

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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### Are you ready for Las Vegas?

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We are just a few weeks away from the SCHC Spring Meeting in Las Vegas and we want to share the preliminary [General Meeting agenda](#). The sessions will highlight: GHS, OSHA, REACH, Brexit, CA Prop 65, Ingredient Disclosure & CBI, TSCA, HazCom SOP’s, Static Electricity, SDS, and Transportation.



“Starting a HazCom System or Fixing an Ailing One” will be a panel presentation, and it ties nicely with the [Professional Development Course: Leadership & Teamwork for Hazard Communication](#).

[Taking the AIHA? Registration for the Registry Prep Course is open until two weeks before the class.](#)

### Mark Your Calendars

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**February 26, 2019** - Register for [The Role of Consumer Safety Regulations in North America](#) webinar discussing the latest rules impacting consumer safety regulations in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Jeremy Long, a regulatory scientist with Knoell USA, will be presenting.

**March 16 –20, 2019** - Join us at the **2019 SCHC Spring Meeting**. The event will be held at the Tropicana Resort on the famous Las Vegas strip. [REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!](#)

**September 21-25, 2019** - SCHC Fall Meeting in Arlington, Virginia.



## Birth of a Society—Chapter 1 of the SCHC Story

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In celebration of SCHC's 40th Anniversary, we will be sharing SCHC's history and how we evolved to be an important part of today's global economic and scientific network.

On April 25-26 of 1979, about 40 members and associates of the former Labels and Precautionary Information Committee (LAPI) of the Manufacturing Chemists Association (MCA) met at the Ramada Inn in Essington, PA to establish a framework for what was to be called the American Conference on Chemical Labeling (ACCL), a name suggested by Dr. Boyd Schaeffer from American Cyanimide Company.



OSHA had been established in 1970, and the first several years were devoted to workplace safety standards and the documentation and prevention of accidents and injuries. But in 1977, OSHA began to look at what was being called “hazard communication” - rules and guidelines for product labels, workplace placards and signs, Material Safety Data Sheets, Technical Data Sheets, product bulletins and any other ways of transferring important safety information from chemical product manufacturers to downstream users. EPA, state agencies, and labor unions were all interested in this, too, so a forum for the industry professionals working in this arena were urgently needed.

The ACCL, at this point, was not incorporated. It had no official address. It had no legal counsel. If it called regular meetings, it risked violating federal Anti-Trust laws. To avoid the potential conflict, David Zoll, the legal counsel for the now renamed Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), volunteered to assign a CMA staff member to attend all ACCL meetings with the stipulation that those meetings would have to be held in Washington, D.C. And so—the second meeting of the newly minted American Conference on Chemical Labeling was held at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C., September 6-7, 1979, with independent labeling consultant and Temporary Chairman Ralph Troupe (ex-J.T. Baker) and Temporary Vice-Chair Robert H. Dewey (IMC Chemical Group) presiding.

**Next Edition: Growth and Growing Pains**



## REGULATORY UPDATES

China Renames &  
Revises Toxic Chemical  
Substances Act

China Amends Chemical  
Substances under the  
Montreal Protocol

### **China Renames and Revises their Toxic and Chemical Substances of Concern Control Act**

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The Environmental Protection Department of the Executive Yuan in the Republic of China has issued a decree that amends the name of the Toxic Chemical Substance Control Act to the Taiwan Toxic and Chemical Substances of Concern Control Act. This act was announced on January 16, 2019, and will become effective one year after the promulgation date.

Revisions to the Act were also made. You can find the regulatory content [here](#). On this page you can find information about the revised general statement and provisions in a comparison table, which is currently available in Chinese only.



### **China Issues Amendments to the Montreal Protocol**

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On February 15, 2019, the Environmental Protection Department of the Executive Yuan has also issued Amendments of Articles 1 and 22 of the “Regulations on the Administration of Chemical Substances under the Montreal Protocol”. Information about the protocol is available in Chinese on the [Executive Yuan Gazette Online](#).

The Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer was finalized in 1987 as a global agreement to protect the stratospheric ozone layer by phasing out the production and consumption of ozone-depleting substances. You can find information about the Montreal Protocol [here](#).



## REGULATORY UPDATES

ECHA “Brexit Window”  
Info

QSAR Toolbox Update

### **ECHA Issues New “No Deal” Instructions for EU and European Economic Area and “Brexit Window” information**

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In preparation of there being “no deal” in time for the UK-withdrawal deadline, the ECHA has issued new instructions to help keep production and transportation in compliance. To keep substances that are registered under REACH legally on the EU-27/EEA market, UK-based manufacturers and formulators can either transfer their business to, or appoint an only representative in, one of the EU-27/EEA countries.

The ECHA is opening a “Brexit window” in REACH-IT from March 12-29 to enable UK-based companies to make these changes and transfer their REACH registrations. Step-by-step instructions for using the “Brexit window” are now available [here](#).

If a downstream user in one of the EU-27/EEA countries relies on REACH authorizations granted to a UK-based company, they need to make sure that there is another EU-27/EEA supplier with a valid authorization for their use.

Export notification information is also available on the [ECHA website](#).



### **QSAR Toolbox Now Includes REACH 2018 Registration Data**

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The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) QSAR Toolbox has been updated to include REACH registration data through November 2018.

There are experimental data points for more than 11,000 chemicals. Data points have been expanded for aquatic toxicity, sensitization, and irritation and corrosion.

Learn more [here](#).



## REGULATORY UPDATES

OSHA– Agribusiness  
Alliance

Corporate Culture Impacts  
Safety

### **OSHA Forms Alliance with Agribusinesses to Protect Workers**

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OSHA formed an alliance with the Fertilizer Institute and Agricultural Retailers Association to provide training resources and information on protecting the health, safety and security of workers, emergency responders, and communities surrounding agricultural retail and supply industry. This alliance is slated for two years and will focus on issues related to ammonium nitrate and anhydrous ammonia. Learn more about this alliance [here](#).



*The alliance created a 10-minute overview video regarding OSHA’s inspection process under this program.*

### **Corporate Culture Impacts Safety** *submitted by Katy M. Austin*

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*This relates to an article written by Dr. J. Erickson titled “Corporate Culture: The Key to Safety Performance” Understanding the powerful role of organizational factors in shaping safety can help you develop a more effective safety program, which can be viewed [here](#).*

How and why are organizations changing? The old hierarchical command and control management style is being replaced by one that is visionary, flexible, innovative and responsive. This shift in management philosophy means that organizations will be able to respond more quickly to change in order to be competitive. Employees, instead of being viewed as a means to an end, will be viewed as valuable resources, parties to attaining the organization's goals and objectives. *(continued)*



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### Corporate Culture Impacts Safety (*continued*)

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This transition has already begun in a number of companies and is gaining momentum. The reasons are multifold: increasing global competition, increasing knowledge base of employees, development of new technologies, increasing numbers of mergers and acquisitions, new regulations and legislation, and increasing size and complexity of organizations, among others.

*“The ways our organizations will be structured are going to have a dramatic effect on the way organizational programs, including safety, will be conducted.” - Dr. J. Erickson*

A positive  
treatment

means positive results. The study showed that the management characteristic most predictive of high safety performance is a positive employee environment. Specific characteristics within this category included caring for and respecting employees, open communication, and employee involvement and participation. This is an extremely significant finding for a couple of reasons. First, it has nothing to do with safety, as it is generally defined. It shows that safety professionals are essentially out of the loop when it comes to influencing the company to have an optimal safety program. Second, the management characteristics of caring for, respecting and empowering employees that increase safety performance are the same management characteristics reported in management literature as being associated with increased productivity and quality, and in the occupational stress literature concerning increased worker job satisfaction and decreased occupational stress. There is also evidence that they are related to lower employee sabotage involving computers, which has been dramatically increasing. It would appear, then, that there is a definite relationship among safety performance, productivity, quality, worker job satisfaction, and reduced occupational stress and employee sabotage.

Takeaways? EHS and HazCom for industry professionals are not without challenges. Networking with others in your industry through trade associations, such as SCHC, can help you navigate tough times in your company.



## SCHC

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Member Spotlight—  
Robert Miller

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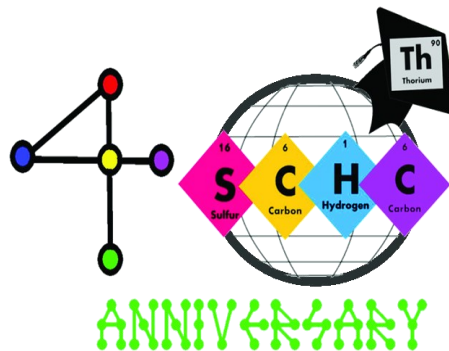
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## Winning T-shirt Design for SCHC's 40th Anniversary

Thanks to all who submitted a design and the hundreds who voted! Of the 5 semi-finalist designs, Rob Miller's design was chosen by nearly half of the voters.



**Get the Limited Edition  
SCHC T-Shirt at  
upcoming meetings!**

## Member Spotlight — Robert Miller

Robert Miller is the winning artist behind the SCHC 40th Anniversary T-shirt design! He's been a proud member of SCHC since 2004. As this edition's spotlight, SCHC Outreach Committee Chair Renee Warner asked Rob "Why do you love SCHC?" and about his artistic abilities.

### What do you do?

I am the North American Transportation Safety Manager for Evonik Corporation. I am responsible for Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods Transportation compliance and training.

### Are you also a professional artist?

Art is a hobby of mine. I took some art classes in high school and college, but never anything professionally.

### What do you love about SCHC?

I love the wealth of knowledge SCHC has to offer and their commitment to the improvement of chemical hazard communication and product stewardship.



## OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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