



# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the world celebrated the [50th anniversary of the first moon landing](#). Have you ever wondered what hazards astronauts face in space?

Research is continuously being gathered to learn more about the effects of microgravity, radiation, isolation, closed quarters, and more. NASA's [Human Research Program](#) is compiling the information to support safe, productive human space travel.



## Offer Expiring Soon for the Early Bird Discount

The SCHC 2019 Fall Meeting is quickly approaching. The [Early Bird Discount](#) is available **until August 9**. Not a member yet? [Become one to save on this and other opportunities.](#)

## Mark Your Calendars

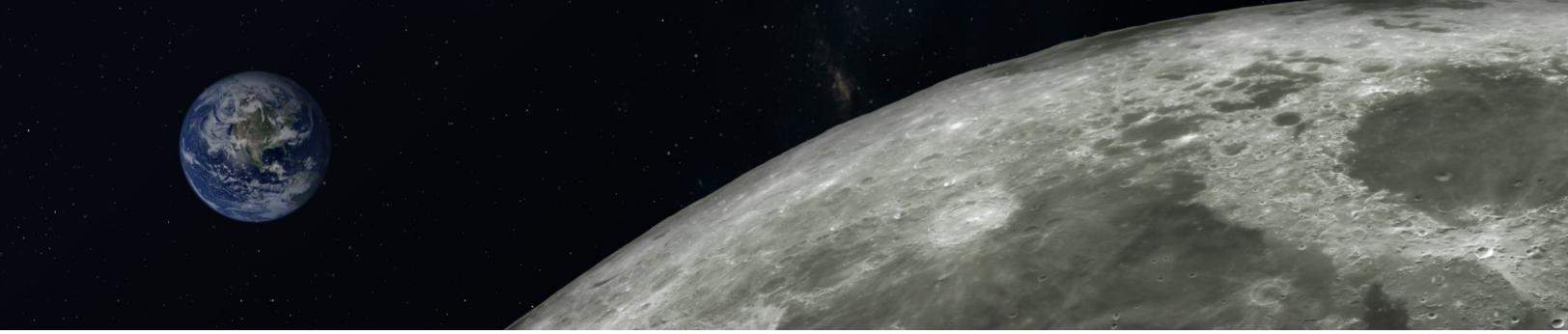
**July 30, Aug 1/6/8, 2019 - [Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods Training](#)** Distance Learning multi-modal course

**September 21-25, 2019 - [Fall 2019 Meeting](#)** at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

**November 20, 2019 - [CHCS 25th Annual General Meeting & 8th Annual Lectures](#)** in England (Member Rates available)

**March 28 - April 1, 2020 - SCHC Spring 2020 Meeting** at the Charlotte Marriott City Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

**September 19-23, 2020 - SCHC Fall 2020 Meeting** at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia



## REGULATORY

Safe+Sound Week

EU Poison Centre  
Regulations Amendment

### **Safe+Sound Week: August 12 - 18, 2019**

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OSHA holds an annual *Safe+Sound Week* to bring awareness of workplace health and safety programs. During the week, they encourage participation and adoption of programs, share successes, and help to energize companies of all sizes and industries to embrace the best practices of hazard communication and safety implementation.



Image credit: OSHA.gov

The [Safe+Sound website](#) has information on important resources, how to plan, promote and participate in events, earn certificates of participation, and more.

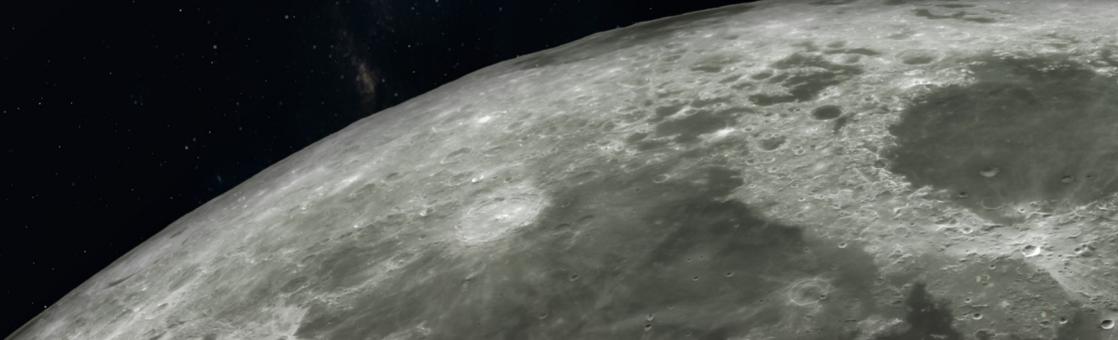
### **Draft Amendment to EU Poison Centre Regulations**

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On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, SCHC added a newsworthy page about the [draft amendment proposed by the EU Commission](#). The draft outlines changes to the Poison Centre notification requirements set forth in Annex VIII and would move important compliance dates from January 2020 to January 2021. This would primarily impact importers and downstream users who are required to comply with or are impacted by ECHA’s Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures ([CLP](#)).



The explanatory memo, which can be linked through the newsworthy page, shares that the extension is “to allow more streamline interpretation of the text, improve internal coherence, and mitigate some unintended consequences made apparent only after the adoption of the Annex.” Postponement of the deadline will allow Member States and ECHA to have important measures in place and allow industry compliance with Annex VIII.



## REGULATORY

EPA Updates List of Lists

PCBTF Listed Under  
Prop 65

### EPA Updates Consolidated List of Lists

In June, EPA revised the consolidated list of chemicals subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act; also known as the List of Lists. The List of Lists is available as a PDF file and as an Excel spreadsheet. The revised List of Lists can be accessed by [visiting here](#).

The List of Lists was compiled to help facilities handling chemicals determine whether they will be subject to certain reporting requirements. Another valuable resource that works in conjunction with this list is EPA's [Substance Registry Services](#) (SRS) database which can be searched for a specific chemical name or Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number.

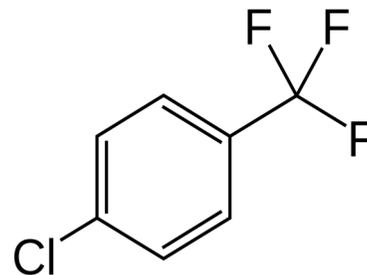
### PCBTF Added to California Prop 65

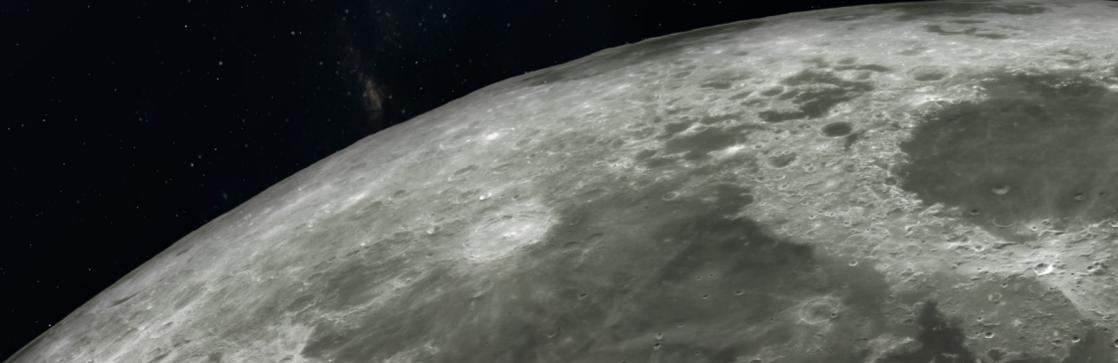
California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) added p-chloro-a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene (Para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride, PCBTF) to the list of chemicals known to cause cancer under California's Proposition 65, effective June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Information about this move with documentation supporting the OEHHA's determination can be found [here](#).

Common uses of PCBTF:

- Ink solvent in the printing industry
- In polyurethane finishes
- Used as a xylene replacement in cleaners, thinners, and aromatic hydrocarbon blends.





## REGULATORY

OEHHA Notice to List

China MEE to Update  
IECSC

### **OEHHA Notice of Intent to List 6 Chemicals**

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California's Office of Environmental Health Hazards Assessment (OEHHA) has issued a notice of intent for the six chemicals below. They have determined that the following chemicals meet the criteria for listing as known to cause cancer under California's Proposition 65.

- 2-Amino-4-chlorophenol (CAS No. 95-85-2),
- 2-Chloronitrobenzene (CAS No. 88-73-3),
- 1,4-Dichloro-2-nitrobenzene (CAS No. 89-61-2),
- 2,4-Dichloro-1-nitrobenzene (CAS No. 611-06-3),
- *N,N*-Dimethylacetamide (CAS No. 127-19-5), and
- *para*-Nitroanisole (CAS No. 100-17-4)

Written comments about this intent must be received by August 12, 2019. For more information, visit [this website](#).

### **China MEE To Update IECSC**

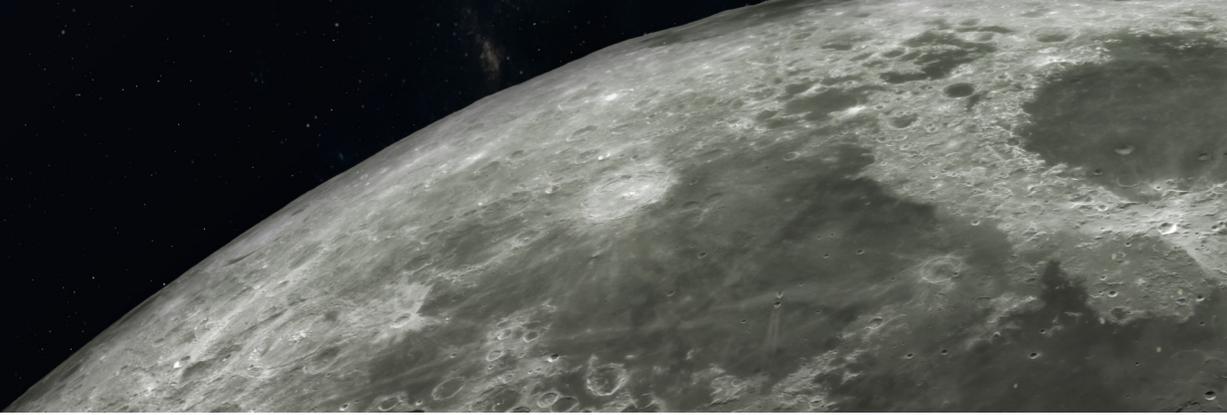
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On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) issued a notice that they are updating and improving the *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China* (IECSC). China MEE will be adding chemical substances that were legally produced or imported in China before October 15, 2003 (excluding those exempted under MEP Order No. 7).

Manufacturers, importers, users, industrial associations, etc. can submit paper copies and electronic copies of application materials (application form and supporting documents) to MEE before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for IECSC supplementation. [Learn more here](#).



There are currently 46,716 substances listed in the inventory.



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Heritage

## **Memorable Meetings – Chapter 5 of the SCHC Story**

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*contributed by Sharen B. Breyer – SCHC Heritage Committee*

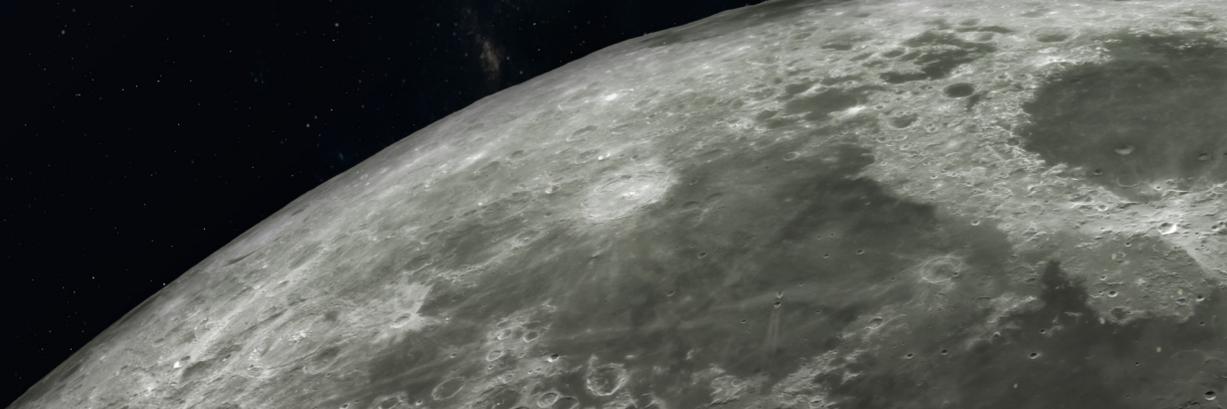
While ALL of our SCHC Meetings have been memorable in one way or another, some stand out for certain reasons, and not always by design or intent. Let's look at two meetings that were memorable by design – one for fun and one for impact – and one meeting that was a testament to perseverance and ingenuity under very trying circumstances.

The **FALL 2001 Meeting** was scheduled for October 2-3 at the Arlington, Virginia Crystal Gateway Marriott, and it was going to be a very well-attended one, with about 200 people signed up for the Professional Development Courses and the Plenary Sessions. SCHC had easily met its contractual obligation for the guaranteed number of room/nights with the hotel, and only a few final details needed to be worked out. But then, on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>, terrorists hijacked four westbound flights and our world as we knew it changed forever.

Immediately all US airports shut down and most US companies and agencies instituted an across-the-board travel ban until further notice. More than half of those registered to attend the Fall Professional Development Courses and the Plenary Sessions cancelled their reservations, leaving SCHC with a big decision to make – cancel everything and take a HUGE financial hit with the hotel, or go forward with the meeting and make the best of it. SCHC President Michele Sullivan and BOD President Jennifer Silk, after much deliberation and input from the SCHC officers and Board Members, decided to hold the meeting, as the Society was going to be paying for a good part of it anyway due to our Marriott contract.

Many of us who attended found that our travel arrangements changed dramatically. Washington Reagan Airport was still closed on October 01, as was the Metro station that ran from the airport, past The Pentagon and on to Crystal City. (I flew into Baltimore, took a train to Washington, and then a taxi to the hotel).

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## Memorable Meetings – Chapter 5 (continued)

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Arrangements Chair Doug Eisner was able to work with the Marriott to convert our non-refundable cash payment room/night guarantee into food for the meeting attendees. This was good, as the normally bustling shop and restaurant scene in Crystal City became a virtual ghost town after 5:30 PM when the workers went home and these places shut down. The mood at the meeting was somber and subdued, the audience was small, but we carried on.

The events of September 2001 greatly influenced the Program at the **Spring 2002** Meeting April 16-17 in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was clear that the practical applications for SDS and Hazard Communication information and disaster preparedness were on everyone's minds, even in Sin City.

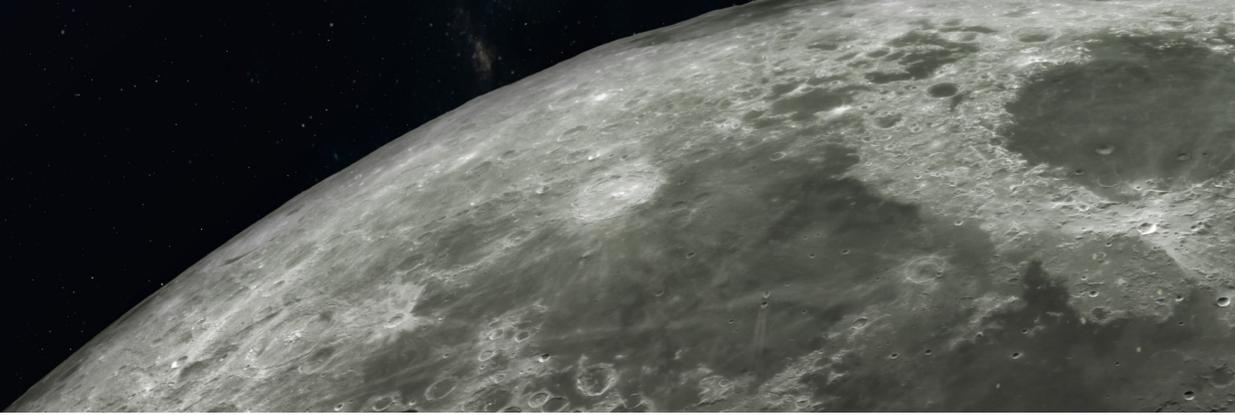
Speakers included a presentation on *“Fire and Explosion Characteristics of Powders”* from Chilworth Technology, Inc., *“Chemical Security Issues for Hazard Communication Professionals”* and *“Working Effectively with Local Emergency Planning Committees – Case Studies for Hazard Communication”*.

One of those case studies was presented by Richard Brenner from the Clark County (NV) Fire Department on the 1988 ammonium perchlorate explosion at the PEPCO manufacturing site and how that changed the working relationships with industry, first responders and government. To learn more about the PEPCO explosion, go to [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PEPCON\\_disaster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PEPCON_disaster). There are also a number of videos available on YouTube.



*The ‘mushroom cloud’ from the PEPCO ammonium perchlorate plant explosion, Henderson NV, 1988*

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Heritage (continued)

### Memorable Meetings – Chapter 5 (continued)

But SCHC has always had a lighthearted and playful side to go along with all the seriousness and gravity of our profession and the legal responsibilities thereof. This was demonstrated at the **FALL 2003** Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, where a presentation on population SECTION 8 of the SDS EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION was punctuated by a PPE Fashion Show.

SCHC Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs strutted their best runway stuff down the center aisle of the meeting room wearing a wide assortment of gloves, face masks, Tyvek suits, rubber boots and respirators to the laughter and applause of the audience.

Other podium presenters on other topics have also found, ummmm, unique ways to engage the audience while deviating from typical serious business attire.

SCHC – serious and professional when we need to be. And not that way at all when we don't.



Next Installment: The President's Gavel



## SCHC

Member Spotlight -  
Kirsten Alcock

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As this edition's spotlight, SCHC Outreach Committee member Erin Weir introduces us to SCHC Board Member Kirsten Alcock.



**Kirsten Alcock**

**Q: Hi! What is your name and tell us a bit about yourself?**

A: My name is Kirsten Alcock. I've been working in the chemical regulatory field for over 20 years now. My main focus is authoring SDSs, consulting on Canadian and US labels as well as providing guidance on the transportation of dangerous goods by road, rail, air and water.

**Q: What is your involvement with SCHC, how long have you been a member and what do you love most about it?**

A: I have been a member with SCHC for 20 years now and currently have over 240 hours of Professional Development hours. I love the training that we receive in the courses and meetings by the industry experts. It's a great venue for meeting new friends, upgrading your skills and meeting the government representatives. I currently sit on the SCHC Board of Directors. I was recently re-elected for my second term earlier this year.

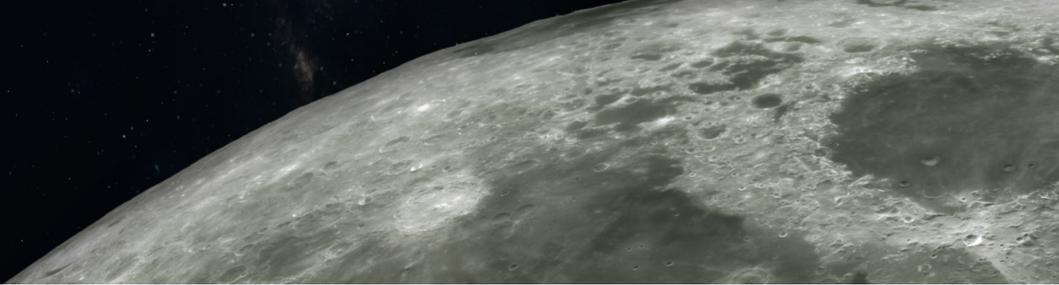
**Q: What is your involvement with the exhibit committee?**

A: I am the liaison to the exhibit committee.

**Q: What insights can you give to potential sponsors or exhibitors about what they have to gain by being involved in the fall meeting? What are some of the benefits?**

A: There's nothing more important than the face to face interactions you can have with current clients or new potential clients. The Fall Meeting offers the opportunity to meet with everyone in a laid back environment. There are many opportunities throughout the day to discuss what your company has to offer. The evening reception is the highlight of the day where all attendees and exhibitors come together to have a drink, eat some appetizers and get to know one another. It includes a raffle where you can win gift cards sponsored by the exhibitors.

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Member Spotlight -  
Kirsten Alcock (continued)

SCHC Exhibitor and  
Sponsor Information

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## Member Spotlight — Kirsten Alcock (continued)

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**Q If someone or an organization has additional questions or wants to be a sponsor or exhibitor at the upcoming fall meeting, who should they get in touch with?**

A: If anyone has additional questions about sponsorship or exhibitors, they should contact Lori Chaplin. She can provide further guidance on what is involved in the process.

**Q: What activity do you enjoy the most during your spare time?**

A: During my spare time, I play soccer. I am on a co-ed league as well as a women's only league. It's a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. It's a win-win situation.



To learn more about the 2019 SCHC Fall Meeting [Exhibitor Event](#) and [Sponsorship](#) opportunities, check out the event pages on [www.SCHC.org](http://www.SCHC.org)

## OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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