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Your Vote, Your Voice!

Tomorrow is the last chance for active Member to cast a ballot for the 2024 Board Election!

Votes are cast online, and, to help make the decision process easier, members can also find [candidate bios](#) on SCHC.org.

Vote today: Log in and [Vote now](#)



News from OSHA

- **Updated Resources:** *Cleaning Chemicals and Your Health Poster* ([Spanish](#)), *Grain Safety* ([English/Spanish](#)), *Silica: Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard in Construction* ([English/Spanish](#)), *Asbestos: Protecting Workers from the Hazards of Asbestos-Containing Flooring Material Maintenance Fact Sheet* ([Spanish](#))

Mark Your Calendar

March 27, 2024 - SCHC Forum: [EU/UK Update](#)

March 29, 2024 - SCHC: [Last Day to submit a Presentation Abstract for 2024 Annual Meeting](#)

NEW April 24, 2024 - SCHC Forum [GHS Subcommittee Update](#)

NEW May 8-9, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Introduction to European and UK Chemical Regulation](#)

NEW May 13-14, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [CLP Labelling \(EU & UK\)](#)

May 15-16, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Preparation of Safety Data Sheets \(EU & UK\)](#)

September 21-26, 2024 - [SCHC Annual Meeting](#)

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



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New April Members Only Forum

Upcoming Annual Meeting News

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Join us in April for our recently added [calendar event](#), the “GHS Subcommittee Update: What the group is working on, what has been approved, and what is in the future,” hosted by Paul Brigandi, of Brigandi GHS Consulting and also a US delegate to the United Nations GHS Subcommittee.

Learn more about the [April Members Only Forum](#).



Upcoming Annual Meeting News

A few quick notes regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting to keep you in the loop about our September conference.

- The [hotel link](#) for the event is live and discounted rooms are currently available. The block of discounted rooms typically sell out long before the event so we encourage you to reserve your room now. The hotel cut-off this year is August 30th.
- ** Reminder to prevent possible scams** No one from the hotel or any travel groups will contact you regarding booking a stay. Please book direct using the link on the SCHC.org pages.
- The [Call for Presentation Abstracts](#) is active until March 29, 2024 and we encourage and appreciate your considering and/or sharing the invitation with dynamic HazCom presenters.





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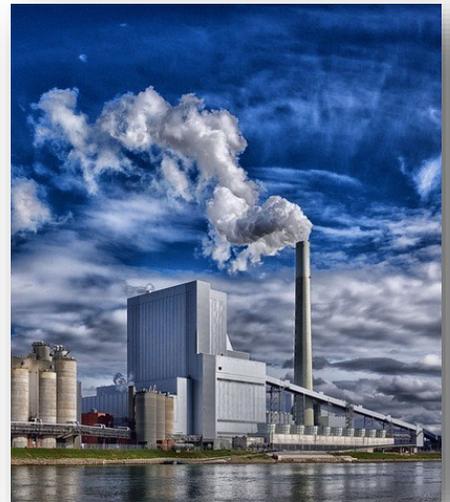
CHCS Newsletter

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SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletter 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.

February Edition

- The HSE announces update to the status of 90 entries in the GB MCL List relating to the 14th and 15th ATPs to the EU-CLP Regulation
- 22nd and 23rd Adaptations to Technical Progress of the EU CLP Regulation
- New ECHA Chem database to be updated with the revised Classification and Labelling Inventory during 2024
- Environmental Science and Policy Paper Published: Citizens' opinions on (non-) essential uses of persistent chemicals A Survey of seven European countries
- California Prop 65 update and review despite TSCA 2021 change to prevent state variation by introducing more stringent requirements
- CHCS Webinars and Events
- Training Courses & Workshops
- New from Our Partners



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EPA RFI for Pesticide Safety Education Program for Farmworkers

EPA: “Absence of an Ingredient” Guidance for Pesticide Products

EPA: RFI for Pesticide Safety Education Program for Farmworkers

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) the availability of a Request for Information (RFI) that seeks public comments to inform a National Farmworker Training and Education Program (NFTEP). The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2022 (PRIA 5) included set-asides of up to \$7.5 million for Fiscal Years 2023-2027 to fund the program – a series of assistance agreements to conduct pesticide safety trainings for farmworkers and farmworker communities, create pesticide safety educational and training materials, and develop innovative outreach and delivery strategies

Generally, EPA is interested in comments about:

- how to meaningfully involve farmworker communities in the NFTEP grant agreements,
- farmworker communities’ specific language and training needs that should be incorporated into the safety education program materials,
- successful outreach and delivery strategies, and
- topic areas that should be prioritized for grant agreements.

Responses to the RFI can be submitted via www.regulations.gov using Docket ID [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0643](#) and must be received by 11:59 ET on March 25, 2024.

EPA: “Absence of an Ingredient” Guidance for Pesticide Products

EPA [issued](#) a [guidance](#) to clarify how to evaluate “absence of an ingredient” claims for pesticide products regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

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At the tail end of January, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) launched [ECHA CHEM](#), its latest tool for publishing information on chemicals. ECHA CHEM's first iteration includes information for all REACH registrations. Later in 2024, ECHA hopes to expand the chemicals database to include the redesigned Classification and Labelling Inventory.

As part of the [announcement](#), ECHA shared the background of the project: *ECHA's current information on chemicals platform, launched in 2016, grew rapidly and contains today information on over 360 000 chemicals. In 2022, ECHA announced that it would create a new system for publishing chemicals data. ECHA CHEM allows the Agency to better handle the growing diversity and quantity of data, while taking advantage of technological advancements.*

Support for ECHA CHEM can be found [here](#), including an introductory video that can also be found on YouTube "[Navigating ECHA's chemicals database: A guide to ECHA CHEM.](#)"



There are also webinars available to learn more about ECHA CHEM that include Q&A responses from ECHA's team.

[New ECHA public data availability system - Part 1](#)

[New ECHA public data availability system - Part II](#)



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Guidance to Protect Bees

ECHA Webinars: Biocides
& Bees, QSAR & REACH

Guidance to Protect Bees

The European Commission requested ECHA develop a guidance to assess how biocides exposure affects arthropod pollinators, including bees. ECHA [posted](#) information about their process and a link to the [Guidance to assess the risks to bees from the use of biocides](#). Information about an associated webinar is listed below.



ECHA Webinars: Biocides & Bees, QSAR & REACH

ECHA has two webinars in March that may impact you or your clients. Use the links below to learn more.

March 5, 2024, 11:00 Helsinki Time

[Getting familiar with ECHA's guidance to assess risks of biocides to bees](#)

Are you working on the environmental risk assessment of biocides? This webinar gives an overview on the new ECHA guidance on the assessment of risks to bees from the use of biocides.

March 21, 2024, 11:00 Helsinki Time

[OECD QSAR Assessment Framework in REACH dossier evaluation: what you need to know](#)

Take a deeper look into the incorporation of the recently released OECD QSAR Assessment Framework (QAF) into ECHA's evaluation of (Q)SAR studies in REACH registrations.

Discover how the QAF aligns with ECHA's current practices and the relevant "Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment Chapter R.6: QSARs and grouping of chemicals".

Explore the updates introduced by the QAF to QSAR reporting formats, including the incorporation of new IUCLID fields in the QSAR Endpoint Study Record. Learn how REACH registrants must navigate these changes when submitting new or updated (Q)SAR studies.



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Five New Substances Recommended for REACH Authorisation

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In an [announcement](#) posted February 7, 2024, ECHA shared that it is considering recommending the following substances for the REACH Authorisation List:

- Melamine;
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) tetrabromophthalate covering any of the individual isomers and/or combinations thereof (TBPH);
- S-(tricyclo[5.2.1.0 2,6]deca-3-en-8(or 9)-yl) O-(isopropyl or isobutyl or 2-ethylhexyl) O-(isopropyl or isobutyl or 2-ethylhexyl) phosphorodithioate;
- Diphenyl(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)phosphine oxide; and
- Barium diboron tetraoxide.

More information about the uses and reasons for including these substances in the [draft recommendation](#) for authorisation is in the annex.

ECHA is looking for further information on the uses of these substances in scope of authorisation, their possible exemptions from the authorisation requirement and on the structure and complexity of the supply chains. REACH registrants are, therefore, encouraged to update their use information alongside sending their comments.

The European Commission is calling for information separately on the possible socio-economic impacts of adding these substances to the Authorisation List. The information will be passed on directly to the Commission and will not be considered by ECHA.

ECHA is also inviting comments regarding the implications of adding a new hazard to dibutyl phthalate (DBP) which is already on the Authorisation List.

The consultations are open until May 7, 2024.

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CLH Updates

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February has been a busy month for the [registry of classification and labelling \(CLH\) intentions](#), with a few highlighted below.

The substances below were submitted for REACH for assessment:

- 4-hydroxy-4-methylpentan-2-one
- 2-ethylhexyl (2E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate
- 2-amino-2-methylpropanol.

The substance below had the opinion adopted as the substance is skin sensitizing and suspected of damaging fertility or an unborn child. The substance is often used in textile treatment products and dyes:

- tetra(sodium/potassium) 7-[(E)-{2-acetamido-4-[(E)-(4-{[4-chloro-6-({2-[(4-fluoro-6-[[4-(vinylsulfonyl)phenyl]amino}-1,3,5-triazine-2-yl)amino]propyl}amino)-1,3,5-triazine-2-yl]amino}-5-sulfonato-1-naphthyl)diazenyl]-5-methoxyphenyl}diazenyl]-1,3,6-naphthalenetrisulfonate; Reactive Brown 51.

Other substances with opinions adopted include:

- Methacrylic acid, monoester with propane-1,2-diol
- Melaleuca alternifolia, ext.
- Fosthiazate
- Flazasulfuron (ISO): 1-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridylsulfonyl)urea
- 4-phenylbenzophenone
- 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate
- 1-[2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)pentyl]-1H-1,2,4-triazole

Additionally, Spain submitted [dodine](#) to the CLH for consideration as an active substance in Plant Protection Products. The substance is listed as very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.



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NIOSH Spotlight -
Nanomaterials

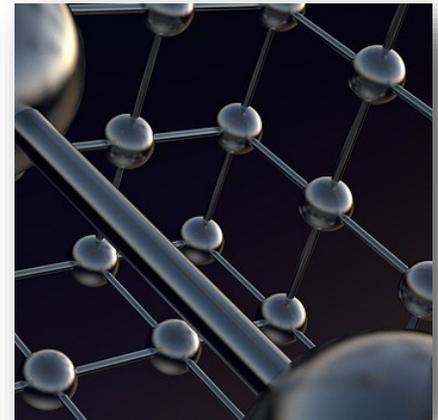
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NIOSH Spotlight: Nanomaterials

The NIOSH [Nanotechnology Research Center \(NTRC\)](#) has taken on a global leadership role on research and guidance for nanomaterials in the workplace since 2004. In recognition of their 20th anniversary, we’re sharing the [collection of NIOSH blogs](#) written about nanomaterials and nanotechnology.

Blog Examples:

- NIOSH Global Collaborations on Workplace Safety of Nanomaterials
- Looking to the Past and Future of NIOSH Nanotechnology Guidance
- Understanding the Broad Class of Carbon Nanotubes and Nanofibers (CNT/F) Used or Produced in US Facilities
- Are there Nano– and Microplastics in the Workplace?



Work with nanomaterials and need to produce or review images like the one above? Consider reading a recent [Nanopinion](#) post from the European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials (EUON) titled “[Nanoscale KISS Method: A Novel Approach for 2D Materials Production.](#)”

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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