

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## We Wish You a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of the Board, Committees, Staff and Volunteers of SCHC, we wish to thank each and everyone of you for the tremendous year we've shared and to let you know how grateful we are for the growth and success you've helped SCHC achieve in 2018. We're proud of our SCHC members and we hope you have a safe and healthy holiday.



## Mark Your Calendars

**December 12, 2018** - [Webinar - GHS in Mexico](#). This webinar will be presented by Diana A. Saucedo Uribe and includes a Q&A session.



**March 16 –19, 2019** - Join us at the **2019 SCHC Spring Meeting**.

The event will be held at the Tropicana Resort on the famous Las Vegas strip.

### *A Peek at What's to Come in 2019: Professional Development Courses in Las Vegas*

- Hazcom Registry Preparation Workshop
- Globally Harmonized System (GHS)
- Advanced Topics in EHS: Tox Testing, Alternative to Animal Testing, and Immunotoxicology (Sensitization)
- Ecotoxicology in Hazard Communication
- Leadership & Teamwork for Hazard Communication
- Navigating the Premanufacture Notice Process (PMN) under Amended TSCA



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Letter from the President

## Letter from the President

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For forty years, the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) has been an invaluable resource helping to shape and guide not only our field but also the way industries and governments around the world identify and manage their chemical hazards. As we welcome 2019 and the future of SCHC, we look forward to the new year, a refreshed SCHC, and the ever-changing horizon of chemical hazard communication.

### What can you expect from SCHC in 2019:

- Semi-Annual **Meetings** in Las Vegas, NV and Arlington, VA,
- New and updated **Professional Development Courses**,
- Industry-focused **Webinars** and **Newsworthy Alerts**,
- **Networking Opportunities** with Leaders and Innovators impacting our field and legislation, and
- Expanded **Resources** that will connect our community for Q&A's, careers, and useful information.

These opportunities and benefits, though numerous, do not come without cost and our ability to respond to the needs of our members means that the cost for 2019 membership will be \$130. As a volunteer-run organization, we will continue to keep our costs significantly lower than similar organizations, and funds raised from this rate increase will be directed to:

- **Advancing** our commitment to the SCHC mission and the organization's growth,
- **Developing** and/or distributing programs related to issues impacting our field,
- **Saving** our members time and money by utilizing streaming technology services to provide virtual courses and meetings,
- **Establishing** and/or growing alliances that benefit our Members.

Active members know you can easily offset the cost of your membership by attending a conference, educational webinar, or professional development courses where members receive significant savings over non-members.

Every member matters as we continue our mission to promote the improvement of hazard communication, and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Yours in service,

Jennifer Mahoney,  
President, Society for Chemical Hazard Communication



## REGULATORY UPDATES

EPA & Fluorocarbons/  
PFAs

OSHA “Top 10” Violations

## EPA’s Position on Fluorocarbons/PFAS – A Brief Guide

*Submitted by Katy Austin, Product Safety & Regulatory Supervisor, Pilot Chemical Company*

The Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) position on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances ([PFAS](#)):

- EPA is focused on wastewater management/environmental impacts – their ability to police/fine and direct businesses is entirely through environmental regulation (1996 [Safe Drinking Water Act](#) amongst others)
- EPA does provide health advisories on PFAS but openly admits their health advisories are non-enforceable and non-regulatory in nature
- EPA recommends phasing out manufacturing of PFOA, PFOS, and 12 other PFAS
- EPA may propose legislation in the future designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances; they have already begun this work (to be possibly regulated and policed through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ([CERCLA](#)); **ETA potentially as soon as 2022**)
- Companies could potentially test wastewater with EPA Method 537 to confirm they are not releasing PFAS to comply with unregulated/voluntary water contaminant monitoring (while part of the 1996 SDWA, the scope of this act is for Public Water Systems)
- EPA has indicated they will provide groundwater cleanup recommendations (may or may not be regulated) in future; goal is to have a recommendation by 2022.



## OSHA “Top 10” Most Cited Violations for Fiscal Year 2018

HazCom is the second most frequently cited standard again, with an increase of nearly 400 more violations than in 2017.

1. Fall Protection – General Requirements ([1926.501](#)): 7,270 violations
2. Hazard Communication ([1910.1200](#)): 4,552
3. Scaffolding ([1926.451](#)): 3,336
4. Respiratory Protection ([1910.134](#)): 3,118
5. Lockout/Tagout ([1910.147](#)): 2,944
6. Ladders ([1926.1053](#)): 2,812
7. Powered Industrial Trucks ([1910.178](#)): 2,294
8. Fall Protection – Training Requirements ([1926.503](#)): 1,982
9. Machine Guarding ([1910.212](#)): 1,972
10. Eye and Face Protection ([1926.102](#)): 1,536







## REGULATORY UPDATES

ECHA Updates for Brexit

CAEP Catalogue News

### **ECHA Updates Information for Companies on UK Withdrawal from EU and Creates New Web Pages**

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ECHA has updated [new pages](#) and [Q&A's](#) on their website in anticipation of the March 30, 2019 withdrawal of the UK from the EU known as Brexit. The web pages and Q&A's share:

- Updated information about the authorization and registration of substances and mixtures under REACH
- Advice regarding the transferring of assets between company's affiliates, and advice for non-EU companies
- Advice for EU-27 downstream users relying on REACH authorizations granted to UK supplies and others facing changes from the UK withdrawal

REACH, CLP, BPR and PIC will no longer apply to UK companies that place chemical substances, mixtures, or active substances on the market only in the UK or export directly from the UK to non-EU/EEA countries. ECHA will publish new Q&A's related to the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) soon.



*ECHA has created a short video titled "How Brexit Impacts Your Chemical Company"*

### **Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning (CAEP) issued the draft Catalogue of Environmental Protection**

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The CAEP is a public institution that provides technical support and services for the Chinese government and corporations, serves as an international organization for research and cooperation, and as a think tank for Chinese environmental protection administration.



They have issued a draft Catalogue, that is currently only available in Chinese. [Link to the Catalogues under SCHC's newsworthy section.](#)



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Member Spotlight -  
Romil Limson

### **Members Spotlight — Romil Limson**

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Romil Limson is a new in 2018 member of SCHC who is looking forward to all that it encompasses. As this edition’s spotlight, SCHC Outreach Committee Chair Renee Warner asked Romil “Why do you love SCHC?” and his answer may have an impact on the 2019 SCHC Spring Meeting.



#### **What do you do?**

I started, out of college, in a contract toxicology lab and then moved onto a big pharmaceutical continuing in toxicology. As opportunities arose through time, I was able to utilize my multiple toxicology skills and knowledge in Data Management and Archiving. During my career, a shift in life occurred, and I was fortunate enough to work in the chemical industry in Center City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a Toxicology Specialist with Arkema Inc.

#### **How long have you been doing it?**

I have been with Arkema since 2005 and from May of this year I am expanding my role to assist in the Product Safety SDS authoring.

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Romil enjoys the sport of mushing with his 19 Siberian Huskies



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Member Spotlight -  
Romil Limson (continued)

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**What are your aspirations?**

To be a proactive and responsible citizen in the communities where I work, upholding the highest standards for safety and the environment through hazard communication.

To act as a hazard communication specialist with sound ethics and uncompromising integrity in all of our business activities and to collaborate with our customers and business partners by becoming a product steward.

To help Arkema achieve our Vision Statement: “To be a premier provider of chemicals and materials in the global marketplace, offering innovative solutions to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.”

**What is something unique about you?**

In my “Spare Time,” among several hobbies, I love my 19 Siberian Huskies and show them in Dog conformation, train them for Dog obedience and agility, and as a musher I race with them in Sled dog races. I am also a volunteer for the New Jersey OEM Burlington County Animal Response Team.



**Why do you love SCHC?**

I am a newbie with SCHC and have been warmly welcomed by many of the current members and officers. I had a chance to join this year’s Fall Meeting/Conference and Seminars/Courses in Arlington, VA and met other first-time attendees and former colleagues. I would love to be one of many regulatory advocates for Global Harmonization by collaborating and assisting with this organization’s team of expert members and our challenges. This association is a great vessel for knowledge and development. I love the extensive networking and opportunities that are available through this community. I am so elated to have professional camaraderie with my new friends.







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Volunteer in Las Vegas

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## Volunteer in Las Vegas

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Interested in hosting a networking event in Las Vegas? A host meets and welcomes networking event guests in the lobby at the Tropicana Resort at a designated time and guides them to an area eatery for an evening of social fun. Hosts help to break the ice and introduce members new and old. At the end of the networking event, the host will guide attendees back to the Tropicana.

Networking events will be determined as the event draws nearer, they are typically within walking distance from the hotel, usually begin between 6:30 - 7 pm, and last at least two hours (not including walking time). A call for Host Volunteers will be on the Spring Meeting event page.



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## OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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