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See You in Charlotte!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the SCHC 2020 Spring Meeting in Charlotte at the end of March. The countdown is on for our volunteers to get the final pieces in place. Like many of you, we enjoy coming together to learn and network. It also gives the SCHC leadership the opportunity to hear from our members and non-members about what you hope to see from SCHC at our Fall meeting in Arlington and beyond.

Our industry is growing exponentially with opportunities and demands. Having this face time together and with industry decision-makers makes an impact on our daily lives. It's also a huge component of why being an active member of SCHC is important. Your access to other Hazcom professionals matters. This group serves as a trustworthy resource for information and updates, as well as, a pool of like-minded professionals with experience to draw upon and collaborate with.

SCHC 2020 Spring Meeting [Registration is OPEN](#). A **new Professional Development** half-day course has been added for March 30th: [Characterizing Industrial Operations to Support Hazard Communication and Regulatory Submissions for New Chemicals Notifications in the U.S.](#)

Need to register for the April 1st AIHA Exam following the Spring Meeting? [Click here](#) or visit the SCHC meeting page.

Mark Your Calendars

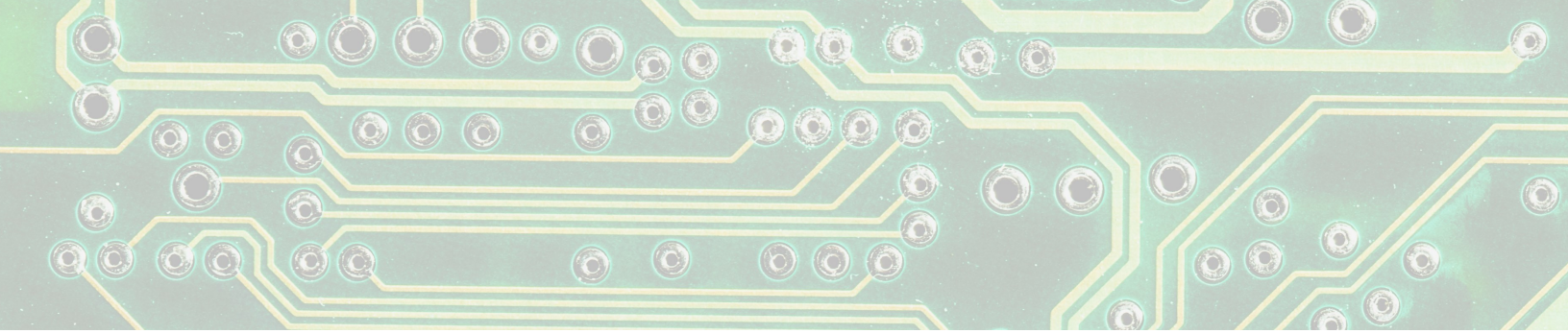
February 28, 2020 - [Officer/Board Election Ballots DUE](#)

March 6, 2020 - [Hotel Reservation Cut Off for Spring Meeting](#)

March 28 - April 1, 2020 - [SCHC Spring 2020 Meeting](#) at the Charlotte Marriott City Center, Charlotte, NC

April 1, 2020 - [SDSRP Test](#), Charlotte, NC

September 19 - 23, 2020 - SCHC Fall 2020 Meeting, Arlington, VA



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Networking Events in
Charlotte

Last Minute Hotel
Reminder for Spring
Meeting Attendees

Things to Do in Charlotte

Networking Events in Charlotte, NC

We invite all of the meeting attendees (and their guests) to join us for social networking event dinners. Mark your calendar that the after-hour meetings will occur on March 28th, 29th, and 30th. We will update our [networking webpage](#) and the SCHC app as the meeting draws closer.



Have you ever hosted an SCHC networking event? Whether this would be your first time or you're an experienced host/hostess the Membership Committee invites you to lead a group from the Charlotte Marriott City Center to a nearby dining/networking experience. Contact the [Membership Committee](#) to volunteer.

Last Minute Hotel Reminder for Spring Meeting Attendees

The SCHC Spring Meeting discounted hotel reservation cutoff date is **March 6, 2020**. Please note that the rooms usually sell out before the cutoff date. [Visit www.schc.org](http://www.schc.org) for more information.

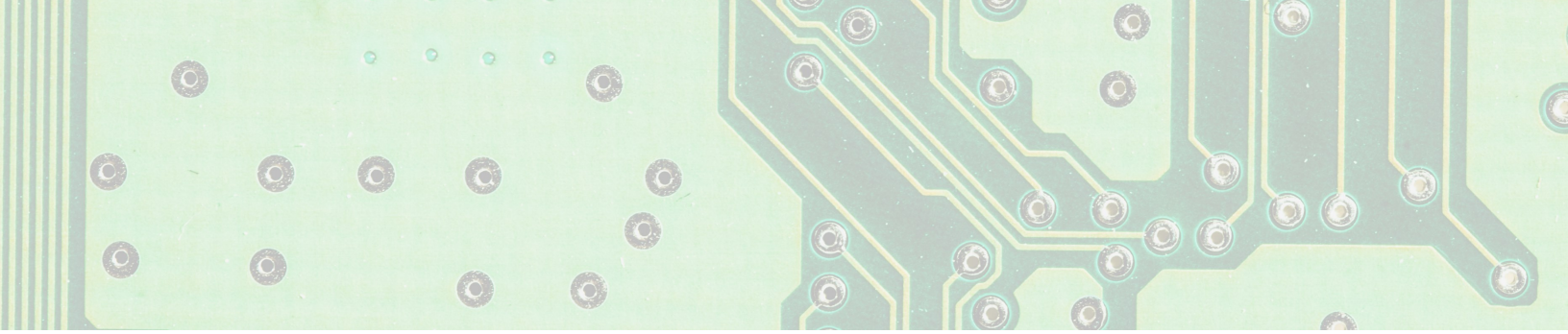
Where: Charlotte Marriott City Center
100 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

Phone Reservation: 800-359-3204 Reference Code: SCHC 2020

Things to Do in Charlotte

The Charlotte Marriot City Center is centrally located to many different activities, a fun night life, and cultural spots. The hotel has a [local guide](#) and there are things for all ages, like the Discovery Place Science Museum, the Romare Bearden Park and nearby golfing, the NASCAR Hall of Fame, and local tours to take in the sights.





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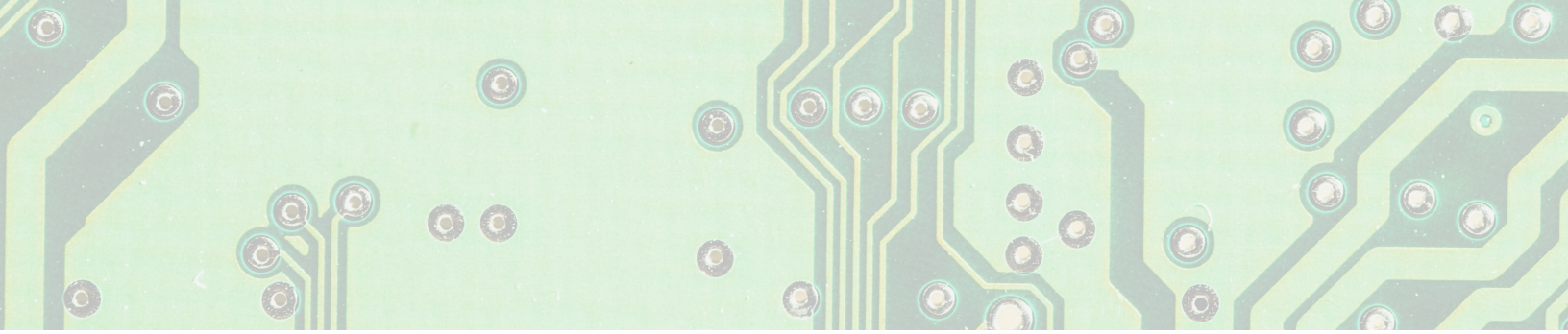
Well, March is almost here, and you know what that means! We're gearing up for the Spring Meeting. Have you registered yet? It's going to be in lovely Charlotte, NC and I know it will be a great meeting. I'm based in Connecticut so I'm sure that heading a bit south in March will be a nice change from the cold and I really look forward to seeing all of my friends from SCHC. I definitely have more friends in SCHC than I do in Connecticut. Some of my favorite people in the world are ones that I've met through the organization.

So, how does one go about making life-long friendships at SCHC? It can seem a bit intimidating, especially if you're coming as the only representative from your company. You're new! You've never been before!

It's actually really easy to meet new people. If you're coming to a class, sign up for one of the dinners that we organize. Everyone pays their own way, and it's a great way to chat with other people attending the conference. If you're new, you should attend the President's Luncheon which gives you a chance to meet fellow new people and learn all about our various committees. And then come to a committee meeting Tuesday afternoon! You don't have to join, but you can sit in and learn more about whatever committee you're interested in and meet the other committee members. Then come to the Poster Session. There's food and drink and interesting posters so you can learn while mingling!

Honestly, SCHC is a great organization with a lot of truly wonderful members. People from everywhere in the country and from other countries (shout out to my Canadian friends!). Being a regulatory compliance person can be lonely at times because no one understands when our eyes get twitchy when we see a label that says "Not Hazardous" but then has an exclamation mark pictogram. We all need someone who understands our niche field to listen to us complain about supplier SDS and that's why SCHC is great. Wonderful fellow professionals who you will see in future meetings and will stay in contact with outside of the conferences. Life-long friendships are made at SCHC. So join us and make some new friends!

Chandra Gioiello, Chair
Outreach Committee



REGULATORY

Australia Adopts GHS
Rev. 7

Safe Work Australia
Requests Public
Comments on Release 12

Australia Adopting GHS Rev. 7 Under the Model WHS Laws

Submitted by Janelly Ricardo, SDSRP

In a [recent news release](#), Safe Work Australia Members have agreed to adopt the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) Revision 7 under the model WHS laws for workplace hazardous chemicals.



The Australian government website detailed that the adoption is meant to ensure best practices and are aligned with key international trading partners in chemicals. They expect to begin the adoption period on July 1st, 2020 and allow a two-year transitional period for manufacturers and importers.

Suppliers and users of hazardous chemicals will not be affected and will be able to continue to supply and use chemicals classified and labelled under GHS Revision 3 until their stocks run out.

At the bottom of the news release, there is a mailing list to join if your organization would like additional information from Safe Work Australia about their progress and decision making.

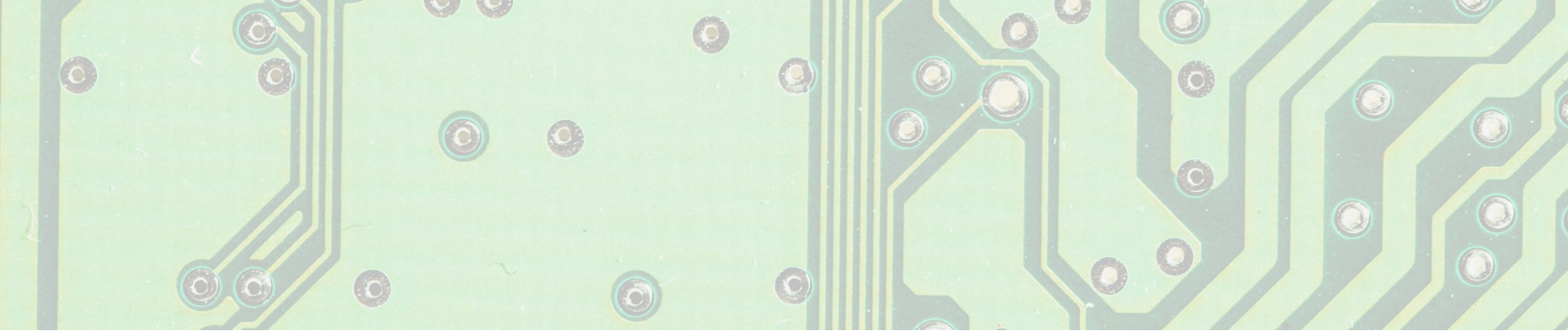
Safe Work Australia Requests Public Comments on Release 12

Safe Work Australia has put out a [call for public comments](#) regarding chemicals in Release 12, which includes formic acid and others*. Public comment period will close on March 13, 2020.

Safe Work Australia is evaluating workplace exposure standards for airborne contaminated. Chemicals in this release that do not currently have an Australian workplace exposure standard are:

- Glyoxal
- Hexachlorobenzene
- Methyl Vinyl Ketone
- 2-Methylbutyl acetate
- Natural Rubber Latex

*A complete list of chemicals can be found via [this link](#).



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Silica National Emphasis Program

CDC Issues Interim Guidance for Coronavirus

Silica National Emphasis Program

Submitted by Julia K. Diebol, Ph.D., CSP, C.P.S.M

OSHA has issued a National Emphasis Program (NEP) for respirable crystalline silica. The goal of the NEP reduce or eliminate worker exposure in the general industry, maritime and construction. To achieve this goal, there is a three-pronged approach planned of inspection targeting, outreach to employers, and compliance assistance.

The NEP targets specific industries expected to have the highest exposures to respirable crystalline silica and requires a 90 day outreach period before initiating any programmed inspections.

This notice can be found by visiting [OSHA website](#) or find this in the [SCHC Newsworthy section](#).



CDC Issues Interim Guidance for Coronavirus

Submitted by Julia K. Diebol, Ph.D., CSP, C.P.S.M

CDC has released [interim guidance for businesses](#) to help prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), in non-healthcare settings. Included in the guidance are recommended strategies for employers to use now. The guidance also provides planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of nCoV.

CDC will update this interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. The guidance, and further information about the 2019-nCoV response, is available on the [CDC website](#).

This is also a post in the [SCHC Newsworthy section](#); be sure to check often for industry news.



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OSHA Turns 50!

Submitted by Julia K. Diebol, Ph.D., CSP, C.P.S.M

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which led to the creation of OSHA, the Department of Labor/ OSHA has created a webpage that highlights its history over the past half century. Visit www.osha.org/osha50 and watch "[Celebrating 50 Years of Protecting Workers](#)".



Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.



**Do you have
your SCHC
water bottle
yet?**

**Get yours in
Charlotte!**



Dr. Kim Godard (Canada Head of Delegation) with her SCHC water bottle in Geneva.

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