## **SCHC Monthly Newsletter**

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## **Professional Development Courses for HazCom Professionals**

Thank you to Jon Lang, Craig Thomson and Tim Kennedy, of NCEC, for their webinar presentation on May 21<sup>st</sup>, "How To Measure A Robust Chemical Resilience Program Within The Supply Chain." Approximately 90 SCHC members joined in. We appreciate the



feedback received on the surveys and look forward to everyone joining the scheduled trainings found on <a href="SCHC.org">SCHC.org</a>.

#### Mark Your Calendar

May 29, 2020 - Free Webinar for BADGP & SCHC Members - "Classifications & Safety Data Sheets: Common Problems & Fixes"

June 4, 2020 - SCHC Distance Learning <u>Toxicology for Hazard</u> Communication

**June 4 &5, 2020** - <u>Introduction to SEVESO Directive/ COMAH</u>
Regulation (Module 57) by CHCS

June 11 & 12, 2020 - Poison Centre Notification by CHCS

June 16, 2020 - CHCS Webinar "Chemical Regulatory Management in China" (Free for BADGP & SCHC Members)

June 16 & 18, 2020 - SCHC Distance Learning Advanced Topics in EHS: Reproductive & Developmental Toxicology

June 23 & 25, 2020 - SCHC Distance Learning Advanced Topics in EHS: Toxicology of the Liver and Kidney

**June 23, 2020 - CHCS Webinar** "Korea REACH Introduction" (Free for BADGP & SCHC Members)

June 25 & 26, 2020 - Advanced Preparation for SDS Module by CHCS

June 30, 2020 - CHCS Webinar "<u>Taiwan Chemical Regulation</u> Introduction" (Free for BADGP & SCHC Members)

July 21, 2020 - Distance Training: <u>Multi-Modal Hazardous Materials/</u>
<u>Dangerous Goods Classification Training</u>

September 19 - 23, 2020 - SCHC Fall 2020 Meeting, Arlington, VA



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From the Member Engagement Desk

How to Join a Committee and Volunteer

## From the Member Engagement Desk

Hello again everyone,

It's been a lovely May here where I am, despite everything going on with the coronavirus. It's weird to look out at the green of the trees and think how much our world has changed since this time last year. But we are adapting and trying to stay safe.

I'd like to take this message to encourage everyone to think about becoming active in our various membership opportunities. Specifically, our committees. While we were not able to have the Spring meeting this year, our committees continue to work diligently to provide value to our members. From planning for the fall meeting (including contingency planning should we have to allow for remote offerings) to upcoming webinars.

We are a member-driven and member-fueled organization. We have one staff member, and the rest of us are all volunteers. We plan the meetings, organize the webinars, keep the social media pages and website up-to-date, and prepare this newsletter. There is so much our volunteers do.

So I want to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work. It takes a lot to keep this organization running and we can't do it without the many volunteers who devote their time and energy in so many ways. Thank you all for everything you do.

Chandra Gioiello, Chair Member Engagement Committee

#### How to Join a Committee and Volunteer

Step 1 - Explore the SCHC <u>Committee pages</u> and find which speaks to your likes, talents or passions.

Step 2 - Contact the Committee chair of your preferred committee to learn more and share your interest in joining.



### REGULATORY

Australia's National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles

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## Australia's National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles

In April, Australia's National Cabinet agreed to the National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles. The ten principles that they have outlined for their country and the resource kit can be found on their website.

The website includes instructions on how to clean and disinfect the workplace, checklists, signage and posters, and more.



## **OSHA Adopts Revised Coronavirus Enforcement Policies**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued two revised enforcement policies to ensure employers take action to protect their employees. First, OSHA is increasing in-person inspections at all types of workplaces. OSHA will continue to prioritize COVID-19 inspections. Second, OSHA is revising how employers are responsible for recording cases



of the coronavirus if the case meets certain requirements. To find the criteria and details regarding these policies view OSHA's May news release. OSHA COVID-19 resources can be found here.

## **Susan Harwood Training \$11.5M Grant Opportunities**

The Susan Harwood Training grants program is accepting applications. The program is designed to support nonprofit organizations, which includes employer associations, joint labor/management associations, labor unions, universities and more. The Harwood Training Grant program supports in-person, hands-on training to help workers and employers identify and prevent workplace safety and health hazards, including the coronavirus.

There are three funding categories: Targeted Topic, Training and Educational Materials Development, and Capacity Building. Learn more about the grant program by visiting <a href="www.osha.gov/harwoodgrants">www.osha.gov/harwoodgrants</a>. The deadline for the grant applications is July 20, 2020. Applications can be completed online at grants.gov.



# REGULATORY Updates from Asia

## **Updates from Asia**

Chemical Inspection and Regulation Service (CIRS) shared multiple articles this month regarding changes happening in Asia.

### China REACH

In January 2010, the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) of China (now known as Ministry of Ecology and Environment, MEE) released the Provisions of Environmental Administration of New Chemical Substances (MEP Order No. 7, aka China REACH). On April 29, 2020 the English version of the Revised Provisions on the Environment Administration of New Chemical Substances was shared to replace MEP No. 7. The Revised Provisions will be implemented on January 1, 2021. There is a comparison table illustrating the changes found here.

## **Vietnam Chemical Substances Inventory**

CIRS shared an <u>article</u> regarding the Vietnamese government closing its supplementation of the Vietnam Chemical Substances Inventory on May 30, 2020. Vietnam's Chemicals Response Center has received applications for more than 36,700 substances with nearly 700 substances being reviewed and added into the inventory. All applications for supplementation shall be completed by Vietnamese enterprises.

#### List of Materials and Restricted Substances in Disinfectants

In April 2020, the State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) and the Standardization Administration of China (SAC) <u>issued and approved</u> 14 mandatory national standards. Some of the measures in the new standards coincide with precautions to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The GB 38850-2020 *List for Materials and Restricted Substances in Disinfectant* includes several changes, such as the range of raw materials for disinfectants and their use, hypochlorous acid was added as a raw material, and impacts on food safety and ventilation systems.



REGULATORY

EPA Ozone Standards

Pesticide Registration Notice

## **EPA Reviews Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards**

At the end of this month, EPA plans to release their latest *Policy*Assessment for the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards
(NAAQS) and its findings regarding photochemical oxidants. The release will help guide future decisions on whether to retain or revise the existing ozone NAAQS. The document will be available on this page— <a href="www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards">www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards</a>.



## **Pesticide Registration Notice**

EPA interim registration review decisions have been <u>made available</u> for the following chemicals: 2-Phenethyl propionate, ammonium bromide, *Bacillus sphaericus*, chloropicrin *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*, Cuelure [2-butanone, 4 (4-acetyloxy)-acetate], cyazofamid, Extract of *Reynoutria sachalinensis*, *fluroxypyr, flumethrin*, glycolic acid and salts, iodine and iodophors, Methyl Anthranilate, momfluorothrin, oxamyl, pelargonic acid, salts and esters, phenmedipham, Phosphoric acid and its salts, pyridaben, *Pythium oligandrum* DV 74, Straight Chain Lepidopteran Pheromones, sethoxydim, tetraacetylethylenediamine (TAED), thymol, tralopyril, and triclosan.



In addition, EPA announced the closure of the registration review case for *Phytophthora palmivora* because the last U.S. registrations for this pesticide have been canceled.

### **REGULATORY**

PHMSA Withdraws Vapor Pressure

TSCA Updates

## PHMSA Withdraws Rulemaking Action to Limit Crude Oil Vapor Pressure

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) withdrew its January 2017 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) regarding vapor pressure for unrefined petroleum products and other flammable liquids.

The change comes following an extensive study which concluded that imposing vapor pressure limits would not reduce the risks of transporting crude oil and other flammable liquids by rail.



## **TSCA Updates**

### **Proposed SNUR**

EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The <a href="change">change</a> requires EPA be notified at least 90 days before commencing manufacture or processing of any of the chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by the proposed rule. This would pause manufacturing until a Significant New Use Notice has been submitted. Comments about this proposed rule must be submitted on or before June 18, 2020.

## Review of CBI Claims and Reverse Engineering

Section 8(b) of the TSCA requires EPA to establish a <u>rule</u> on confidential business information (CBI) claims for specific chemical identities. In February of this year, EPA finalized a rule on the procedures to substantiate their CBI claims for specific chemical identities of substances on the TSCA inventory. The final rule included two components that were a response to court-ordered remands regarding reverse engineering. CBI reviews covered in this rule must occur by February 19, 2024.

#### REGULATORY

National Safety Month

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Member Engagement and Newsletter Committee Reminder

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## June is National Safety Month

Join us in June for National Safety Month. This month is promoted by the National Safety Council (NSC) and this year their focus highlights:

- Mental Health
- Ergonomics
- Building a Safety Culture
- Driving

You can sign-up for free to receive NSC's public materials: a poster, tip sheets, articles, social media graphics and more! NSC members get everything the public gets, plus 5-Minute Safety Talks, additional posters, videos and so much more. Sign-up here.

### MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please send all newsworthy newsletter topics to the Member Engagement Committee by email to <a href="mailto:socialmedia@schc.org">socialmedia@schc.org</a>.