

Important Dates and Deadlines

Webinar: Air Sampling Strategies and Analysis	November 6
OSHA Seeks Nominations for MACOSH— Deadline	December 10
CDC Seeks Comment on Draft Guideline on Occupational Infection Prevention— Deadline	December 14
AIHA Named Awards Nominations— Deadline	December 31
AIHA Fellow Nominations— Deadline	December 31
Emerging Economy Projects Funds— Deadline	December 31
AIHce EXP Student Poster Abstracts— Deadline	March TBD
Face-to-Face Training: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene	March 25–28
AIHce EXP 2019	May 20–22

CALL TO ACTION

OSHA Seeks Nominations for its Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH)

Would you like to be nominated by AIHA to serve on this committee? If so, please contact Mark Ames via email at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730. **View the Federal Register notice [here](#). Deadline: December 10.**

Now Accepting Nominations for AIHA Fellow

AIHA is seeking [nomination for Fellows](#). Each AIHA Local Section and Volunteer Groups may submit one nomination. This prestigious designation is limited to no more than 5% of the AIHA membership. **Deadline: December 31.**

Open Call: Named Award Nominations

Want to recognize a peer or colleague for their contributions to the IH/OEHS profession or the Association? Then nominate them for one (or more) of the AIHA Named Awards by submitting the [online application](#). Recipients will be recognized, center stage, during AIHce EXP 2019. **Application Deadline: December 31.**

Please see the [AIHA Awards and Honors Policy](#) for complete details, including nominations, eligibility, nominators, what to expect after submitting a nomination, nomination committee make-up, and more!

Emerging Economy Projects Fund

The International Affairs Committee's Emerging Economy Projects Fund has been established to increase understanding and build capacity for occupational hygiene in developing economies around the world. Interested parties should complete the [online application form](#). **Deadline: December 31.**

AIH Foundation

#IamIH: The Impact of Your Donations

Paige Gallant, received her Bachelor of Science in Cellular, Molecular, Microbial Biology, and will be graduating from the Master of Science program at the University of British Columbia in occupational and environmental hygiene at the end of... **read the full blog [here](#).**

Tax Reform and Charitable Giving for 2018

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act tax reform package brought a lot of big changes. For corporations, tax rates declined from as high as 35 percent to 21 percent. In addition, tax incentives were put in place to encourage corporations to bring assets... [read the full article here](#).

AIHF Scholarship Submission Portal Is Now Open!

Scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds provided through contributions from AIHA members, individuals, corporations, and local sections. Students do not apply for a specific scholarship. Students who complete an application will be... [learn about eligibility requirements here](#).

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Renew Your Membership and Get a Free e-Book!

AIHA is now accepting membership renewals for 2019. Renew by December 31 and receive the newest edition to the *Essentials e-Series* (\$19.95 value) in early January. [RENEW TODAY!](#)

EPA, NIOSH Collaborate to Upgrade Risk Assessment Software

EPA recently released version 3.0 of its Benchmark Dose Software, which is intended to help users estimate the dose or exposure of a chemical or chemical mixture associated with a given response level...[read more here](#).

CSB Launches Initiative to Collect Information on Combustible Dust Hazards

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board seeks comments on the management and control of combustible dust from individuals and entities involved in the safe conduct of work within inherently dust-producing environments...[read more here](#).

Agenda Outlines OSHA Rulemaking Plans for Emergency Response, Beryllium

Issues listed on the Department of Labor's most recent regulatory agenda include emergency response and preparedness and revisions to OSHA's beryllium and crystalline silica standards...[read more here](#).

OSHA Inspection Plan to Target Workplaces with High Injury, Illness Rates

A new OSHA inspection plan will target employers with high injury rates in both the manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors for inspection...[read more here](#).

OSHA Clarifies Its Position on Incentive Programs and Drug Testing

A memorandum issued by OSHA clarifies the agency's position that its rule prohibiting employer retaliation against employees for reporting injuries or illnesses does not prohibit workplace safety incentive programs or post-incident drug testing...[read more here](#).

Congress Budgets \$36 Million to Train First Responders on Opioid Response

Congress has budgeted \$36 million for first responder training under the State Opioid Response Grants program...[read more here](#).

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How to Develop a Career Portfolio

Did you know the [AIHA Career and Employment Services \(CES\) committee](#) offers advice on career portfolios? A career portfolio, also known as a professional portfolio, is a collection of documents and other easily portable artifacts that people can use to validate claims they make about themselves... *read the blog [here](#).*

Government Relations

AIHA Applauds Signing of Bipartisan Opioid Epidemic Bill

On October 24, 2018, President Donald J. Trump signed into law legislation that aims to slow the nation's opioid crisis. The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act (H.R.6) passed the House and Senate earlier this year with overwhelming bipartisan support... *read more [here](#).* (

Curious About State and Federal Legislation and Regulations of Interest to AIHA? Then Visit AIHA's Government Relations Action Center!

AIHA is tracking more than 100 bills and regulations, many of which we're engaged with. Download the latest list, see what State legislatures are in session, learn about upcoming legislative hearings and connect with your policymakers at AIHA's [Government Relations Action Center](#).

DOL's National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Seeks Nominations

OSHA is seeking nominations for its National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH). Would you like to be nominated by AIHA to serve on this committee? If so, please contact Mark Ames at mmames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730. Information on NACOSH can be found [here](#).

Disaster Hazards Abound in the Wake of Hurricane Michael

Hurricane Michael is one of those storms whose historic destruction has forced itself into our collective memory. Countless hazards are now present in Florida and the other States that have been affected, and many more hazards will appear as volunteers, workers, and residents recover from the devastation. Check out AIHA's Disaster Response Resource Center [here](#).

Database on PPE & Fentanyl

NIOSH has announced an opportunity for manufacturers and others to participate in the updating of a database to include products that provide protection against fentanyl exposure. Check out the *Federal Register* notice [here](#).

Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee Holds Meeting in November

Are you available from November 29 to 30? Perhaps you'd like to attend a meeting of the Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC). Attendance is available either in-person at the University of Arizona or by phone.

For additional information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2AtitP6>.

CDC Seeks Comment on Draft Guideline on Occupational Infection Prevention

The CDC is seeking comment on a document titled Draft Guideline: Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Infrastructure and Routine Practices for Occupational Infection Prevention and Control Services." For additional information, please view the *Federal Register* notice at <http://bit.ly/2RR1AVa>. **Deadline: December 14.**

Local Section Events

Georgia Local Section

[Fall Meeting 2018](#)

November 27 at 8:30 a.m.–4:40 p.m. at the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA.

Idaho

[4th Annual Professional Development Conference](#)

November 29 at the Springhill Suites, 424 E. Park Center Blvd., Boise ID

Potomac Local Section

[3rd Annual 2018 Safety and Cultural Heritage Summit](#)

November 7 at 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Smithsonian American Art Museum—McEvoy Auditorium, Washington, D.C. For more information, please email sorinshwtz@aol.com.

Tennessee Local Section

[TVS-AIHA Guardians of the Workforce](#)

2018 TVS-AIHA Fall PDC and Conference—PDCs, November 7 at 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Fall Conference, November 8–9 at The Venue East Center in Lenoir City, TN. For more information, please email tv Saiha@tv Saiha.org.

Upper Mid-West Local Section

[21st Annual Professional Development Conference](#)

November 15 at 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Roseville, MN. For more information, please email deb.a.brown@gmail.com.

In the News

[New Study Finds Gasoline Stations Vent Up to 10X More Benzene Fumes Than Previously Thought](#)

A study led by environmental health scientists at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health examined the release of vapors from gasoline station vent pipes, and **found** benzene emissions were 10 times higher than estimates used in setback regulations that determine how close schools, playgrounds, and parks can be to the facilities.

[OSHA Publishes New Resources on Trenching Hazards](#)

New resources for keeping workers safe while engaged in trenching and excavating activities are available from the OSHA website.

[NIOSH Develops Draft REL for Silver Nanomaterials](#)

NIOSH has revised its draft Current Intelligence Bulletin on the health effects of occupational exposure to silver nanomaterials.

[NIOSH Evaluates Lead Exposures at Bullet Manufacturer](#)

A NIOSH investigation of a lead bullet manufacturer identified several engineering and administrative controls that would help reduce the blood lead levels of employees working in the facility.

[NIOSH Webinar to focus on Intersection of Work, U.S. Opioid Crisis](#)

In November, NIOSH will host a free webinar in its Total Worker Health webinar series that will focus on new research on work and the opioid crisis in the U.S.

[CDPH to Examine Health Effects of Wildfire Toxic Air Emissions in New Webinar](#)

The California Department of Public Health will host a webinar to examine risks and short- and long-term health effects from emissions of toxic chemicals from wildfires.