

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## Chemicals in Our Life— an ECHA project

ECHA has compiled an easy-to-share resource that conversationally addresses chemical-related topics. The information would be appropriate to share with clients and in classrooms, for example during the

Great American Teach-In, as well as with friends and family who want to learn more about a certain subject matters. You can follow along with this effort on social media using #ChemicalsInOurLife. If you are an SCHC member featured in the [Guest Corner](#), let us know and we may share it on our social media.



### Check out [SCHC Newsworthy](#) for ACGIH Webinars

SCHC has shared links to the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists' upcoming e-learning/webinar opportunities.

## Mark Your Calendars

**October 30 - December 4, 2019 - [SCHC Webinar Series](#):**  
Introduction to Chemical Management in Latin America

**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



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In Remembrance:  
Jennifer Silk

## **In Remembrance of Jennifer Silk**

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Jennifer Silk, former Deputy Director of Standards and Guidance for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), passed away after a prolonged illness on October 22, 2019.



While at OSHA, Jennifer spearheaded the development of the US OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, published November 25, 1983, sparking a revolution for the regulatory community. Darlene Susa-Anderson, former SCHC President, recalls her whereabouts when she first learned of the Standard and recounted her appreciation for Jennifer's patience in answering her questions as a young compliance professional.

SCHC Leaders who worked alongside Jennifer recall her as passionate and humble with a vision for the future of hazard communication, not just in the U.S., but internationally, as she chaired the international coordinating group that managed the development of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and served as the U.S. expert to the United Nations Subcommittee of Experts on the GHS (UNSCE-GHS) for over a decade. Jennifer is widely respected in the international community and fondly regarded as the mother of Hazard Communication.

In September 1982, Jennifer was the first government member of the American Conference on Chemical Labelling (ACCL) and was instrumental in transitioning the organization to the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC). Her dedication and contributions to the field of Hazard Communication were recognized with SCHC's Lifetime Achievement Award first in 1998 and again in 2003, the only person to receive the award two times.

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In Remembrance:  
Jennifer Silk (*continued*)

### **In Remembrance of Jennifer Silk (*continued*)**

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Other SCHC service highlights include:

Distinguished Lecturer Award – 1990

Director – 1995

Vice-President – 1990 to 1991

President – 1992 to 1993

Past-President – 1994 to 1996

Chair of the Board – 1997 to 2003

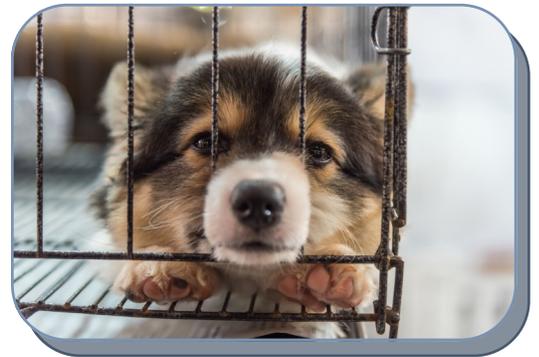
Prepared the first SCHC Practices and Procedures to organize and standardize the work that has to be done to plan and conduct the Society's activities

Co-edited the *Hazard Communication Compliance Manual: A Guide to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard* (1995)

After retiring from OSHA, Jennifer continued working as a consultant and training advisor to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). She had a gift for explaining complex requirements in an easy to understand way and regularly shared her knowledge with SCHC Members through numerous meeting presentations and professional development offerings.

Jennifer Silk was instrumental in shaping not only our Society, but obviously the Standard and application of Hazard Communication. Her voice will live on through the regulations we work with and are protected by every day.

In honor of her work to pass legislation to ban puppy mills in Pennsylvania, SCHC has made a donation in Jennifer's memory to United Against Puppy Mills, a fully volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.



Her obituary is posted at <https://www.mcdonald-aeberli.com/notices/Jennifer-Silk>.



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New SCHC Meeting  
Format

**NEW SCHC Meeting Schedule Beginning 2021**

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The Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) meeting is evolving and the new format will offer expert guidance and regulatory information during a single meeting over 3 days (plus 3 days of training) beginning in 2021.

Historically, SCHC has met biannually, however the new annual format will provide a concentrated opportunity for hazard communication professionals to hear from the best and brightest in the regulatory community. As usual, Professional Development opportunities will lead into a plenary Program filled with regulatory updates and industry perspective on hazard communication and related topics.



The meeting agenda will include\*:

- Days 1 – 3 Professional Development Courses and networking opportunities
- Day 4 Plenary Meeting and Exhibit/Poster Session
- Day 5 Plenary Meeting, networking opportunities and committee meetings
- Day 6 Plenary Meeting

\*Details subject to change

SCHC’s Professional Development offerings via Distance Learning and webinars are expanding. Stay tuned for information on future opportunities.

**Upcoming Events:**

[Chemical Management in Latin America: Mexico](#) Nov. 13 2–5 p.m. ET

**Upcoming Meetings:**

[Spring 2020](#) Charlotte, North Carolina March 28 – April 1, 2020  
(Registration open soon)

Fall 2020 Arlington, Virginia September 19 – 23, 2020  
SCHC 2021 Details to be announced

See you in Charlotte!



## SCHC

SCHC & CHCS Continue Partnership

Upcoming CHCS Events

## **SCHC and CHCS Continue Partnership**

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During the 2019 SCHC Fall Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, SCHC President Jennifer L. Mahoney (left) and Gill Pagliuca, [Chemical Hazards Communication Society](#) Chair, signed the Memorandum of Understanding. The continued collaboration between the two groups has benefits for both organizations' members and helps to promote our mutual goals in the hazards communication field. Learn more by visiting [SCHC.org](#) and clicking on the [CHCS tab](#).



## **Chemical Hazards Communication Society Events**

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As part of the partnership with CHCS, SCHC members may receive discounted rates for CHCS training sessions and events. To learn about upcoming sessions visit, you can explore the [SCHC.org/chcs](#) tab or bookmark this CHCS [page](#).

### **Upcoming events include:**

25<sup>th</sup> AGM & 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lectures, November 20, 2019, Birmingham, England

Module 15, Advanced Preparation of Safety Data Sheets, November 12, 2019, London, England

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



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Dedicated Service  
Recognition

Chemical Management  
Webinars

## SCHC Gives Dedicated Service Recognition

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At the Fall 2019 Meeting, SCHC recognized long-time member Doug Eisner for his dedicated service to the Society. Doug served as a member of the Board of Directors (1991 – 1999) and as Arrangements Chair (1994 – 2019). He shepherded the Society through approximately 50 meetings from Arlington to Seattle and most everywhere in between. Doug received the Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and is a Distinguished Member of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication.

Thank you for your service, Doug, and happy “official” retirement!



## Get Registered for Introduction to Chemical Management in Latin America Webinar Series

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During October, November and December, SCHC will be hosting several webinars that discuss regulations and issues regarding chemical management in several Latin America countries.



We have one remaining webinar occurring for this series. To learn more about this course, visit:

[Mexico—November 13<sup>th</sup>](#)

Webinars for Argentina and Brazil took place earlier in October.



## REGULATORY

Investigating Vaping Lung Injuries

EPA Proposes Changes to WPS and AEZ

### **Investigating Vaping Lung Injuries**

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The use of electronic cigarettes or “vaping” was a hot topic in October when the CDC released a [statement](#) that said there are more than 1,600 lung injuries reported related to e-cigarette usage. The exact cause of the lung injuries are unknown and no single product has been singled out as harmful. The Canadian government issued a similar [statement](#) that they too would be researching vaping as there were similar injuries reported in Canada. They will also be investigating e-cigarettes as a potential threat of exposure to harmful chemicals for people who are non-smokers.



### **EPA Proposes Changes to Agricultural Worker Protection Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ)**

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Last week, [EPA proposed updates](#) to the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) regulation in regards to enforceability and exposure of pesticides to farmers, their families, farm workers, pesticide applicators, and others.



The changes primarily impact the Application Exclusion Zone requirements and entry restrictions for enclosed space production. The proposed changes should not impact off-farm bystanders who are protected by the existing “do not contact” requirements that prohibits use in a manner that would contact unprotected individuals. There is a 90-day period for [public comment](#).



## REGULATORY

Beryllium Standards for Construction and Shipyards

California Proposition 65 Updates

### Beryllium Standards for Construction and Shipyards

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OSHA has issued a final rule on the beryllium standards for construction and shipyards. Under the final rule, OSHA will not revoke all of the standards' ancillary provisions. The final rule also extends the compliance dates for the ancillary provisions to September 2020 to



account for OSHA's new proposal to revise or remove those provisions, and maintains enforcement of the lower permissible exposure limits. Please see the public inspection version of the Federal Register Notice. The official version is available on the Federal Register [here](#).

OSHA will also soon issue a proposed rule to amend the beryllium standards for construction and shipyards by more appropriately tailoring the requirements of the standards to the exposures in these industries, more closely aligning the standards to the general industry standard where appropriate, and clarifying certain requirements with respect to materials containing only trace amounts of beryllium.

### California Proposition 65 Updates

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California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released three notices in October including a notice of modifications to text regarding [Responsibility to Provide Consumer Product Exposure Warnings](#) for chemicals listed under Proposition 65. A second notice marks the start of a 45-day comment period regarding the [Hazard Identification Materials for Cannabis Smoke and THC](#). Public comment is sought regarding a [proposed rulemaking of no-significant risk](#) regarding PCBTF.

In September, [several chemicals were added](#) to the list of chemicals known to cause cancer under Proposition 65.



## REGULATORY

Poison Centres  
Compliance

TSCA Section 12(b)

### Postponement of Compliance Deadline for Reporting to Poison Centres

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The CARACAL (expert group on CLP) has agreed unanimously to the European Commission’s proposed changes to Annex VIII to CLP. The Commission is now proceeding with adopting a



delegated act, which will, among other things, **postpone the first compliance date** for harmonised reporting to poison centres, for mixtures intended for consumer use, from **1 January 2020 to 1 January 2021**.

Entry into force is expected later this year. Other compliance dates will not be affected. The Commission is also progressing with solving some of the concerns raised by stakeholders on the

workability of the notification requirements and another amendment to Annex VIII is expected in 2020. Read the draft delegated regulation and stakeholder feedback [here](#).

### What’s this TSCA Section 12(b) thing I’ve heard about?

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Certain chemicals, defined and listed by the EPA, require EPA notification when exporting. This “12(b) notification” refers to the Toxic Substances Control Act section of the legislation that determines the list and requirements. This notification is done in partnership with your Product Safety & Regulatory partners, ideally before the product is shipped out (while acknowledging you may have a very small window to notify post export).

Examples of exports that could trigger this notification requirement include shipping products such as long chain perfluoroalkyl carboxylates or perfluoroalkyl sulfonates. Can’t wait to know more? The EPA is happy to help [here](#).





## REGULATORY

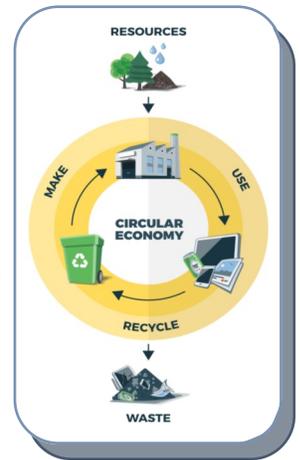
ECHA SCIP Workshop

REACH Nanoforms  
Webinar

New Respirator Fit  
Testing Protocols

### ECHA SCIP Workshop

ECHA’s Waste Framework Directive was conceived to address the adverse impacts of waste and improving efficient use of resources as part of the transition to a circular economy model. Revisions in 2018 tasked ECHA with developing a database with information about substances of very high concern (SVHCs) on the Candidate List. The database is called [SCIP](#), which stands for **S**ubstances of **C**oncern **I**n articles, as such or in complex objects (**P**roducts).



The ECHA will host a [SCIP database workshop](#) on November 12<sup>th</sup>, to discuss and disseminate information with stakeholders. Registration for the workshop is closed but results will likely be shared on [this page](#).

### REACH Webinar for Nanoforms

Also on November 12<sup>th</sup>, there is a webinar “[Getting ready for revised REACH information requirements for nanoforms](#)”

### OSHA Approves New Respirator Fit Testing Protocols

If you are not already aware, OSHA has issued a final rule that provides employers with two new fit testing protocols for ensuring that employees’ respirators fit properly. The new protocols are the modified ambient aerosol condensation nuclei counter (CNC) quantitative fit testing protocol for full-facepiece and half-mask elastomeric respirators, and the modified ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol for filtering facepiece respirators.



Both protocols are variations of the original OSHA-approved ambient aerosol CNC protocol, but have fewer test exercises, shorter exercise duration, and a more streamlined sampling sequence. The final rule is available [here](#).



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Member Spotlight -  
Emily Bergmann

## Member Spotlight — Emily Bergmann

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In this spotlight, SCHC Outreach Committee member Erin Weir introduces two new members of the Outreach Committee, Emily Bergmann and Miranda Cox. We're grateful for their willingness to help.



**Emily Bergmann**

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

A: My name is Emily Bergmann and I live in northern Virginia. I work for H2 Compliance Inc. which is a chemical and environmental consulting company.

**Q: The Fall 2019 SCHC Meeting was the first time you attended an event, what are your thoughts on the organization and the meeting?**

A: I enjoyed the meeting and learning from all of the speakers. I also enjoyed the reception and getting to network with and meet other professionals.

**Q: What kinds of benefits do you see SCHC providing you in your job moving forward?**

A: I look forward to attending more workshop courses at SCHC in the future, as well as learning from the presenters regarding their various areas of expertise. I am also excited to become a member of the Outreach Committee and to help contribute to this organization!

**Q: Not only was the Fall 2019 your first SCHC meeting, you also took the opportunity to join the Outreach Committee. How did you decide to join this committee and what do you look forward to being involved with?**

A: I learned about this committee at the New Member luncheon. I thought that joining the Outreach Committee would be a great way for me to help spread the word about SCHC and to help recruit others who may be interested in joining as well.

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

A: I enjoy traveling in my spare time. France is next on my list!



## SCHC

Member Spotlight -  
Miranda Cox

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## Member Spotlight — Miranda Cox

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

A: My name is Miranda Cox. I am the Chemical Regulatory Specialist at Kimball Midwest. I graduated in 2018 from the University of Toledo with a degree in Statistics.



Miranda Cox

**Q: The Fall 2019 SCHC Meeting was the first time you attended an event, what are your thoughts on the organization and the meeting?**

A: The organization is amazing. The people are great, especially for volunteers. Everyone was knowledgeable and helpful and the event was very well organized.

**Q: What kinds of benefits do you see SCHC providing you in your job moving forward?**

A: I can see SCHC as being my main source for information. I learned a lot already in the few classes I took at the meeting and can't wait to learn more. SCHC also seems like a great place to make professional connections.

**Q: Not only was the Fall 2019 your first SCHC meeting, you also took the opportunity to join the Outreach Committee. How did you decide to join this committee and what do you look forward to being involved with?**

A: I knew I wanted to join a committee, so during the New Member lunch, I listened to all the chairs pitch their committees. Since I am very new to this profession, I thought I would have the most to offer to the Outreach Committee. I look forward to seeing the newsletters come together and to get information out to potential members.

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

A: During my spare time, I love to spend time with my family. I enjoy watching my niece and nephews engage in activities they love and I enjoy playing with my pups.

## OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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

