

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## Understanding and Communicating De-Icers

The Farmers' Almanac predicts this winter will be a harsh one, and much of the Northern Hemisphere will be blanketed in snow, sleet and ice at some point. De-icers, such as those used to keep roads, runways and walkways safe, come with hazard warnings. EPA has created a list of de-icers considered safe for the environment and added [important links](#) to help protect workers, stormwater, and more.



Visit [SCHC Newsworthy](#) for New Zealand GHS Update

SCHC has shared an update regarding New Zealand's announcement that they will be adopting the Globally Harmonized System.

## Mark Your Calendars

**November 26, 2019: Time to Renew Your SCHC Membership**

**February 1, 2020: [Poster Abstracts Due](#)** for Spring 2020 Meeting

**February 21, 2020 - [Early Bird Registration Discount](#)** for Spring 2020 Meeting Ends. [Registration will open soon.](#)

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



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2020 SCHC Membership

2020 SCHC Involvement

## **Time to Renew Your Membership**

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Now is a terrific time to [join or renew your SCHC Membership](#). With your SCHC Membership, you can receive industry news and receive discounts for meetings, webinars and seminars hosted by SCHC and our partner group, [Chemical Hazards Communication Society](#) in England. Check out our [Refer-A-Friend program](#).

You can use your Membership and save big with the Early Bird Discount for the upcoming March [2020 SCHC Spring Meeting](#) and on the [Professional Development Courses](#) that take place in Charlotte before the meeting. Being a member pays for itself when you register early for the meeting and courses!

## **2020 SCHC Involvement**

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Our committees are having a great deal of success in preparing the 2020 Spring Meeting and the many Professional Development Courses that will be available. It takes a team of people working together to find experts in the field and coordinate a worthwhile program. If you would like to be a part of the program, please reach out to the appropriate committee chair to submit your idea. You can find a list of committee chairs at [www.schc.org/committees](http://www.schc.org/committees).

The event information is being updated as information becomes available. Course brochures will be provided as they are received. Topics and speakers will be included as they are confirmed. We encourage you to check frequently for updates.

There are opportunities to volunteer at the event, to attend committee meetings, and attend the Board meeting to understand the structure of our volunteer-run organization and our plans for many more years of excellence. We invite you to make the most of your involvement as an active member of SCHC.



**4 Easy Ways to Benefit from SCHC**

- Become a Member or Renew Your Membership,*
- Network through our Social Media channels,*
- Volunteer on a Committee,*
- Attend Professional Development Courses and Webinars*



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Upcoming CHCS Events

## Upcoming Events with CHCS

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Use your SCHC Membership to register and receive a discounted price for upcoming events hosted by the [Chemical Hazards Communication Society](#). Stay in the know about other events by bookmarking the [CHCS tab](#) on SCHC.org.

### Upcoming events include:

Module 53, Chemical Safety Assessment— The Science and Theory for Risk Characterisation, December 3, 2019, London, England

Module 20, The Extended SDS Understanding Exposure Scenarios, December 4, 2019, London, England

Module 8, Classification for Transport, January 29, 2020, Manchester, England

Module 10, Transport Labelling and Documentation, January 30, 2020, Manchester, England

Module 28, Overview of the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR), February 5, 2020, Manchester England

There are many more, with a series in May focused on the EU CLP (GHS) Classification for Supply—Substances, Classification for Supply—Mixtures, and Labelling for Supply.





## REGULATORY

EPA ISSUES TSCA  
SNUR for 22 New  
Chemicals

UNECE Released 8<sup>th</sup>  
Revision of GHS

### **EPA ISSUES TSCA SNUR for 22 New Chemicals**

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On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, EPA has issued a significant new use rule (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 22 new chemical substances, which were the subject of PMNs (premanufacture notices). The date for this rule goes into effect January 24, 2020. A list of the chemicals can be found [here](#).

As part of the public comments review, the regulatory text of the SNURs at 40 CFR 721.11159 and 40 CFR 721.11160 have been revised to include that dust inhalation exposure is a significant new use and to specify a significant new use as commercial use when saleable goods or service could introduce the PMN substances into a consumer setting.



Did You See The Poster? [Respiratory Protection in Chemical Product Labels and Safety Data Sheets, presented by Dr. Julia K. Diebol and Dr. Sunil D. Lakhiani.](#)

### **UNECE RELEASED 8<sup>th</sup> REVISION OF GHS**

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The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe ([UNECE](#)) released its 8<sup>th</sup> revision of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling (GHS). [The revision is currently available in English and French.](#)

The amendments made to the 7th revised edition included:

- new classification criteria, hazard communication elements, design logics and guidance for chemicals under pressure,
- new provisions to assess skin corrosion and skin irritation,
- criteria for Specific Target Organ Toxicity,
- dust hazards, and more.



## REGULATORY

Holiday Workplace Safety

OSHA Memo for GHS

Comments

### **Holiday Workplace Safety**

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OSHA has compiled a [holiday workplace safety resource online](#). The goal is to educate on workplace safety with special attention for seasonal workers, warehouse safety, delivery and transport, winter weather precautions, and crowd management.



### **OSHA Reopens Comment Period for GHS**

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OSHA issued a [memorandum](#) notifying stakeholders that they were reopening the comment period pertaining to [Docket No. OSHA-2016-005](#). The comment period is 11/22/2019-12/11/2019.

OSHA-2016-005 relates to the preparation for the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS). The 38<sup>th</sup> session will be held December 11-13, 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland. OSHA and the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group considers comments to prepare the U.S.



Government position for the UNSCEGHS meeting.



## REGULATORY

### Executive Orders Benefit Industry

## **Executive Orders Benefit Industry (Regulatory Intelligence)**

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*Submitted by Katy M. Austin, Product Safety and Regulatory Manager, Pilot Chemical Company*

It was announced in mid-October that President Trump released two new Executive Orders on Regulatory Compliance. In both cases, these EO's potentially benefit industry in general.

### **Summary**

**EO#1** – Transparency in Fairness in Administrative Enforcement and Adjudication

What this means to Industry?

- Requires agencies to give regulated persons/businesses a chance to respond to proposed enforcement actions before the agency issues a notice of noncompliance
- EPA's recent declaration that CBI claims, if not well defended, could be rescinded without notice could now require notice to the company in scope

**EO#2** – Improved Agency Guidance Documents

What this means to Industry?

- OSHA, EPA, FDA, DOT and other federal agencies release Guidance documents; concerns have been raised that Agencies use these documents as a work-around to updating legislation, and unfairly raises "industry standards" without any laws to back the movement.
- Companies can now potentially and more confidently obey the letter of the law without worrying about Guidance documents being explicit and legally binding in an audit
- All Agencies are now forced to post all of their Guidance documents transparently within a searchable database for the Public

We encourage Hazard Communication professionals to carefully monitor these Executive Orders and the ramifications that will follow as time goes on; pivot accordingly as appropriate for your own company. In general, at face value, these changes will improve interactions with regulatory agencies and help proceed in future with more transparency.



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Compliance Tip

**Compliance Tip**

*Submitted by Sharen Breyer, Galata Chemicals*

When qualifying a new source for an imported raw material, have someone with regulatory compliance experience REVIEW and APPROVE the SDS and Safety Label before any material is shipped. And, yes. That was the Emergency Telephone number on the Label, too.

# Safety Data Sheet



**Product identifier**

Product name **6-amino-1,3-dimethyluracil**

**Other means of identification**

Synonyms 1,3-Dimethyl-4-aminouracil; 6-amino-1,3-dimethyluracil  
Formula C6-H9-N3-O2  
Molecular weight 155.16

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

Recommended Use Chemical intermediate  
Uses advised against None known

**Supplier's details**

Manufacturer Address XXXXXXXXXXXX Chemicals Private Limited  
XXXXXXXXXXXX Industrial Area  
XXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXX, India

**Emergency telephone number**

Chemical Emergency Phone Number Local Police or Fire department 911 in USA

Did you see the [general meeting agenda](#) for the 2020 SCHC Spring Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina?

There are several programs related to Safety Data Sheet changes currently planned.



## REGULATORY

EU Launches WTO Challenge Against Indonesian Restrictions

NACOSH to Hold December Meeting

## EU Launches WTO Challenge Against Indonesian Restrictions

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On November 21st, 2020, the European Union brought a [dispute to the World Trade Organization \(WTO\) against Indonesia](#) export restrictions for raw materials used in the production of stainless steel. The EU claims that the restrictions unfairly limits access of EU producers to materials, in particular nickel, scraps, coal and coke, iron ore and chromium. Also in the dispute, the EU challenges subsidies that encourage local content and gives preference to domestic over imported goods, which goes against WTO rules.



## NACOSH to Hold December Meeting

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The National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) has scheduled its first meeting in three years. The meeting will be held on December 12th and the deadline for requests to speak or comment is December 5th. Information about the meeting and deadline can be found [here](#).

Currently on the NACOSH meeting agenda:

- 1) Introduction and updates on key OSHA initiatives and
- 2) Remarks from the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ([NIOSH](#)).



## Where Have We Been - Chapter 7 of the SCHC Story

*Contributed by Sharen B. Breyer—SCHC Heritage Committee*

As we wrap up our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and this series of Newsletter articles on the history of our organization, let's take a look at where we have been from a few different perspectives.

### First – Geographically.

After spending the first couple years of our existence tethered to the Chemical Manufacturer's Association and their Washington DC headquarters, breaking away as a stand-alone society allowed up to move our meetings around the country. And move we did, to twelve different states for our Spring Meetings and a welcome taste of warmer weather for we Northerners:



We have held meetings in Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arizona, California, Georgia, Florida, Washington, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Texas.

In many cases, we have returned to the same state several times, but gathered in different cities. The Spring of 2020 will find us in Charlotte, North Carolina for the first time.

**Second – Organizationally.** The roots of SCHC actually stretch w-a-a-y back to 1944 when the Manufacturing Chemists Association (MCA) formed the Labeling and Precautionary Information (LAPI) Committee. This group got right down to work and published a Chemical Labeling Manual a year later in 1945.

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Heritage - Chapter 7

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### **Where Have We Been - Chapter 7 (*continued*)**

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This publication continued to be expanded and updated for 25 years until the final 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of 1970. A name change from the MCA to the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) in 1978, along with a major internal reorganization, resulted in the elimination of the LAPI Committee, but not the NEED for such a group to continue to exist. So, the following year, members of the LAPI formed the American Council on Chemical Labeling (ACCL) under the umbrella of CMA sponsorship. Friction between the CMA and the upstart ACCL grew, as not all members of the ACCL were, or were allowed to be, CMA members. ACCL members represented a unique mix of industry, academia and government institutions – and viewpoints – and that soon led to the breakaway and incorporation of the ACCL as a stand-alone Washington, D.C. –based non-profit professional society in 1982 and a name change to the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication.

**Third – Growth.** SCHC grew rather quickly, averaging a membership increase of about 10% per year, as the focus of the organization expanded beyond just labeling, and not just only for the USA. From the 35 to 40 Founders present at the first meeting in 1979, membership swelled to 547 by 1993. The Board of Directors and Officers of SCHC recognized early on the need for a more formal organizational structure that would provide a framework for such growth and also provide a way for more member interaction within SCHC. Standing Committees were established to focus on Society needs and goals, and many still continue to this day (Membership, Arrangements, Professional Development, Awards, Nominating), while others have gone by the wayside (BNA Manual, Computer Resources, Small Packages, Standard Phrases).

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## **Where Have We Been - Chapter 7 (continued)**

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### **Fourth – Training and Professional Development.**

The early SCHC meetings consisted of presentations by speakers on issues, Society business, dinner and an after-dinner speaker. This format continued until 1990, when the first 3 hour Short Course on the new *EEC Directive for the Packaging and Labeling of Dangerous Substances* was offered prior to the regular business meeting.

The very active Professional Development Committee began with the goal of developing training course work and establishing a curriculum of in-house half day, full day and two day courses that would eventually lead to certification as a professional in the field of Hazard Communication. All courses were taught in person until 2011 when SCHC offered the first Distance Learning webinar, and a major part of that certified professional goal was achieved with the launch of the *SDS and Label Authoring Registry* in partnership with AIHA Registry Programs.

To date, there are 81 Registered SDS and Label Authoring Professionals, and you can find their names on the SCHC website. Spring Meetings began to feature the Poster Session, where SCHC members could present their work and interact with fellow members, and Fall Meetings brought in companies offering HazCom goods and services in our popular Vendor Expo.



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## Where Have We Been - Chapter 7 *(continued)*

### Fourth – Training and Professional Development.

The recent addition of the FORUMS to our Plenary Sessions has allowed smaller groups to meet and discuss specific topics in a moderated breakout format, and our vibrant Standing Committees are always looking for new ideas and new perspectives to enhance SCHC member satisfaction in our volunteer-driven Society.



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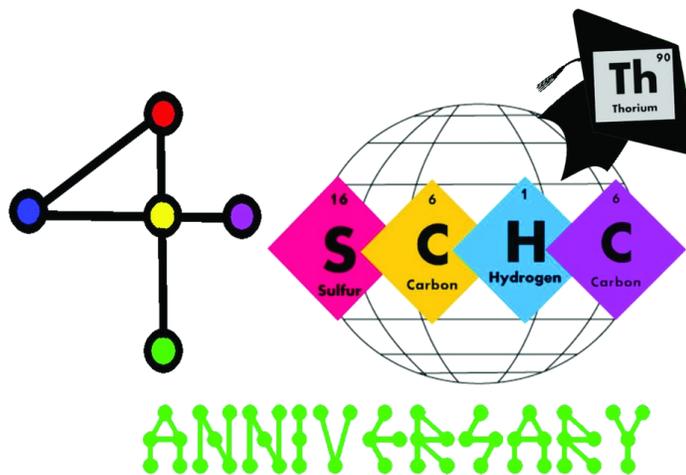
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### Where Have We Been - Chapter 7 (*continued*)

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With that, now a bit about **where we are going**. Our Society has always tried to grow and expand and remain relevant by offering the most targeted opportunities for training, personal and professional growth, networking and service for our members. Recognizing the time and financial constraints present in most companies, and the many other organizations and societies competing for your time and attention, more training will be offered via webinars and on-line workshops. We will continue to look outside of North America as the GHS system and chemical management and control regulations are adopted by more and more countries.

Beginning in 2021, we will make a MAJOR change in our meeting schedule and go to a format of one longer meeting per year instead of two shorter ones. SO – HAPPY 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY to the SCHC, and may we continue to grow and evolve for many more years to come.



*Artwork by SCHC Member R. Miller*



## SCHC

Member Spotlight -  
Chandra Gioiello

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## Member Spotlight — Chandra Deeds Gioiello

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In this spotlight, SCHC Outreach Committee chair Renee Warner introduces us to the upcoming Outreach Chair and longtime SCHC Member, Chandra Deeds Gioiello.



**Chandra Gioiello**

Chandra holds her Master's degree in Industrial Hygiene from the University of New Haven and she is on the board on the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygiene (ACGIH).

### **Q: *What do you do?***

A: I'm currently Vice President of IHSC, LLC. I function in both a practical role authoring SDS and assisting clients with international chemical regulatory compliance and a managerial role organizing our work and ensuring that projects are completed on time.

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

A: I've been doing this work for about 10 years now. I expect to continue with this work for the rest of my life, since I am continuing the work that my mother (and father) started almost 40 years ago.

### **Q: *What are your aspirations?***

A: I hope to continue to serve our clients and provide the best information that I can.

### **Q: *Why do you love SCHC?***

A: It's really the best resource in the US for this kind of chemical regulatory information. It's vital in this field to be up-to-date on regulations, and they change so quickly on a global level. It's hard to keep track of everything. SCHC provides invaluable information to keep up with everything going on.

## OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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Please send all newsworthy newsletter topics to the Outreach Committee by email to [socialmedia@schc.org](mailto:socialmedia@schc.org).

