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Thank You for Completing the Annual Survey

We wanted to share a thank you to all who participated in this year's SCHC Annual Survey. The snapshot that you provided of yourselves and the work that you perform in the HazCom field helps us tremendously in planning our activities and meeting goals for our Members and non-Members alike.

One takeaway is that our society's diversity continues to grow. The roles, responsibilities and interests that were shared shines a light on how vast our conversations can be. Participants are interested in regulatory news but also want enrichment to grow their leadership capabilities and networks. The survey is being referenced frequently as we continue our [Annual Meeting](#) planning.

News from OSHA

[OSHA to offer on-site, online training event Aug 2-4 to benefit federal workers](#)

It's HOT!!! [Protect Workers from Heat Illness](#)

Mark Your Calendar

June 8-9, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Basic Ecotoxicology](#)

June 15-16, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Ecotoxicology](#)

June 22, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: [How the GHS Working Group Works](#)

NEW June 28-29, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Preparation of Safety Data Sheets \(EU & UK\)](#)

August 24, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: [2022 Annual Meeting Preview Spectacular](#)

September 17-22, 2022 - SCHC Annual Meeting - [Save the Date](#)

September 28, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: The New World of the Virtual Scientist

Find [Member Discount Codes](#) under the [SCHC.org](#) menu's Resources tab



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Annual Meeting Hotel Info

CHCS Newsletter

REGULATORY

Two Comment Periods
Extended

Annual Meeting Hotel Info

One thing we learned from the Annual Survey is how excited some are to once again be in person learning and networking with their peers and industry leaders at the Annual Meeting. The Marriott has created a [reservation page for the 2022 Annual Meeting](#) and is currently promoting a discounted group rate. This special rate will be available until **August 26, 2022**.



CHCS Newsletter

SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletters by logging into SCHC.org, visiting the CHCS page, and scrolling to the newsletter section. Members must be logged in to access this benefit. In the May edition of CHCS’s newsletter, readers can find articles about:

- UK REACH Substance Evaluation Rolling Action Plan,
- GB Mandatory Classification and Labelling Technical Reports,
- EU Update to Prior Informed Consent Regulation,
- and more.

Two Comment Periods Extended

On the [SCHC Newsworthy page](#), we’ve added a post regarding [two comment periods](#) that were extended. Both are related to OSHA activities.

OSHA is extending the deadline for submitting comments on the Notice of Proposes Reconsideration and Revocation of Final Approval of the Arizona State Plan for occupational Safety and Health. The new deadlines to submit written testimony and notices of intention to appear at its informal public hearing is now July 5, 2022.

OSHA is extending the comment period on the proposed rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. The new deadline is June 30, 2022. The Newsworthy page has links to notices and the dockets on regulations.gov.



REGULATORY

EPA: Modernized Environment Logo for Antimicrobials

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched a new, modern [Design for the Environment \(DfE\) logo](#) that will appear on antimicrobial products like disinfectants and sanitizers within the next year. EPA's DfE logo helps consumers and commercial buyers identify antimicrobial products that meet the health and safety standards of the normal pesticide registration process required by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as well as other rigorous criteria required by the agency.

The updated logo released should make DfE-certified products easier for purchasers to find, which in turn will encourage companies to seek certification for their products. Companies who make products carrying the DfE logo have invested heavily in research and reformulation to ensure that their products meet the DfE certification requirements. Pursuing DfE certification provides an opportunity for companies to work toward their sustainability goals.

DfE products meet criteria that evaluate human health and environmental effects, product performance, packaging, and ingredients. The requirements are intended to:

- minimize any possible risks to human health by excluding ingredients that might have the potential to negatively impact young children, cause cancer, or have other negative effects,
- further protect fish and other aquatic life, minimize pollution of air or waterways and prevent harmful chemicals from being added to the land, and ensure products have no unresolved compliance, enforcement, or efficacy issues.

EPA does not consider the logo to be an endorsement. Similar to saying a pesticide is “EPA-registered” because EPA has found it meets the registration standard, the DfE logo indicates that the product has been reviewed and meets the FIFRA registration standard as well as the standards for the DfE program.





REGULATORY

CA Proposition 65 –
Restarting the Short Form
Warning Regulations
Rulemaking Process

Safe Work Australia:
Japanese Encephalitis

CA Proposition 65 – Restarting the Short Form Warning Regulations Rulemaking Process

Last month, we shared that California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) [announced a proposed second modification](#) to the text of the Proposition 65 short form warning regulations with a new comment period that ended on April 20, 2022. The comments that were submitted can be read [here](#).



OEHHA [shared](#) that a decision has been made to restart the rulemaking process on the new regulatory proposal and comments on the previous proposal. The original process began in January 2021, but due to the pandemic, the one-year period deadline to complete the changes was not met. Public notice and an opportunity to comment on the new proposal are forthcoming from the OEHHA.

Safe Work Australia: Japanese Encephalitis

Safe Work Australia has developed new work health and safety (WHS) [guidances](#) for the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV). Due to its rising prevalence, JEV has been declared a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance by Australia’s Department of Health. JEV is endemic to parts of Asia and the Torres Strait region of Australia. It is spread through mosquito bites and is common in areas with mosquito activity. There is a JEV vaccine available for travelers, employees and residents near high-risk areas.



Much like OSHA regulations, Safe Work Australia’s model WHS laws require employers eliminate or reduce WHS risks so far as is reasonably practicable. The guidance to minimize the JEV risks can be found [here](#). According to their site, the best mosquito repellents contain diethyltoluamide (DEET), picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.



REGULATORY

EPA: NOITS DCPA

New IUCLID Webinar

EPA: NOITS DCPA

On April 28, 2022, the U.S. EPA [issued a notice of intent to suspend \(NOITS\)](#), which when effective, will prevent the sale, distribution, and use of the technical-grade product containing the pesticide dimethyl tetrachloroterephthalate (DCPA). Technical-grade products are high-concentration forms of pesticides that are formulated into other end-use pesticide products. EPA is issuing this NOITS for DCPA because AMVAC, the sole registrant, has not provided the full complement of data the Agency required it to submit over nine years ago.



Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the registrant is required to submit data to support the continued registration of this product. Due to the registrant's long-standing failure to respond to EPA's requests for necessary data, the Agency is unable to fully evaluate the risks associated with DCPA. In the notice the EPA outlines how the NOITS will be final after 30 days and remains in place until the EPA lifts the suspension, and what circumstances can challenge the decision or suspension.

DCPA is an herbicide applied to control grasses and certain broadleaf weeds in both agricultural and non-agricultural settings. Agricultural use sites include cole crops (e.g., broccoli, kale, cabbage), cucurbits, tomatoes, onions, and herbs. Non-agricultural use sites include non-residential turf and ornamentals. Reports, data and comments about this decision can be found on [Regulations.gov, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0374](#).

IUCLID April release 2022

26 April 2022

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[Watch ECHA's webinar about the updated IUCLID release, from April 2022](#)





REGULATORY

Restrictions Roadmap
Published

New QSAR Toolbox
Webinar

Restrictions Roadmap Published

The European Commission [published](#) a Restrictions Roadmap, which prioritizes group restrictions for the most harmful substances to human health and the environment as set out in the [Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability](#). The Roadmap includes a rolling list of substances, which will become the basis for the multiannual planning under REACH. Thierry Breton, Commissioner for the Internal Market, said: “To fulfil the commitments under the Chemicals Strategy, stakeholders need transparency and visibility on the upcoming work. The Restrictions Roadmap provides such visibility, and allows companies and other stakeholders to be better prepared for potential upcoming restrictions”.



New QSAR Toolbox Webinar

This [webinar](#) introduces the QSAR Toolbox together with practical advice on how to use its new and essential features. It gives an overview of future developments planned for the QSAR Toolbox in the coming years. You will learn how it connects to IUCLID and get hands on advice for using it to support read-across studies for REACH information requirements. The US Environmental Protection Agency also presented its activities on the QSAR toolbox.

ECHA together with the OECD have managed the QSAR toolbox for over a decade. It is free software that supports reproducible and transparent chemical hazard assessment using non-animal methods.

There is also a link for [Questions and Answers](#) following the webinar.



REGULATORY

EPA: Proposed Rule for CBI

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On May 12, 2022, the U.S. EPA issued [a proposed rule](#) relating to the assertion and maintenance of [confidential business information \(CBI\)](#) claims under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The proposed rule includes new and amended requirements that, if finalized, would increase transparency, modernize reporting and review procedures, and ensure consistency with the 2016 amendments to TSCA.



In addition to providing increased clarity for TSCA submitters, the changes in this proposed rule are expected to allow EPA to review and make determinations on CBI claims more efficiently, meeting the statutory review deadline in TSCA and more promptly making required notifications to submitters of claims.

Some highlights from the proposed rule includes:

- Changes to better assure that the existence and scope of a CBI claim is clear and limited to information the submitter views as confidential.
- A provision to address inappropriate or over-broad CBI claims in public copies of TSCA submissions.
- Expanded requirements for electronic reporting and uniform requirements, including requirements for electronic communication and maintaining current and accurate contact information will assure more prompt delivery of required notices to submitters of CBI claims
- Establishment of a new section of the TSCA regulations to consolidate and standardize how TSCA CBI claims must be asserted and substantiated.
- Requirements that health and safety information be submitted using an appropriate Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Harmonized Template (when available), a format that will allow data to be more readily used and shared within the Agency while allowing submitters to indicate CBI claims more clearly for EPA consideration.

EPA will accept public comments on the proposed rule for 60 days in [doctet HQ-OPPT-2021-0419 at www.regulations.gov](#).

[Read the proposed rule in the federal register.](#)



REGULATORY

New Version of
REACH-IT

New CLH Intentions

ECHA New SVHCs

New Version of REACH-IT

The [latest version of REACH-IT](#) will include a change for only representatives, as well as changes:

- where the system calculates and warns the user of the registrations and C&L notifications that would be annulled in a legal entity change; and
- starting this month, registrants will be able to export a report of all registrations.

New CLH Intentions

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) [registry of classification and labelling \(CLH\) intentions](#) had more than a dozen entries entered this May. Entries include items submitted, consultations, opinions adopted, and opinion development from the various participating EU countries. Below are the items submitted thus far in May:

- [Plant Oils/Spear Mint Oils](#)
- [1,1-dichloroethylene](#)
- [Tetrahydrofurfuryl methacrylate](#)
- [Fluoroethylene](#)

In late April, after the publication of our last SCHC newsletter, these chemicals were submitted to the CLH:

- [Methyldithiocarbamic acid](#)
- [Exo-\(+/-\)-1-methyl-4-\(1-methylethyl\)-2-\[\(2-methylphenyl\)methoxy\]-7-oxabicyclo\[2.2.1\]heptane](#)
- [1-\[2-\({\[1-\(4-chlorophenyl\)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl\]oxy}methyl\)-3-methylphenyl\]-4-methyl-1,4-dihydro-5H-tetrazol-5-one; metyltetraprole](#)

ECHA New SVHCs

ECHA also updated the [registry of substances of very high concern \(SVHC\)](#) intentions with two new items:

- [reaction mass of 2,2,3,3,5,5,6,6-octafluoro-4-\(1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropan-2-yl\)morpholine and 2,2,3,3,5,5,6,6-octafluoro-4-\(heptafluoropropyl\)morpholine](#)
- [Perfluoroheptanoic acid and its salts](#)



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SCHC in June

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This June, you'll see more information about upcoming Members Monthly Forums and the SCHC Annual Meeting. We'll start sharing information for sponsors and exhibitors, information about the Poster Presentation, and be looking for your input about networking events and favorite hot spots in the Washington, D.C. area.

We're looking forward to a full house at the next Members Monthly Forum:



Also, be on the lookout for more info from the [Speakers Bureau](#) and [SCHC Consultants Listing](#):

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- avoid fines,
- communicate effectively with customers, and
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