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AIHA® Congratulates Dr. Howard on Reappointment to NIOSH

FAIRFAX, VA (September 4, 2009) – The American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA) today offered its congratulations to Dr. John Howard on his reappointment to lead the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for another six-year term.

In offering congratulations to Dr. Howard, Cathy L. Cole, CIH, CSP, AIHA President, said “Since the creation of NIOSH back in 1970, the agency has been well-served by directors with an understanding, dedication, and knowledge of occupational health and safety. However, I believe I am safe in saying that never in the history of the Institute has a director been as successful and respected by partners and stakeholders as Dr. John Howard. This applies to one and all—professional associations, labor, industry, employers, and workers. He has been more than a Director of NIOSH; he has been a partner and friend to AIHA and many others.”

AIHA also cited some of the many accomplishments of Dr. Howard during his previous time at NIOSH and is hopeful Dr. Howard will continue pushing this agenda. Some of these accomplishments were:

- Establishment of a “Research to Practice (r2p)” office to foster transfer and diffusion of NIOSH-generated knowledge to partners and stakeholders.
- Access to NIOSH research and results through the use of the internet and electronic communications means resulting in increased stakeholder contact with and input provided to NIOSH scientists.
- Positioning of NIOSH as one of the key partners in the National Nanotechnology Initiative by recognizing the early potential importance of nanotechnology.
- Assurance that policy decisions of the Institute were grounded in and based on sound science.

“It goes without saying that occupational health and safety research is in good hands,” Cole said. “We offer our thanks to Dr. Christine Branche, who served admirably this past year, and we wish Dr. Howard well as he returns to lead NIOSH once again.”

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