



July 23, 2013

Dr. William P. Bahnfleth, Ph.D., PE  
President  
ASHRAE  
1791 Tullie Circle NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Re: Support of ASHRAE *Legionella* Prevention Efforts

Dear Dr. Bahnfleth:

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is one of the largest international associations serving the needs of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals practicing industrial hygiene in industry, government, labor, academic institutions and independent organizations. The AIHA mission is to promote healthy and safe environments by advancing the science, principles, practice and value of industrial and occupational hygiene. AIHA is not only committed to protecting and improving worker health, but the health and well-being of all people in our communities.

We are aware of ASHRAE's efforts to provide information and develop standards and guidelines aimed at the prevention of Legionellosis and we applaud your organization's efforts. As an important stakeholder in this issue, AIHA would like to offer our expertise to assist you in this effort. Risk assessments of microbial hazards, aerosol hazards and hazards associated with building systems are conducted by industrial hygienists on a regular basis. Industrial hygienists are primary participants in both proactive and reactive investigations of Legionellosis, and are directly and materially affected by any guidelines or standards addressing the control of *Legionella* bacteria in building systems.

We feel that our cooperation and involvement will help to ensure a balance of interests and have a positive effect on the development of consensus guidelines and standards relating to the prevention of this potentially life threatening disease. We welcome the opportunity to work with our colleagues.

I await your response.

Very truly yours,

Barbara J. Dawson, CIH, CSP  
AIHA President

cc: Chair, AIHA Indoor Environmental Quality Committee  
AIHA Board of Directors  
Peter O'Neil, AIHA Executive Director