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2020 Fall Meeting, New Courses, & Deadlines

Pay close attention to the **Mark Your Calendar** section below; it has links and updates for all sorts of exciting activities happening with SCHC, AIHA, and CHCS. Of course, the most exciting part for us is the [2020 Fall Meeting](#) in November! You should have already received some of the event news and opportunities in your email. If you haven't, be sure to [join the SCHC mailing list](#).

SCHC Website Under Construction! In the coming months you will see some changes to the website. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the SCHC Member Engagement Committee at member_engagement@schc.org.

UPDATED COVID-19 Resources - Check out SCHC's [Newsworthy](#) section for informative updates like [OSHA's COVID-19 Resource List](#).

Mark Your Calendar

- October 8, 2020 - CHCS Online PDC:** [Are You Working Safely with Metalworking Fluids?](#)
- October 19, 2020 -** [Poster Abstracts DUE for Fall Meeting](#) [Guidelines](#)
- October 21-22, 2020 - CHCS Online PDC:** [Chemical Safety Assessment - The Science & Theory of Risk Characterisation](#)
- October 28-29, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [Extended SDS - Understanding Exposure Scenarios](#)
- November 1, 2020 -** [SCHC Board Candidate Submissions DUE](#)
- November 9-11, 2020 -** [SCHC Fall Virtual Meeting](#)
- November 11-12, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [Advanced Prep of SDS](#)
- November 13, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [SCIP Workshop](#)
- November 19-20, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [Poison Centre Notification](#)
- December 2-3 & 9-10, 2020 - CHCS Distance Learning:** [CLP Classification](#)
- December 16 - 17, 2020 - CHCS Distance Learning:** [CLP Labelling](#)
- December 31, 2020 -** [AIHA Last Day for Fee Waiver](#)



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SCHC Discount Codes

AIHA Registry Programs Update

SCHC Discount Codes

One of the many benefits of being an SCHC Member is that you receive discount codes for meetings, professional development courses, and webinars from SCHC and [CHCS](#). If you regularly attend our events, you know that the discount codes may readily offset the cost of the annual SCHC membership.

Where to Find Member Discount Codes:

Members can log into their SCHC membership portal on [SCHC.org](#) and, once logged in, can search for “[discount code](#)”. There they will find a list of all upcoming events and available discount codes.

AIHA Registry Programs Update

Submitted by Carrie Johnson, AIHA Registry Coordinator

In honor of SCHC’s Virtual Fall 2020 meeting and in response to COVID–19, AIHA Registry Programs is waiving the [Remote Proctoring Fee](#) for those who qualify to take the [SDS and Label Authoring Competency Assessment](#) through December 31, 2020. There is an application fee and an exam fee, but the remote proctoring fee has been waived during this period.

AIHA Registry Programs recently partnered with a new [remote proctoring](#) service that offers testing through Zoom. Qualified candidates [test their computers](#) for compatibility with the new service and then schedule to test at a date and time convenient to them. It takes fewer steps to schedule exams, and test takers have been very pleased with the experience thus far.



Please feel free to contact AIHA Registry Programs with questions (registries@aiha.org). We look forward to hearing from you!



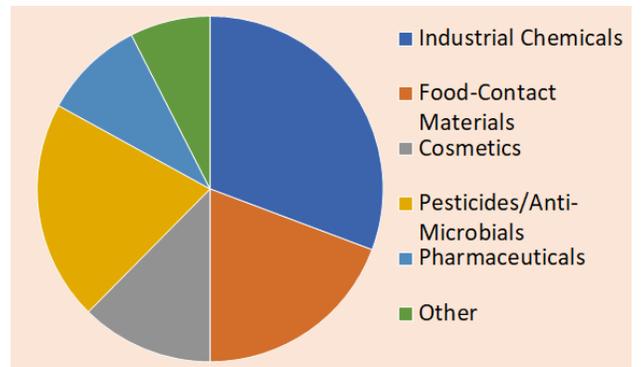
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Annual Survey Results

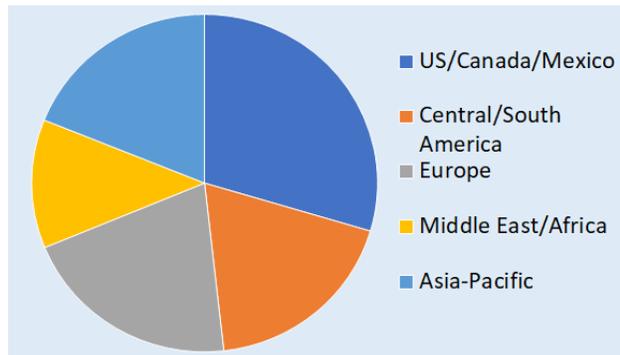
SCHC Annual Survey Results

In June, SCHC asked members and non-members to participate in our Annual Survey. We want to thank all who took the time to complete the survey. We had a great response rate and were pleased to gain new insights about our current members. We're a very diverse group with so much opportunity to network and grow. The data that was collected will us shape our programs, outreach, and the Fall virtual meeting.

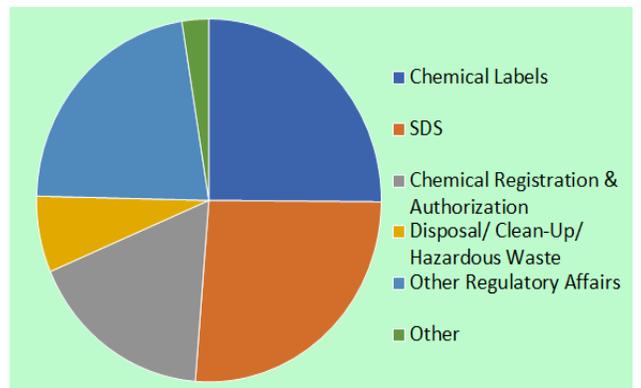
Materials Worked With



What areas of the world does your work involve?



What topic does your work involve?





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SCHC Board - Call for
Nominations

SCHC Sub-chair Position
Open

Call for Nominations for the SCHC 2020 Board Member Election

Submitted by Mark S. Cohen, Nominating Committee Chair

Calling all interested leaders...service, through leadership, is the shared responsibility of our Society for Chemical Hazard Communication membership. SCHC is fortunate to have highly qualified and committed members, representing many aspects of the Hazard Communication industry, serving our membership at all levels. And, we need you to join our leadership team!

SCHC members will be called to vote, in late 2020, for new and returning members of the Board of Directors of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Two-year terms for four Board Member positions will expire in spring, 2021 and those elected will assume their roles in Spring 2021.

You are invited to join the all-volunteer leadership team in serving the mission and members of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Members who are in good standing are qualified and invited to run for Board positions. For additional information on the Board Member position and the Nominating Committee Standard Practices, please visit the Nominating Committee web page at www.schc.org/nominating.

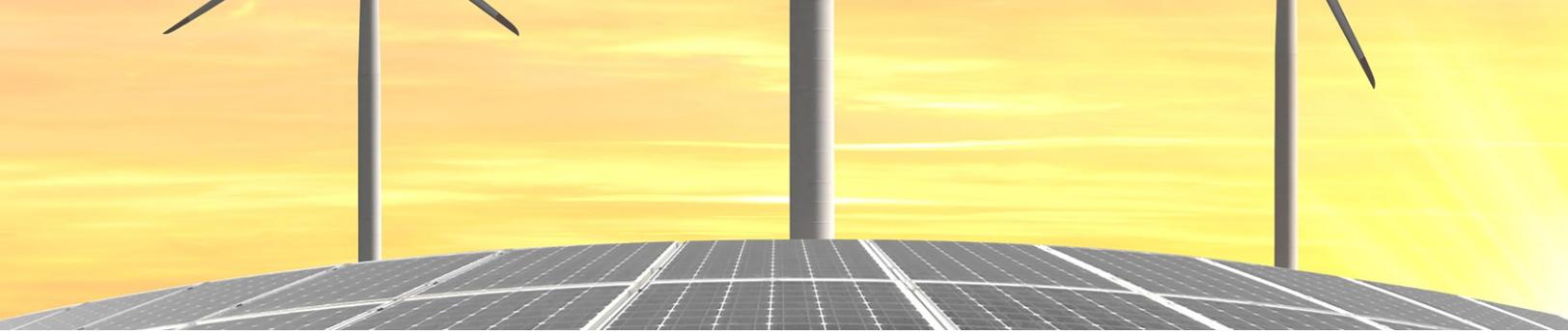
Interested members should contact SCHC Nominating Committee Chair, Mark Cohen at Markscohen1@gmail.com, **as soon as possible and no later than November 1, 2020**. Should you have questions or would like to visit further, simply drop Mark an email at the email above.

All members are encouraged to start their SCHC leadership journey through Committee participation, Committee leadership and Board Member service.

Nominating Committee - Darlene Susa-Anderson, Mark Cohen, Denese Deeds, Suzanne Matuszewski, and Luc Séguin

Sub-Chair Position Open

The SCHC Member Engagement Committee is looking for a new sub-chair of our Membership Subcommittee. It is open to any SCHC members in good standing. Please contact Chandra Gioiello (c.gioiello@ih-sc.com) if you are interested.



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CA Prop 65 -
Exposures to
Chemicals in Cooked
or Heat Processed
Foods

New CA Prop Fact
Sheet for Cannabis
Smoke/THC

CA Prop 65 – Section 25505, Exposures to Listed Chemicals in Cooked or Heat Processed Foods

California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) [released a Notice of Extension](#) regarding the proposed rulemaking to adopt Section 25505, Exposures to Listed Chemicals in Cooked or Heat Processed Foods, to California Proposition 65. **The new public comment period is scheduled to close on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.** The extension was requested by the California

Chamber of Commerce, Consumer Brands Association, National Confectioners Association, American Beverage Association and the American Bakers Association.



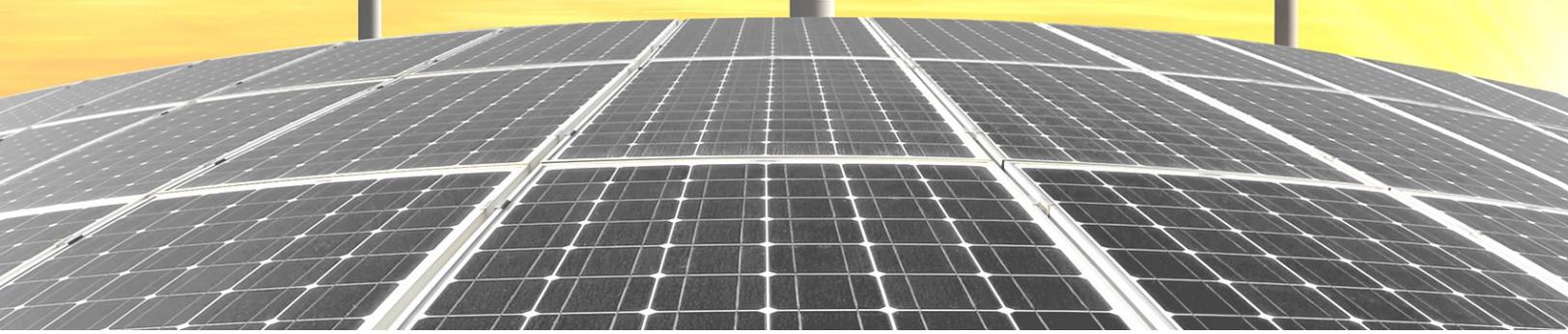
The initial proposal to amend Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations was put forth to address the intake of chemicals that do not represent an exposure for the purposes of the Act if the concentrations are reduced to

the lowest level currently feasible using appropriate quality control measures. The regulation would also establish maximum concentration levels for listed chemicals in foods to the lowest levels currently feasible. Concentrations at or below the level identified for the specified products would not require a warning, and it also gives the OEHHA permission to add foods or chemicals in future rulemaking. There are exemptions that include naturally occurring chemicals and others. Information about Section 25505 can be found by visiting this [OEHHA web page](#).

New CA Prop 65 Fact Sheet - Cannabis Smoke & THC

In July, California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) [shared a new Fact Sheet](#) regarding the dangers of cannabis smoke and THC on the development of a fetus during pregnancy and potential risks of cancer. Marijuana is legal in the state of California and businesses selling products that are listed on California Proposition 65 harmful chemicals list must provide warnings regarding exposure.

“Cannabis smoke contains several thousand different chemicals, some of which are on the Proposition 65 list. These include: 4 Chemicals that cause cancer, such as arsenic, benzene, benzo[a]pyrene, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, formaldehyde, lead, and nickel. 4 Chemicals that can affect the baby when the mother is exposed to them during pregnancy, such as 1,3-butadiene, cadmium, carbon monoxide, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), hydrogen cyanide, lead, mercury, methanol, and toluene.” - [Fact Sheet pdf](#)



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AU GHS 7 Transition
Extension

Safe Work AU New Silica
Dust Checklist

Extension for Australia’s GHS 7 Transition

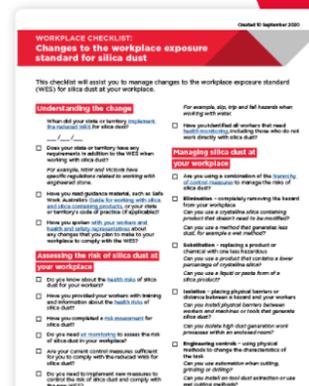
Safe Work Australia announced that due to the pandemic the initial start date transitioning to GHS 7, which was originally slated for July 1, 2020, has been delayed and will now **begin January 1, 2021**. The extended start date is to provide importers and manufacturers time to adopt and adhere to regulatory requirements of classifying and labelling chemicals. Suppliers and end users will also benefit from the extension.

Business impacted by Australia’s GHS 7 transition can find information about regulations and dates on [this page](#).

Australia currently operates under the GHS 3rd revision, which was introduced to Australia in 2012 with a five-year transition period. The 7th revised edition of the GHS is being adopted in Australia to streamline trade, employ international best practices for chemical assessment and hazard communication, reduce or eliminate animal testing, and encourage the safe use of hazardous chemicals.

Safe Work Australia - Updated Silica Dust Exposure Standard

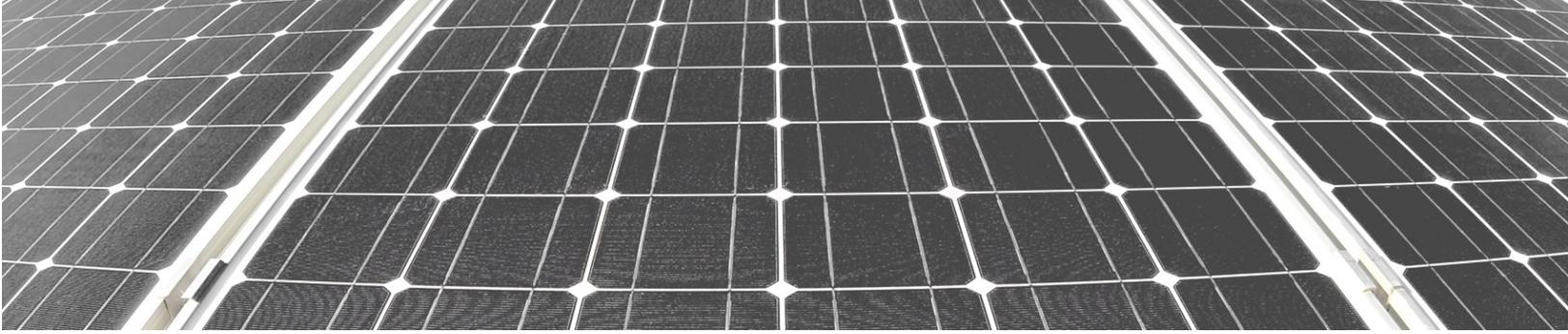
Safe Work Australia also issued a [new checklist](#) to help employers understand the new workplace exposure standards for respirable crystalline silica (silica dust). The checklist includes, but is not limited to, information regarding internal controls, personal protective equipment (PPE) and respiratory protective equipment (RPE), air monitoring, health monitoring, and risk management.



New checklist
**Changes to the
workplace
exposure
standard for
silica dust**

Image Credit: Safe Work Australia

Safe Work Australia has dedicated web pages for [silica dust](#) and for [crystalline silica and silicosis](#). The crystalline silica and silicosis page includes codes and guides, reports and case studies, and videos on the topic.



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ECHA to Phase Out 4
SVHCs

Occupational Lung
Diseases in AU

ECHA Candidate List Updated - Four Chemicals to be Phased Out

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) [announced that four substances](#) on the Candidate List of substances of very high concern (SVHCs) will be phased out. Companies are urged to check their legal obligations and from January 2021 will need to notify of products containing SVHC's to ECHA's upcoming [SCIP database](#).

Four Chemicals:

1-vinylimidazole - Toxic for reproduction

2-methylimidazole - Toxic for reproduction

Dibutylbis (pentane-2,4-dionato-O,O' - Toxic for reproduction

Butyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (Butylparaben) - Endocrine disruptor

Occupational Lung Diseases in Australia

A [new report](#) from the Monash Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health highlights several trends regarding occupational lung diseases across Australia, including:

- a substantial increase in:
 - pneumoconiosis, especially coal workers pneumoconiosis, and
 - silicosis from working with engineered stone
- a decline in workers' compensation claims for asbestos-related occupational lung diseases, such as asbestosis
- an increase in the understanding of the role of occupational exposure and the risk of developing coal workers pneumoconiosis, and
- an apparent decline in work-related asthma cases as evidenced by fewer compensation claims.



Photo credit: Safe Work Australia

To learn more about this topic visit:

[Occupational lung diseases in Australia 2006-2019](#)

Safe Work Australia [occupational lung diseases work plan](#).



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Shareable Safety Videos

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Shareable Safety Videos

As a service to the [SCHC-OSHA Alliance](#), we are committed to sharing information that helps hazard communicators and benefits their efforts of keeping job sites safe. For example, the Department of Labor has [created a variety of videos](#) and resources that are easy to share with clients and staff via email, as social media content, and blogs.



Photo credit: youtube.com USDepartmentofLabor

Such as: [Assembly Lines - #COVID19 Quick Safety Tips \(En Espanol\)](#)

Call for Poster Abstracts at the SCHC 2020 Fall Meeting

submitted by Jing Sun

Are you looking forward to the SCHC virtual conference so you can learn something new about hazardous chemical regulations and connect with other HazCom professionals? One unique way to do that is through the Poster Session, where you can check out and discuss what your peers are working on. In previous conferences we had posters about various HazCom related topics such as workplace labeling, EU REACH, environmental hazards, and California Proposition 65. Our attendees always found multiple topics that worth discussing.

But hold on! Why not make it better by contributing your own work, and turn the topic to your own interests? At this year's virtual poster session, forget about printing your poster, lugging the poster tube to the aircraft, and arriving early to find the best spot to set up your poster at the conference. Just organize your idea in an electronic poster and you are all set! It may be the easiest time to present your poster at SCHC and you don't want to miss it.

Interested? See the guidelines at the link below to learn how easy it is. If you want to participate, e-mail your abstract to Jing Sun (poster@schc.org) for review. [General Guidelines](#) [Call for Abstracts](#)

The submission deadline is October 19th, 2020.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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