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November Membership Drive

It's almost time to join or renew your SCHC Membership for 2024! For those who will be renewing, watch for your renewal email to make the process a smooth one. We appreciate your continued support and [membership](#), as well as, your help encouraging others to be a part of our international society.



News from OSHA

- [Worker Walkaround Representative Designation Process: Proposed Rule Comment Period Expanded to November 13](#)
- [Maritime Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health \(MACOSH\) Meeting November 14](#)
- [10 Ways to Get Your Program Started](#)

Mark Your Calendar

- NEW** November 1, 2023 - Board Nominations Due [Learn More](#)
- November 21-22, 2023 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Chemical Safety Assessment—The Science and Theory for Risk Characterization](#)
- November 29, 2023 - SCHC Forum: [Control Banding & Its Use on SDS](#)
- NEW** November 29-30, 2023 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Extended SDS: Understanding Exposure Scenarios](#)
- December 4-5, 2023 - CHCS Distance Learning: [UK REACH & GB CLP Practicalities: Linking UK and EU Processes](#)
- NEW** December 5, 2023 - CHCS Webinar: [Connecting the dots between the UN Transport and UN GHS Committees, classification for transport and communication requirements](#)
- December 6-7, 2023 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Preparation of Safety Data Sheets \(EU & UK\)](#)

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



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Call for Nominations
SCHC 2024 Officer and
Board Member Election

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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!

In January 2024 SCHC members will be called to vote for officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Two-year terms for five Board Member positions will expire in spring, 2024. All officer position terms (Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President and President) will also expire in spring 2024. The newly elected individuals will assume their roles on April 1, 2024.

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 and have been members for at least 2 years are qualified and invited to run for Board positions with eligibility as an Officer requiring previous service as a Board Member. For additional information on the Officer and Board Member position and the Nominating Committee Standard Practices, please visit the Nominating Committee webpage at www.schc.org/nominating.

Interested members should contact SCHC Nominating Committee Chair, Denese Deeds at d.deeds@ih-sc.com, as soon as is possible and **no later than November 1, 2023**.

Should you have questions or would like to discuss the positions, simply drop Denese 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 - Denese Deeds, Suzanne Matuszewski, Darlene Susa-Anderson, Beth Bidstrup and Paul Brigandi



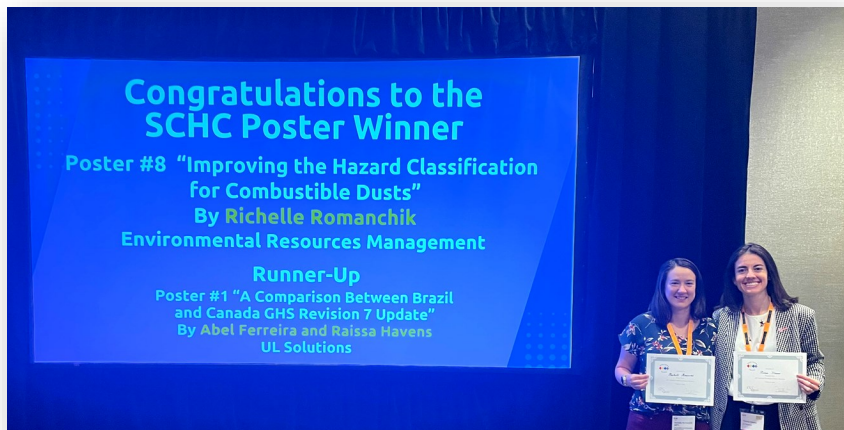
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2023 Poster Winner & Runner Up

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Control Bandings and its use on SDS

The 2023 SCHC Annual Meeting Poster Session was a balance of real-world case studies and a glimpse into the future of Hazard Communication. Check out the [posters here](#) and celebrate poster winner, Richelle Romanchik (Environmental Resources Management) for her poster “*Improving the Hazard Classification for Combustible Dusts*” and runners-up Abel Ferreira and Raissa Havens (UL Solutions) for their poster “*A Comparison Between Brazil and Canada GHS Revision 7 Update*”



Kudos to this year's Poster Winner and Runner Up! Poster winner Richelle Romanchik (pictured left) and Runner Up Raissa Gripp Havens (pictured right) and Abel Ferreira were voted on by #SCHC2023 attendees, and we applaud a job well done! Thank you to everyone who presented a poster this year.



Register for the November Members Only Monthly Forum: [Control Bandings and its use on SDS](#). All active SCHC and CHCS Members are eligible to join every Members Only Monthly Forums. *Note: New members who join during the November Membership drive may attend this event, as well as, secure their 2024 Membership.*



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Professional
Development
Recognition Awards

SCHC Newsworthy

Professional Development Recognition Awards

Congratulations to the Professional Development Recognition Awardees honored for their dedication to education and professional growth during the 2023 Annual Meeting. The SCHC Professional Development Committee had dozens of individuals to recognize; [view the list of Professional Development Recognition Awardees.](#)

2023 Recipients of SCHC PDC Training Recognition				
280 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kirsten Alcock- Helen Hatch	80 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Matthew Austin- Amanda Berry	40 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jennifer Altman- Trapper Braegger	40 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inez Kasimba- Rebecca Kaufold	40 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jamie Rhodes- Bonny Rozell Yost
200 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ghislain Rompre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- David Burrell- Jennifer Handlin- Jocelyn Jensen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cynthia Bucco- Clara Chan- Dagmara Charyk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Katana Komesarovic- Casimir Kostzewecki- Daniel Levine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shaki Saghir- Gregg Starr- Amanda Stiffer
160 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liliana Ramirez- Diana Saucedo- Jing Sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nicole Kendrick- Dustin Kern- Carol Poppo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tiffany Cho- Miranda Cox- Atanu Das	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chunhui Li- Mary Lim- David Liston	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gulan Sun- Scott Surovi- Paige Taylor
120 Hours of Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Theodore Amet- Martha Artis- Paul Cronin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anjali Prasad- Jasjit Sarang- Eldon Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anne DeMasi- Angus DeWalt- Laura DiFalco	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Darrel Martin- Kelly McManus- Jeremy Meek	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Katie Walker- Shun Wang- Hayden Westwood
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ray Daly- Janice Konigsford- Lisa Parola- Cheryl Ann Sykora	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Suzanne Snajdr- Anita Stelly- Shirupa Vyas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ronald Weslosky- Darcy Evans- Connie-Kay Evans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sierra Mitchell- Franchesca Montez- Tommie Mullen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yan Yu- Zachary Nichols- Jessica Owens
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stephanie Fritch- Shannon Gaineey- Mark Gibbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Estefania Poyo Gumiela- GERALYN RAGARD	

SCHC Newsworthy

In case you missed it, SCHC added several new posts to the [Newsworthy](#) section of its website since the last newsletter.

[Working and Informal Documents for the UN Sub-Committee of Experts](#) The next meeting of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS) will be held from December 6 - 8 2023.

[September 2023 WHPP Newsletter](#) from Health Canada: The September 2023 issue of the Workplace Hazardous Products Program (WHPP) newsletter is now available

[Proposed new service standards for claims for exemption filed under the HMIRA.](#) Health Canada's proposal to adjust new service standards for confidential business information (CBI) claims for exemption under the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act (HMIRA) and invite your feedback by **November 10, 2023.**

[Asian Chemicals Forum Report](#) Following the first Asian Chemicals Forum (ACF) in New Delhi last month, Chemical Watch has shared a summary report of proceedings and key outcomes with its members.



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CHCS Newsletter &
Webinar

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SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletters by logging into SCHC.org, visiting the schc.org/CHCS page, and scrolling to the newsletter section. Members must be logged in to access this benefit.

October Edition

- CHCS 29th Annual General Meeting & 12th Annual Industry Lecture Series
- ECHA receives in excess of 5600 comments on PFAS restriction proposal
- Microplastics restriction adopted under EU REACH
- The European Chemicals Agency has made guidance available on the new hazard classes introduced to the EU CLP Regulation
- Endocrine Disruption for Human Health and Environment
- CHCS Webinars & Events
- Training Courses & Workshops
- New from Our Partners

CHCS has cordially invited SCHC Members to attend a December 5th webinar for free. Members—to access your CHCS alliance [discount code](#) or Membership card, log in to schc.org. Learn more about the “[Connecting the Dots Between the UN Transport and UN GHS Committees, Classification for Transport and Communication Requirements](#)” webinar.

CHCS WEBINAR

CONNECTING THE DOTS
BETWEEN THE UN TRANSPORT
AND UN GHS COMMITTEES,
CLASSIFICATION FOR
TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATION
REQUIREMENTS

Online
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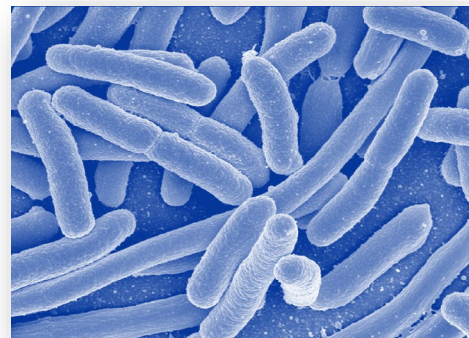
REGULATORY

EPA Drafts Guidance
Battling Legionella in
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Occupational Pesticide
Safety and Health

EPA Drafts Guidance Battling Legionella in Cooling Towers

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released for public comment a [draft guidance](#) on regulations.gov with a test method to evaluate efficacy claims for antimicrobial products against Legionella pneumophila (L. pneumophila) in cooling tower water. Legionnaires' disease (LD) is a serious type of pneumonia (lung infection) acquired by breathing in water droplets contaminated with L.



pneumophila bacteria. Cooling towers are a potential breeding ground for this bacterium. Aerosolization of L. pneumophila can occur if cooling towers are not properly maintained. The incidence of LD in the United States has been increasing since 2000. Outbreaks and illness clusters have been associated with decorative, recreational, domestic, and industrial water systems, with the largest outbreaks being caused by cooling towers.

The draft guidance was released on October 2, 2023, and the public comment period is open for 60 days.

Occupational Pesticide Safety and Health

The EPA maintains a dedicated section of their website for information and education affecting pesticide worker safety and related topics, often available in both English and Spanish materials. The [Occupational Pesticide Safety and Health](#) site includes resources such as [Pesticide Containment Structures](#), [In Case of Poisoning](#), and more. This month, the EPA announced funding up to \$15 million for [Pesticide Safety Education Programs](#) (PSEP's).



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EPA: New Final Rules
for PFAS

CA Prop 65 Updates

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EPA published two new rules regarding PFAS and their PFAS Strategic Roadmap.

Final Rule to Enhance PFAS Toxics Release Inventory Reporting: In October 2023, EPA [released a final rule](#) that will improve reporting on PFAS to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) by eliminating an exemption that allowed facilities to avoid reporting information on PFAS when those chemicals were used in small concentrations. Under this new rule, EPA will receive more comprehensive data on PFAS and looks forward to sharing these data with our partners and the public.

Final Rule to Require Reporting for PFAS Manufactured and Used in the United States: Will provide EPA, its partners, and the public with the largest-ever dataset of PFAS manufactured and used in the United States. This [final rule](#) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) will require all manufacturers (including importers) of PFAS and PFAS-containing articles in any year since 2011 to report information to EPA on PFAS uses, production volumes, disposal, exposures, and hazards.

CA Prop 65 Updates

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) shared these recent notices:

Announcement of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DARTIC) Meeting Scheduled for December 12, 2023 During this hybrid [event](#), Bisphenol S (BPS) will be considered for possible listing under Proposition 65 as causing reproductive toxicity (female reproductive endpoint) at a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The public comment period will end on Monday, November 20, 2023.

New Fact Sheet: Toxic Chemicals, Proposition 65 Warnings, and Your Health: The Big Picture The OEHHA webpages for the [Proposition 65 Warnings](#) includes a [new fact sheet](#) that can help explain the program, resources, and tools. Also available in [Spanish](#).



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New QSAR assessment framework supports alternatives to animal testing: The [framework](#) helps regulators to assess quantitative-structure activity relationships (QSAR) studies, used as an animal-free method to gain data on chemicals.

More Transparency in Trade of Hazardous Chemicals: The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), with the aim of improving the EU's implementation of the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation, that governs the export and import of hazardous chemicals and pesticides, is making recommendations for changes to the legal text. [Learn more here.](#)

Intention to Restrict: On October 4th, France submitted an intention to restrict the placing on the market of mixtures containing [octocrilene](#) (EC 228-250-8) on October 4, 2023. The restriction proposal will be submitted on October 4, 2024. The substance “risks are mainly observed for the specific use of octocrilene as UV filter in cosmetic ingredients. Environmental risks for non-target organisms being in the aquatic compartment (freshwater, seawater) including sediment and for human drinking water consumers by groundwater contamination.”

[Bis\(\$\alpha,\alpha\$ -dimethylbenzyl\) peroxide](#) (EC 201-279-3, CAS 80-43-3) was added to the Community rolling action plan (CORAP) list in 2015 and evaluated by Norway. It is concluded that this substance meets the criteria for Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B, persistence, and aquatic toxicity. It is recommended to be identified as a SVHC by the end of 2023.

Chromium VI SVHC: The European Commission has requested ECHA [prepare](#) a REACH restriction proposal on certain chromium (VI) substances currently on the Authorisation List of substances of very high concern.



Regulatory

NIOSH Spotlight - Oppenheimer & Barbie

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NIOSH Spotlight - *Oppenheimer & Barbie*

Over the past summer two blockbusters hit theaters on the same day - Oppenheimer and Barbie. NIOSH Director John Howard, M.D. wrote an article "[The Manhattan Project and the Fusion of Worker Safety and Health](#)" Dr. Howard outlines some of the factors that the scientists endured dealing with large amounts of radiation and the established practices available now.



Not to be outshined, NIOSH Science Blog also shared "[Workplace Safety and Health in a Barbie World](#)" highlighting some of Barbie's more prevalent career choices and the hazards impacting those roles. Did you know Barbie portrayed more than 200 jobs in her 64 years? The blog also addresses some related conversations, such as PPE for women, productive aging and working, and workplace violence.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please send all newsworthy newsletter topics to the Member Engagement Committee by email to Member_Engagement@schc.org.

