

Important Dates and Deadlines

Call for Comments: ASHRAE 170-2017 Proposed Addendum: Ventilation of Health Care Facilities	June 10
AIHA Virtual Section—Opt-in and Sign-up to Volunteer— Deadline	June 20
Webinar: Evaluating Effectiveness of a Contractor Management Program: A Case Study	June 21
2018 AIHA San Diego Local Section Meeting	June 27
Volunteer Groups and SIGs Business Plans and Funding Requests— Deadline	July 1
2018 Deep South Section Summer Seminar	July 11
2018 Georgia Local Section Summer Meeting	July 19
Leadership Workshop (<i>by invitation only</i>)	July 20–22
Future Leaders Institute	September 21–23
IOHA 2018	September 24–26
Product Stewardship 2018 Conference	September 27–29
2018 Northwest Occupational Health Conference	October 10–12
Road Course: Exposure and Chemical Monitoring—Beyond IH Fundamentals	October 15–17
2018 AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section	November 7

CALL TO ACTION

Share Your Knowledge and Influence Professional Practice

The [AIHA Distinguished Lecture Program](#), sponsored by the Fellows SIG, continues to serve as a source of vetted subject matter experts who have volunteered to share their knowledge and expertise with others in our profession. Are you interested in becoming a Distinguished Lecturer (DL)? The [application process](#) is quick and easy!

Call for Comments: ASHRAE 170-2017 Proposed Addendum—Ventilation of Health Care Facilities—**Deadline: June 10**

To submit a comment on this proposed standard, please [access the online comment database](#). The draft is subject to modification until it is approved for publication by the Board of Directors and ANSI. Until that time, the current edition of the standard (as modified by any published addenda on the ASHRAE website) remains in effect.

Protect First Responders & Others from Opioid Exposures—Urge Your Policymakers to Introduce and Pass a Resolution Today!

A resolution in the Illinois General Assembly serves as a bipartisan model that the US Congress, State Legislatures, and municipal governments should use to introduce their own resolutions to make progress in the fight to protect first responders and others from occupational exposure to opioids. We need your help to encourage your Members of Congress, State, and municipal policymakers to introduce and pass similar resolutions. [Act today!](#)

***NEW* Virtual Section – Opt-in and Sign-up to Volunteer—Deadline: June 20**

AIHA will soon be launching a Virtual Section. The *NEW* section will provide a channel for members to gain access to educational presentations, and interact with peers for professional discussion and collaboration under the Catalyst platform. We're currently looking for a third member to volunteer to serve on our three panel Leadership Implementation Team. Roles and responsibilities for the position can be found under the [Volunteer tab](#) in Catalyst where you can opt-in to be made aware of and apply for volunteer opportunities, create your volunteer profile, as well as see the existing opportunities. **If you're interested in applying, please complete your Volunteer Profile and the application form by June 20.**

VOLUNTEER GROUPS & SIGS

In Hamilton's Footsteps—The Experiences of Women in Industrial Hygiene

In the May 2018 edition of *The Synergist* magazine, members of the Women in IH (WIH) working group were featured in an article that explored the experiences of women in industrial hygiene. Meet some of the women working to ensure that today's workplaces are healthy and safe and discover the range of experiences and perspectives of these female industrial hygienists... **read the full article [here](#)** .

AIHA NIOSH Project Sign-Up Sheet

NIOSH is interested in (1) finding partners who can provide access to workplaces for investigation in the following areas; (2) providing information about its research in these areas; and (3) identifying Apps that would help you in your work. To learn more about the type of study/workplace needs, please see the [online form](#).

Volunteer Groups and SIGs Annual Business Plans and Funding Requests—Deadline: July 1

All Volunteer Groups and SIGs are required to submit an annual Business Plan and Funding Requests for proposed projects that will require funding. Funding requests are reviewed by staff, Board Liaison, AIHA Finance Committee, with final approval by the AIHA Board of Directors.

STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

Memorial Day Marks Beginning of 100 Deadliest Days for Teens (Source: WBIW.com)

Memorial Day marks the beginning of the 100 deadliest days for teens. That's for teens on the road and those working summer jobs. It's a time most teens look forward to—no alarm clock and having some summer fun with friends—but health and safety experts say... **get the full article [here](#)**.

Sharing my Journey to Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)

"I hope that this post will inspire and assist safety and health professionals to achieve their professional goal of becoming a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) with American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH). This is based on my experience in finding out the necessary information and achieving CIH in..." **get the full blog post [here](#)**.

IH Professional Pathways®

Each stage of an IH professional's career can be defined by an individual's knowledge area, career level, and stage of progression. Knowledge areas, combined with specific tracks, provide an understanding of what each career pathway may look like for... **learn about the five levels of an IH career [here](#)**.

The Smart Way to Find OEHS Jobs

Sponsored by AIHA's [Career and Employment Services Committee](#), CareerAdvantage is the [reliable online job board](#) that connects IH and OEHS job seekers with employers across all industries. Job seekers can find the latest tools and resources to help land new jobs.

#IAmIH Awareness Video



DO A SELFIE or VIDEO SAYING [#IAmIH](#) and get featured in our IAmIH awareness video that will debut at the [11th International Occupational Hygiene Association \(IOHA\) International Scientific Conference](#) this fall!

CATALYST

New! Museum, Historical Site, Collection Care Risk Management Working Group

From formaldehyde and arsenic preservatives to silica exposure from fossil preparation to working at heights installing exhibits: this workforce needs our risk management assistance. The working group [welcomes members](#) who are already involved with museums or collections, or interested in learning more.

Catalyst CyberHunt Winner Announced

Thank you, everyone, for participating in the Catalyst CyberHunt—it was a huge success! We are so pleased to announce the winner, [@Angela Chiappone](#), who won a free registration to AIHce 2019, a Catalyst Tote and an Amazon Echo Dot. Congratulations Angela!!

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Hurricane Season

Today marks the official start of hurricane season and we have invited Russ Haywood, CIH, AIHA Managing Director, Scientific and Technical Initiatives to tell us about the role of IH's in a guest appearance on our [weekly GR video](#). After watching the video, read highlights from recent Congressional actions on OSHA's silica rule, an Inspector General investigation into OSHA's rulemaking process, action in the California State Legislature, and elsewhere.

Silica Rule Under Fire Again in US Congress

Although OSHA's respirable crystalline silica rule is final and is the process of being implemented, efforts continue in Congress to stall the rule. Specifically, on May 24, ten US Senators sent a [letter](#) to OSHA, urging them to delay enforcement of the respirable crystalline silica rule for general industry by 180 days.

AIHA Sends Letter to US President, Senate Urging Swift Nomination, Confirmation of Board Members with Expertise in IH

This week, AIHA President Cynthia Ostrowski sent a [letter](#) to President Donald J. Trump and members of the US Senate, urging them to quickly nominate and confirm two members to the US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, commonly known as the Chemical Safety Board.

Interested in Learning More? Resources on Contingent Workforce

Many of you have heard me talk about how protections for contingent workers is one of AIHA's public policy priorities for many reasons, including the fact that we're talking about more than 15 million workers, but let's dig into some specifics with the... [get the full details here](#).

NATIONAL

AIHA Opens Comment Period on Proposed Bylaws Changes

Between June 1 and July 1, AIHA is accepting comments on proposed changes to the association's bylaws. Among the proposed changes are new definitions of membership categories. Two new documents related to the proposed changes are available for download from the [AIHA website](#).

AIHA Announces New 2018 Board Members

The new 2018 AIHA Board Members were inducted during the AIHA Annual Business Meeting, held during AIHce EXP in Philadelphia, PA. The [new officers and directors](#) offer a range of perspectives and professional experience. To learn more about Board service, please visit the [AIHA Governance](#) page.

Center for Safety & Health Sustainability

Did you know AIHA is a founding sponsor of the [Center for Safety & Health Sustainability](#)? Its vision is for all organizations to consider the safety, health and well-being of workers, customers and the community as part of their sustainable business practice. CSHS provides over... [learn more here](#).

Photo Essay Contest: A Trip to the ER

by AIHA Member Denise L. Daggert, CIH

I knew IH was for me when I was rushed into an emergency room. At that time, I didn't know what an IH was, but I knew what happened to me should not happen to any worker. On this particular morning, I was working in a research and development lab as a... [read the full blog post here](#).

Cummings Lecture: What Industrial Hygienists Do When They Can't Sample

At the [Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award](#) Lecture at AIHce EXP, Mark Stenzel, CIH, FAIHA, argued that industrial hygienists should place greater emphasis on estimating exposures relative to conducting sampling. Stenzel, an industrial hygiene consultant and the 2018 recipient of... [read the full article here](#).

Teen Workers at Risk on the Job: Teens Twice as Likely to Be Injured at Work

Teen workers are at risk on the job and AIHA is urging Americans to act now by visit [Teen Work Safety](#) to contact their local, state, and national lawmakers to demand that critical workplace health and safety education be included in 7th-12th grade curriculum. "Of the 1.6 million US students... [read the full press release here](#).

LOCAL SECTIONS

AIHA San Diego Local Section

The [2018 San Diego Local Section Meeting](#) will be held on June 27 at the Admiral Bakers Field in San Diego, CA.

AIHA Deep South Local Section

The [2018 Deep South Section Summer Seminar](#), hosted by the Monsanto Plant in Luling, LA, will be held on July 11.

AIHA Georgia Local Section

The [2018 Georgia Local Section Summer Meeting](#) will be held on July 19 at the F. Wayne Hill Water Treatment Plant in Buford, GA. **Registration deadline: July 4.**

AIHA Pacific Northwest Local Section

The [2018 Northwest Occupational Health Conference](#) will be held on October 10–12 at the Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA.

AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section

The [2018 AIHA Tennessee Valley Local Section](#) Fall PDC will be held on November 7. Contact the [Michaela A. Hall](#) for more details.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (AIHF)

AIHF Announces New 2018 Board of Trustee Member

AIHF is pleased to announce that Donna Heidel, CIH will serve as Treasurer on the [AIHF Board of Trustees](#).

MEDIA PLANET

Personal Protective Equipment for Women in the Workplace

As women begin to make up a greater part of the workforce, manufacturers of safety equipment must tailor to their needs. Personal protective equipment (PPE) manufacturers who are members of the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA), note that when it comes to safety equipment, one size and style does not fit all, and with women... *read the full article [here](#).*

Does Your Work Put You at Risk for Opioid Exposure?

The tragedy of lives lost due to the opioid addiction crisis has touched virtually every community. The economic burden, estimated by the White House at \$111 billion, strains the resources of agencies that are tasked with preventing and treating addiction. It also significantly strains the... *read the full article [here](#).*

OSHA

OSHA Schedules June 12 Meeting to Request Comments on Whistleblower Issues in the Railroad and Trucking Industries

OSHA will hold a meeting June 12 in Washington, D.C., to solicit comments and suggestions from stakeholders in the railroad and trucking industries on whistleblower issues under the agency's jurisdiction. The meeting is the first in a series requesting public input on... *read the full press release [here](#).*

Resources Available to Help Protect Workers in the Maritime Industry

Shipyards have traditionally had an injury rate more than twice that of construction and general industry. OSHA has many [resources](#) that address hazards within the maritime industry, including an online [Shipyards Employment tool](#) and a [series of 16 videos](#) that examines shipyard fatalities and shows how similar incidents can be prevented.

NIOSH

Preventing Occupational Exposure to Healthcare Personnel in Hospital and Clinic Settings

Illicit fentanyl and its analogues (for the purpose of this document, referred to as illicit fentanyl) pose a potential hazard to healthcare personnel who could come into contact with these drugs in the course of their work in hospital and clinic settings. This potential risk, which is related to... *read the full article [here](#).*

Nominations Open for the 2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Awards™ — **Deadline: July 15**

Nominations [are being accepted](#) for the **2019 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award™**. The award, given by NIOSH in partnership with the [National Hearing Conservation Association](#), recognizes those who demonstrate, by example, the benefits of developing or following good hearing loss prevention practices.

Inside NIOSH: Falls Persistent Cause of Work-related Death

Falls remain a persistent cause of work-related death, and workers in construction and oil and gas extraction are more likely than other workers to die from falling, according to NIOSH [research](#) published in the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

CDC

Illnesses on the Rise: Mosquitos, Tick and Flea Bites

Almost everyone has been bitten by a mosquito, tick, or flea. These can be vectors for spreading pathogens (germs). A person who gets bitten by a vector and gets sick has a vector borne disease, like dengue, Zika, Lyme, or plague. Between 2004 and 2016, more than 640,000 cases of... *read CDC VitalSigns™ [here](#)*.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Exposure of Underground Miners to Diesel Exhaust—Comment Period Deadline: March 26, 2019****

In response to requests from the public, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is [reopening the rulemaking record for public comments](#) on the Agency's request for information on Exposure of Underground Miners to Diesel Exhaust.