additionally, the program calls for SBDCs to function as an unbiased feedback mechanism to federal agencies on the regulatory environment for small business.

The full text of AIHA’s letter is available at www.aiha.org under “Government Affairs.” For more information regarding AIHA’s support for the National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act or other questions concerning AIHA Government Affairs, please contact Aaron Trippler at (703) 846-0730 or atrippler@aiha.org.

February 25, 2005

SPECIAL REPORT - STATE ACTIVITY

AIHA government affairs spends a great deal of time monitoring state legislative activity throughout the year. Through a legislative monitoring service, keywords are selected and summaries of bills are provided for review. If the bill looks of interest to AIHA members, it is forwarded to the local sections in the individual states. Some of these measures are deemed important enough that AIHA national also provides comments to the sponsors of the measures and, on occasion, provides personal testimony.

So far in 2005, AIHA government affairs has reviewed approximately 3,500 state legislative measures. Of these, approximately 200 have been forwarded to local sections for informational purposes and possible action.

As a service to the readers of “Happenings”, this issue will take a look at a few of the top issues being monitored by AIHA national government affairs.

Professional Recognition/Title Protection

Four states have introduced legislation addressing one of the most important issues to the AIHA membership:

Georgia -

A bill has been introduced defining the profession of IH, safety and health physics. The certified titles of these professions would also be protected. The bill was reported favorably out of a House Committee on February 23 and is now scheduled for a vote by the full House. AIHA is fully supportive of this measure, provided the draft of the bill and has submitted comments to the sponsor.

Illinois -

A bill has been introduced in Illinois that would make a small technical correction to existing law that provides voluntary licensing for the profession of industrial hygiene. The technical change would have no impact on existing law.

New York -

The local sections and chapters of AIHA and ASSE have successfully introduced legislation in New York that would create a new license for industrial hygiene and safety. The bill has been introduced several times in the past and, again, will be very difficult to enact.

Ohio -

Legislation has been introduced to amend the existing professional recognition/title protection law in Ohio. The bill was drafted by AIHA and would replace the term "industrial hygienist in training" with the newer term "certified associate industrial hygienist". It would also define and protect specific titles within the profession of health physics.

Mold Inspection and/or Remediation

The issue of mold remains a "hot topic" in numerous states, though not as active as in previous years. With the state of Texas still being the only state with comprehensive regulations that address the issue of competency for individuals (Texas requires licensing of all individuals) several others are attempting to enact similar legislation.

Florida -

Florida has two bills introduced that would require licensing of all individuals involved in mold assessment and mold remediation. The bills are identical – one in the House and one in the Senate. These bills are also identical to what was introduced in the last Florida legislative session and face a difficult task of being enacted. AIHA has submitted extensive comments to the sponsor.

Georgia -

One bill has been introduced in Georgia that would require licensing of individuals engaged in the microbial profession. The bill creates a "Contamination Commission" to develop the regulations for the program. The Commission membership would include a member of AIHA and a member of ACGIH.

Illinois -

Three bills have been introduced in Illinois, but at this time the measures are only a "short title". This means they are being reserved for language that will be added later. Illinois recently completed a task force report on the issue of mold and this report is expected to provide the focus of the legislative language that will be inserted. AIHA has been monitoring this task force for the past year and an AIHA member was a member of the task force. AIHA national provided extensive comments to the task force.

Indiana -

One bill has been introduced that would create a task force to develop recommendations concerning mold. A CIH is defined in the bill and would be a member of the task force. AIHA national has provided comments to the sponsor.

Massachusetts -

Two bills are being drafted to address the issue of mold. AIHA national has not yet seen the language.

Maryland -

One bill would establish an Indoor Air Quality Task Force to look at indoor air quality issues within educational institutions. While the bill does not specifically address the issue of mold, mold is one of the categories to be studied. AIHA will continue to monitor.

Nevada -

A bill is being drafted that would require the licensure of persons engaged in the control of mold. It is expected that this bill will be identical to the one introduced in the last session of the Nevada legislature. AIHA has submitted extensive comments to the sponsor.

New York -

Four bills have been introduced. Two of these bills would create a task force to advise the state on the development of standards with regard to mold. AIHA has sent a letter to the sponsors. The other two bills pertain to the remediation and prevention of mold and require the disclosure of mold history upon the sale of real property and/or create a mold hazard insurance program. Both of these measures will be very difficult to enact.

Texas -

And finally, Texas is still at it. Two bills have been introduced. One is a simple measure that would exempt school districts from licensing requirements. The other measure pertains to certificates of mold remediation.

Methamphetamine Laboratory Cleanup

Undoubtedly, the issue that seems to be exploding on the state legislative front. The issue of interest to AIHA pertains to the requirements for meth lab cleanup. Numerous states enacted some type of legislation and/or regulations in the past year or two, but this year a substantial number are also looking at the issue.

Here's what we do know. Prior to this year, the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington have put cleanup requirements in place.

Oregon -

The Oregon regulations are very thorough and, unfortunately, require all individuals involved with meth lab cleanup to undergo OSHA Haz Com training and pass a state examination in order to be licensed. The program is very similar to what the state of Texas did with mold.

Illinois -

Illinois has published a fact sheet on meth lab cleanup. The fact sheet describes what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. Included in the fact sheet is the statement "If sampling is necessary, it should only be done by a worker trained according to U.S. OSHA standards. Preferably, a certified industrial hygienist should be consulted before any sampling is done."

Colorado -

The regulations governing meth lab cleanup in Colorado become effective next month. As part of the requirements, a certified industrial hygienist or qualified industrial hygienist must sign off approval of the cleanup operations.

Current Legislation -

In addition to four separate federal measures addressing the issue of meth labs, research, etc., the states are jumping into this issue with full force.

As of today, there are at least 20 separate state legislative measures introduced that would require the state to come up with regulations that would address the issue of meth labs and the cleanup of such labs. AIHA national is monitoring each and every one of these measures. We are also working with other national organizations that have a vested interest in this issue. One of these organizations has expressed interest in

seeing that CIHs are required to sign off on these cleanup operations. A member of AIHA has also been asked to testify at an upcoming US House hearing on research into this issue.

Occupational Safety and Health Funding

Two issues readers should be aware of:

Utah –

A bill has been introduced in Utah that would provide for an offset of a portion of workers compensation premiums to be applied to the Education Research Center in Utah for increased funding for occupational safety and health training and education. The bill has been reported favorably out of a House Committee and awaits further action. AIHA submitted a letter of support for this measure to the sponsor and others.

New York –

Governor Pataki has proposed to eliminate the Hazard Abatement Board and reduce New York’s commitment to the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Program. This program is vital to the training of individuals serving on the front line of health and safety in New York and AIHA is opposed to this proposal. AIHA, as well as ASSE, have sent letters to the Governor and others in the legislature opposing this proposal.

Ergonomics

The issue of ergonomics seems to “have fallen off the map” in the states. As of today, AIHA is only aware of one measure introduced in the states. This measure (California) is a bill that would establish a health care worker back injury prevention plan.

State Legislative Action Centers

Visit the AIHA State Activity Center to stay abreast of state 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 Tripler.

VIRGINIA

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for Virginia.

Current Legislation

None to Report

Legislation Reported Earlier

VA H 1834 **AUTHOR:** Parrish (R)
TITLE: Labor Violations
INTRODUCED: 01/12/2005
LAST AMEND: 02/02/2005
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: Eligible for Governor
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 day after it occurs.
STATUS:
 03/02/2005 Eligible for GOVERNOR'S desk.

VA S 971 **AUTHOR:** O'Brien (R)
TITLE: Labor Violations
INTRODUCED: 01/11/2005
LAST AMEND: 02/15/2005
DISPOSITION: To Governor
LOCATION: Eligible for Governor
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:
 03/02/2005 Eligible for GOVERNOR'S desk.

Regulatory Report

None to Report

MARYLAND

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for Maryland.

Current Legislation

None to Report

Legislation Reported Earlier

MD H 350 **AUTHOR:** Smigiel (R)
TITLE: Task Force on Indoor Air Quality
INTRODUCED: 01/27/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: HOUSE
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:

02/15/2005

From HOUSE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: Reported favorably.

Regulatory Activity

None to Report

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FAIRFAX, VA (March 1, 2005) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) announced today that, as an added member benefit, it will host a new series of Emerging Issues Forums on the latest trends and issues that may impact the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) profession. The first online seminar in the series is “Nanotechnology,” being held on Wednesday, April 20 from 2-3 p.m. EDT.

This online forum will define nanotechnology and discuss its impact on the OEHS profession. It will also provide an overview of standards and guidelines that are being developed and current AIHA involvement and activities related to nanotechnology.

The Nanotechnology Emerging Issues Forum will be presented by Mary Ann Latko, CIH, CSP, QEP, director of scientific and technical initiatives with AIHA; Margie Breida, MS, senior manager of technical and standards committees with AIHA; Peter Raynor, PhD, assistant professor at the University of Minnesota and the chair of the AIHA Aerosol Technology Committee; and John A. Volckens, assistant professor, environmental and radiological health sciences, Colorado State University and member of the AIHA Aerosol Technology Committee.

The forum will be free to the first 75 AIHA members and \$50 for any additional members wishing to attend who are registered by April 6. Nonmembers registered prior to April 6 will pay a fee of \$75. After the early registration deadline, tuition will be \$75 for members and \$100 for nonmembers.

Every site registered will receive materials prepared by the course presenter, which may be duplicated for each participant. Participants need Internet access and a telephone, or just a phone, to be part of this live online forum.

Please contact Margie Breida at (703) 846-0791 or mbreida@aiha.org with questions regarding the Emerging Issues Forums. For more information or to register for “Nanotechnology,” please visit the AIHA website at www.aiha.org.

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FAIRFAX, VA (March 2, 2005) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH®) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to jointly pursue initiatives that are dedicated to protecting workers and improving occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS).

“AIHA and ACGIH realize that a partnership such as this will strengthen the OEHS profession by utilizing resources from each organization and providing collaborated projects that will compliment both organizations and the profession,” said Donna Doganiero, AIHA President. “This MOU will strengthen the organizations’ working relationship and allow each to serve the profession while maintaining separate identities.”

“Collaboration between our organizations is not a new concept since our organizations have a mission in common — to make workplaces safer for employees worldwide. The MOU puts a mechanism in place that allows us to continue to seek means to collaborate to that end,” said ACGIH® Board Chair, Cindy Coe Laseter.

AIHA and ACGIH have decided to:

- Form an Interaction Committee to accomplish mutually agreed upon goals.
- Develop guidelines that will steer the direction and intent of future collaborations.
- Do their utmost to fairly represent the interests of their respective organizations and the profession.
- Work together to develop common products, education programs, and other services for the benefit of both organizations’ membership and the profession at-large.
- Be responsible for clearly defining and documenting the known or reasonably anticipated costs and professional impacts for any action considered.
- Document any recommendations for the respective Boards of Directors to consider.

AIHA and ACGIH will continue to explore new approaches and tasks to further enhance the success of the partnership.

For further information regarding the AIHA/ACGIH partnership or a copy of the memorandum of understanding, please contact Rachel Parsons at (703) 846-0740 or rparsons@aiha.org.

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.

On deck for March 23 is ROBERT L. BUCHANAN PhD, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition DHHS Food and Drug Administration College Park, MD. Dr. Buchanan's topic will be "Microbiological Risk Assessment of Food". This is the spring collaboration with Society for Risk Analysis--National Capital Chapter, and the GWU EOH Department.

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.

SATELLITE BROADCAST/WEBCAST: MOLD IN OUR BUILDING ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Concerns about mold in the building environment are no longer limited to just humid environments or North America. Mold is now a global concern for designers, contractors, building owners/operators and building occupants. Information on how to properly control moisture and humidity conditions in order to minimize mold will be presented in this broadcast/webcast sponsored by ASHRAE's Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (CTTC).

How to Participate

- You may host a Satellite Broadcast site for your colleagues
- You may register to view the Broadcast at a site
- Or, you may register to view the Webcast on your PC

About the Presenters

Presenters will explore prevention of mold in new construction, methods for monitoring mold in indoor environments, detection of biological contaminants, solutions to prevent and/or alleviate mold problems and the legal issues relating to mold contamination.

[→more information](#)

PDH Credits

Earn 2 PDHs or 2 AIA Learning Units for viewing the Broadcast at a Site or the Webcast from your office.

Registration

There is no fee for registration.

Participant Registration

On-line registration for individuals to view the Satellite Broadcast at a registered site and to view the Webcast will begin February 14th at <http://www.ashrae.org/moldsatellitebroadcast>.

Satellite Broadcast Site Registration

On-line Satellite Broadcast site registration is available at <http://www.ashrae.org/moldsatellitebroadcast>.

Questions?

If you have any questions, email us at CTTC-SatelliteBroadcast@ashrae.org or call us at 678/539-1139.

New Technical Conference Call from the American Society of Safety Engineers:

A10.12-1998 (R2005), "Safety Requirements for Excavation,"

March 24, 2005 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CST.

Details at <http://www.asse.org/a1012call.htm>

Participants of the call will receive the new A10.12-1998 (R2005) Standard, a powerpoint presentation, and an audio CD of the call, the ability to submit questions via email during the call, and more. To participate in the call contact our customer service department at 847-699-2929 or visit us at

<http://www.asse.org/a1012call.htm>

"Public Review" standards package available from the American Society of Safety Engineers <http://www.asse.org/a10package.htm>

ASSE recently announced a number of standards for public review and comments:

1. ANSI/ASSE A10.7-1998(R-200X), Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents - Safety Requirements for Transportation, Storage, Handling and Use in Construction and Demolitions
2. ANSI/ASSE A10.15-1995(R-2005), Safety Requirements for Dredging

3. ANSI/ASSE A10.25-200X, Sanitation in Construction.
4. ANSI/ASSE A10.27-1998(R200X) Safety, Requirements for Hot Mix Asphalt Facilities
5. ANSI/A10.39-1996 (R-200X), Construction and Demolitions Safety and Health Audit Program
6. ANSI/ASSE A10.44-200X, Control of Energy Sources for Construction and Demolitions Operations
7. ANSI/ASSE A10.46-200X, Hearing Loss Prevention for Construction and Demolition Operations

This A10 standards package is \$49.95, or these standards can be purchased individually-at discounted prices of \$15.00 each. As an SH&E professional this is your opportunity to provide comments and insights about standards that have wide use in the industry. To submit comments as part of this review process, which ends on May 3, 2005, please forward them in writing to the attention of Tim Fisher at Tfisher@ASSE.Org. For a copy of the public statement and detailed announcement on the A10 review process, click here:

<http://www.asse.org/ANSIPublicReviewA10Standards3-1-2005.doc>

For details on this special A10 package offer click here: <http://www.asse.org/a10package.htm>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

JOB OPENINGS

1. The U. S. Department of State, Overseas Buildings Operations Bureau, Operations and Maintenance Office, Safety, Health and Environmental Management Division located in Arlington, VA has multiple openings for GS-13 industrial hygienists. Incumbents must be a U. S. citizen and be able to obtain a medical clearance for overseas travel and a top-secret security clearance. Successful candidates will be expected to travel overseas 35 percent of total duty time to visit embassies and consulates and will be responsible for conducting surveys, helping implement safety, health, and environmental management programs, and performing training for management officials, supervisory employees, collateral duty safety and health officers, Foreign Service National employees, and overseas family members. Incumbents must also possess excellent writing skills and effective verbal communication skills to interact with persons of wide and varied educational backgrounds. Relocation expenses will not be paid. Visit the OPM website, www.usajobs.opm.gov, (announcement # AR167027) for more information and application requirements.

2. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is seeking an Industrial Hygienist for the Health-Related Energy Research Branch to conduct exposure assessment research for epidemiologic studies of workers in the nuclear and related industries. Exposures to multiple internal and external forms of ionizing radiation, as well as potential exposures to chemicals and other workplace factors are important components of most of these studies. This fellowship offers unique opportunities to develop novel exposure assessment methods using large exposure data sets.

This research fellowship position requires that the selected candidate initiate, design, conduct and direct exposure assessment research. Publication of results in peer-reviewed scientific journals is expected. Familiarity with industrial hygiene exposure assessment methods is required, and some familiarity with statistical analysis of large data sets is a plus. Appointment to the fellowship is for a maximum of five years and may be renewed. Masters degree or higher is desired and salary will be commensurate with experience and education. Full benefits, including insurance and retirement, are provided. The position is located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Search will remain open until the position is filled. Applicants are not

required to be U.S. citizens. NIOSH is an equal opportunity employer and its facilities are designated as smoke-free. Please mail or email your curriculum vitae to Donald A. Fleming CIH, NIOSH, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS R-44, Cincinnati, OH 45226; (513) 841-4400; dmf9@cdc.gov.

3. Environmental Safety Officer Position Central Intelligence Agency

The Central Intelligence Agency has an opening(s) for Environmental Safety Officer. Please pass this notice to anyone who might be interested in this position.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY OFFICER Responsibilities: The Environmental Safety Officer (ESO) is responsible for supporting the environmental safety program at an Agency site or for an agency organization. The incumbent serves as a technical expert and as required, a program manager. ESO responsibilities include coordination of all environmental, safety and health (ES&H) compliance programs at the site of assignment. ESO responsibilities also require the incumbent to: conduct environmental safety and health (ES&H) inspections to ensure compliance with applicable standards and prevailing professional practices, provide ES&H training for Agency employees, investigate ES&H incidents to ensure that action is taken to correct deficiencies or violations of standards, investigate employee complaints and suggestions regarding hazardous conditions, maintain site ES&H records, and interface with appropriate Federal, state and local regulatory officials. The incumbent reports directly to this agency's Chief of Safety.

Compensation: Negotiable depending on skills, knowledge, experience, education, professional certifications, and demonstrated performance. This is an excepted service federal government employee position. Benefits of federal government employment at CIA can be found at the following website: <http://www.cia.gov/employment/benefits.html>.



Potomac Section

*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL
September 2004 – December 2005*

Name/Title: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

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

Home Address: _____

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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:** _____