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SPRING MEETING APRIL 21 - APRIL 25, 2018

We look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando at the SCHC Spring Meeting. The agenda for the event, professional development course descriptions, networking information, and directions can be found on the SCHC.org web site via this link [2018 Spring Meeting](#).

If you are unable to join us in Orlando, we hope you can join for the next meeting which will be held September 22-26, 2018 in Arlington, Virginia.

GOOD NEWS, SPRING MEETING ATTENDEES!

Our Spring Meeting is **PAPERLESS!** It's easy to keep up with all the event info by downloading the SCHC App on your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Track your schedule, follow along with presentations, review speaker bios, reference posters, network with other attendees, upload photos and much more on the app! Log in and customize your profile on the [SCHC 2018 Meeting App](#) today.

SCHC LEADERSHIP ELECTED BY MEMBERSHIP

Contributed by Mark Cohen, Chair, Nominating Committee

The all-volunteer leadership for the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication remains strong and is positioned to assume their new leadership roles at close of meeting on the second day of the upcoming Spring 2018 meeting scheduled for April 24-25, 2018 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

This Spring, the terms of the Officers and five members of the Board of Directors will expire. The Nominating Committee consisting of Ann Brockhaus, Mark Cohen, Jon Hellerstein, Suzanne Matuszewski and Luc Séguin has been busy identifying qualified members interested in assuming these leadership roles. The Nominating Committee, working closely with SCHC Administrator Lori Chaplin, presented an outstanding slate of qualified candidates for membership consideration and initiated the elections, with support from the Web Committee. *(continued on page 2)*

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SCHC's Officer lineup for the next two years features:

Beth Dederick as Secretary Treasurer
Julia Diebol as Vice President
Jennifer Mahoney as President
Ann Thompson as Past President

Elected to the Board of Directors positions (2018 – 2020) are:

Paul Brigandi
Ari Lewis
Robert Skoglund
Michele Sullivan
Danielle Svestka

These five newly elected officers join returning Directors (2017 – 2019) Kirsten Alcock, Michelle Baker, Beth Bidstrup, and Atanu Das who is the newly elected Chair of the Board for 2018-2019.

Please join me in congratulating these leaders and in thanking them for their service. Special recognition and thanks go to those candidates who, while not elected to serve at this time, stepped up and demonstrated their willingness to serve.

SCHC is fortunate to have highly qualified Members, representing many aspects of the Hazard Communication industry, serving our membership at all levels. Members who are in good standing are qualified and invited to run for Board positions. Board service is required for those seeking Officer positions. You are invited to “stand on the shoulders of Giants” who have come before you by joining the leadership and serving the mission and members of Society for Chemical Hazard Communication.

OSHA's 2018 NATIONAL SAFETY STAND-DOWN TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION EVENT

The 2018 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction is planned for May 7 - 11, 2018. Information about the event can be found on the OSHA website, including Event Planning Information, Available Outreach Resources, and an Upcoming OSHA/NIOSH/CPWR Webinar <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>

WHMIS 2015 DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

The WHMIS 2015 deadline is getting closer. To help with your WHMIS 2015 transition, Health Canada has developed the following two new fact sheets:

- [· Employers Transitioning to WHMIS 2015](#)
- [· Distributors Transitioning to WHMIS 2015](#)

The printable fact sheets can be found on WHMIS.org under Resources.



REGULATORY UPDATES

EPA Releases Draft Policy to Reduce Animal Testing for Skin Sensitization

EPA Releases the 2018 Plan for Chemical Risk Evaluations Under TSCA

EPA RELEASES DRAFT POLICY TO REDUCE ANIMAL TESTING FOR SKIN SENSITIZATION

On April 4th, 2018, the EPA released the document [“Draft: Interim Science Policy: Use of Alternative Approaches for Skin Sensitization as a Replacement for Laboratory Animal Testing”](#) with the ability to comment on that webpage. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was quoted as saying “this draft policy is another step toward achieving EPA’s goal of reducing the use of animals and increasing the use of cutting-edge science in chemical testing”.

To read the full press release regarding this document, visit the EPA newsroom [here](#).

EPA RELEASES THE 2018 PLAN FOR CHEMICAL RISK EVALUATIONS UNDER TSCA

As required under the [Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act](#), EPA has released the [annual report](#) for chemical risk evaluations. The annual plan identifies the next steps for the first 10 chemical reviews currently underway and describes EPA’s work in 2018 to prepare for future risk evaluations.

EPA continues to make steady progress in meeting our statutory requirements under amended TSCA. EPA will initiate prioritization for 40 chemicals - at least 20 Low-Priority and 20 High-Priority candidates – by the end of calendar year 2018. By December 22, 2019, EPA will have designated 20 substances as Low-Priority and initiated risk evaluations on 20 High-Priority substances. In order to support these risk evaluations and other key aspects of TSCA implementation, EPA will be proposing a draft TSCA Fees Rule in early 2018 which will provide estimates of the resources required to undertake risk evaluations.

First 10 chemical reviews currently underway:

1, 4-Dioxane	Methylene Chloride
1-Bromopropane	N-Methylpyrrolidone
Asbestos	Pigment Violet 29
Carbon Tetrachloride	Trichloroethylene
Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster (HBCD)	Tetrachloroethylene

To learn more about all these actions, visit [this page](#).

REGULATORY UPDATES

OSHA's On-Site
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OSHA's ON-SITE CONSULTATION PROGRAM HELPS SMALL BUSINESSES ESTABLISH SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS

It's confidential, free, voluntary, and convenient: consultants perform evaluations on-site.

Employers can find out about potential hazards at their worksites, improve their occupational safety and health management system, and qualify for an exemption from scheduled [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) enforcement inspections when they request assistance from the agency's free, confidential, and voluntary [On-Site Consultation Program](#). OSHA's consultation service is available through state agencies or universities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. Territories. The highly trained safety and occupational health professionals work with employers to identify workplace hazards, provide advice on compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing workplace safety and health management programs.

On average, OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program conducts approximately 28,000 visits annually to worksites nationwide. Each year, corrective actions taken by employers subsequent to these visits, result in nearly 3 million workers being removed from the over 130,000 serious hazards identified during consultations.

This safety and health consultation program is completely separate from the OSHA enforcement inspection effort. In addition, no citations are issued nor penalties proposed by consultants in the On-Site Consultation Program. It's confidential, too. The employer's name, information about the workplace, plus any unsafe or unhealthful working conditions that the consultant uncovers, will not be reported to the OSHA inspection staff. Although, employers working with an On-Site Consultation Program are obligated to correct any serious job safety and health hazards – an agreement which employers must make before the consultation begins.

To take advantage of this resource, an employer requests a consultation visit and determines the scope of the visit they want to receive. The visit may focus on a single concern at a facility, or it may involve a comprehensive hazard assessment to establish a facility-wide safety and health management system. OSHA grants employers working with an On-Site Consultation Project a deferral from programmed enforcement inspections from the date of the opening conference to the end of the period mutually established by the consultant and the employer for the correction of hazards.

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HazMat and HazCom
YouTube Video

Companies that have worked with the OSHA On-Site Consultation Program benefit from the experience in numerous ways. In addition to improvements regarding the welfare of workers, the bottom lines of companies often benefit because of lowered injury and illness rates, decreased workers' compensation costs, reduction of lost workdays, and reductions in equipment damage and product losses.

A small business employer may become eligible for another great benefit – recognition by OSHA and the state through participation in the [Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program \(SHARP\)](#). SHARP recognizes small employers who operate an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance into SHARP by OSHA is an achievement that singles out a business amongst its peers as a model for worksite safety and health. Upon receiving SHARP recognition, a worksite is exempt from programmed inspections during the period that its SHARP certification is valid.

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For more information about OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program, including SHARP participation, call (800) 321-6742 (OSHA) or visit the agency's webpage at www.osha.gov/consultation to find the contact details for your state.

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HAZMAT AND HAZCOM YOUTUBE VIDEO

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) jointly produced and rolled out a [YouTube video](#) and [Poster](#) that provide clarity on the differing agency labeling requirements to communicate the dangers of hazardous materials in transportation (DOT) and in the workplace (OSHA).

Both agencies are responsible for enforcing distinct and separate safety standards regarding the appropriate labeling of chemical hazards through PHMSA's Hazardous Materials Regulations and OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard 2012.

OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE UPDATE

There have been some exciting things happening in the Outreach and Newsletter Committees. One thing you'll notice is we are changing our Newsletter publisher to A Media Marketing and are eager to present our new format of the newsletter in the next issue. Please send all news worthy newsletter topics to Renee Warner (renee.warner@kimballmidwest.com) and Danielle Svestka (danielle.svestka@albemarle.com) going forward for inclusion in future newsletters.

