

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## November 6<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

Ready for the [SCHC Fall Virtual Meeting](#)?!! We're counting down the days and we're looking forward to seeing everyone. Attendees will soon receive their log-in invitation. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time. The last day to register is November 6th, no exceptions past that date.



**Chemical Watch**

Thank you to our returning Media Sponsor, Chemical Watch, for supporting this event!

### From SCHC's Newsworthy Page:

November 4th - [OSHA/ASSP Free Webinar on Silica Compliance](#)  
[US DOL Q&A About Reporting Work-Related Cases of the Coronavirus](#)

### Mark Your Calendar

**October 28-29, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [Extended SDS - Understanding Exposure Scenarios](#)

**November 1, 2020 - SCHC Board Candidate Submissions DUE**

**November 9-11, 2020 - [SCHC Fall Virtual Meeting](#)**

**November 11-12, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [Advanced Prep of SDS](#)

**November 13, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training:** [SCIP Workshop](#)

**NEW DATES** November 19-30, 2020 - CHCS Distance Training: [Poison Centre Notification](#)

**December 1 & 3, 2020 - SCHC Webinar:** [Advanced Topics in EHS: Risk Management & Communication](#)

**December 2-3 & 9-10, 2020 - CHCS Distance Learning:** [CLP Classification](#)

**December 16 - 17, 2020 - CHCS Distance Learning:** [CLP Labelling](#)

**December 31, 2020 - AIHA Last Day for Fee Waiver**

**January 14-22, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning:** [Classification for Transport](#)



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From the Member Engagement Desk

## From the Member Engagement Desk

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Hi again everyone. The weather here in Connecticut is cooling down and the leaves are starting to turn the lovely shades of yellow, orange, red, and purple that make fall one of my favorite seasons. And with the cooling of the air comes the Fall conference. This year it's going to be different, with virtual sessions being led that allow you to watch from wherever you are. Speakers will be on to answer questions to their pre-recorded sessions, so there will be some interaction.

It's hard to plan member engagement for a virtual conference. We are all so far away from each other. But we are going to try! We are looking into platforms that allow for video hangouts so we can see our friends no matter where we are. Keep an eye out for further announcements once we figure out how this will actually work.

The conference should be really good, though. In a way it's easier to attend, since there is no travel involved. At the same time, it's more challenging because if we're at our work computer, which has highest priority – the conference or our work? And of course, I will miss the excellent restaurants of Crystal City since we don't have a Jaleo up here in Connecticut.

I really hope that many of you can attend our conference. It's going to be filled with excellent speakers, and we're really going to try to allow for the social and personal connections to happen. I know that there is a way to request 1-on-1 meetings with



committee chairs (or other members) if you want to know more about the work they (and their committee) do. So if you think you'd like to be involved with all the work Member Engagement does (which includes social media pages, the website, membership activities, awards, the newsletter, the speaker's bureau, and marketing) let me know! I'll be attending the conference and will be happy to schedule time to work with you.

*Earn points while attending the event and climb the Leaderboard!*

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Engagement Desk  
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### **Socialize with Your Peers at #SCHCFall2020**

The conference this fall may be virtual, but it can still be social! The Member Engagement Committee is organizing social hours each day of the conference so you can see and chat with your SCHC friends in a Zoom room. Use the links in the Agenda to reserve your spot. Networking rooms will be limited with spots available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Monday** night, after the Poster Session, will be **local** meets – Northeast and Southeast (6-7pm EST), Central (7-8 EST), and West Coast (8-9 EST)

**Tuesday** we’re organizing around **Areas of Interest** – Pharmaceutical/ Cosmetic, Pesticide, Consumer Products, Industrial Chemicals, and Food Contact Materials (5-6pm EST) and New Member Hangout from 7-8 EST.



And **Wednesday** we’re hosting “lunch” discussions around **topics covered**

**during the conference** – Canadian GHS, Asia-Pacific Regulations, EU and REACH, Toxicology and Chemical Hazards, and Proposition 65 and other State Regulations (12-1pm EST)

If you try to add these events to your personal agenda but end up on a waiting list, stay nearby for the first five minutes of each meeting to see if spots open.

And one last message to those members who are in the US and are US citizens – Election Day is November 3, so remember to vote.

Enjoy this lovely weather and I hope to “see” you all at the conference!

Chandra Deeds Gioiello, Chair, Member Engagement Committee



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Program Committee News

## SCHC Fall Meeting 2020

*Submitted by Allan Jemi-Allade, SCHC Program Committee Chair*

Our first ever virtual Fall meeting is fast approaching, and we have an exciting line up of speakers & topics for both days. OSHA will kick off Day 1 when Maureen Ruskin and Sven Rundman will present on 3 topics; “Safe + Sound”, “OSHA’s Response to COVID-19” and “Revision to the Hazcom Standard”. This will be followed by Lynn Berndt-Weis from Health Canada who will give an overview of WHMIS and GHS in Canada. From there we will move to the other side of the world where Robert Kiefer of REACH24H will give us the latest news on Asia Pacific hazcom and chemical control. Then, to complete our world tour, we move to Europe where Christine Lepisto of Chemical Safety Consulting in Germany will explain the REACH Annex II safety data sheet changes. The regulation of Endocrine Disruptors is a topic growing in importance in many countries and Robert DeMott of Ramboll US Corporation will enlighten us about this subject.



*Don't miss the Poster Session on Day One!  
Thank you to our Poster Session Sponsor*



How do you assess the hazards of chemicals if you have no test data? Well, Marisa Kreider of Cardno ChemRisk will start Day 2 by discussing the Evidence Integration Approach as one way to accomplish this. What about chemicals that have no specific Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs)? T.J. Lentz from NIOSH will discuss NIOSH Occupational Exposure Banding which groups chemicals based on toxicological potency and adverse health effects associated with exposure.

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Program Committee News  
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**SCHC Fall Meeting 2020** (continued from page 4 )

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Bob Schuda of Dentons, who gave us a summer webinar on COVID-19, returns to tell us about California Proposition 65 lawsuits for ‘exposure’ in the workplace. Jennifer Silk was a giant in the world of hazard communication. Sadly, she passed away late last year. Various people who knew her will give a tribute about Jennifer’s contribution to hazard communication.

Many of us are involved in writing Safety Data Sheets. Darlene Susa-Anderson & Chandra Gioiello will round off Day 2 by giving us practical tips for improving our SDS.

The facilitators for the meeting are our Program Committee Co-Chairs, Allan Jemi-Alade & Anne DeMasi. Allan, originally from Dundee in Scotland, has worked and lived in Richmond, VA since 2002. He has been attending SCHC meetings since 2003 and been Co-Chair of the Program Committee since 2017. He is an EHS Technical Advisor with Afton Chemical where he manages the company’s REACH project and Distribution Safety program. Anne is native to Philadelphia and has been working in Regulatory Affairs and Hazard Communication for 20 years. She is currently the Global Regulatory Manager at Livent Corporation.

**Meeting Sponsor**



SCHC is grateful to Global Language Translations and Consulting, Inc. (GLTaC) for being a Meeting Sponsor for our first virtual event!



## REGULATORY

CA Prop 65 - Notice of Intent for Molybdenum Trioxide & Indium Tin Oxide

New CA Prop Fact Sheet for Flame Retardants

### CA Prop 65 – Notice of Intent for Molybdenum Trioxide and Indium Tin Oxide

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California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released a [Notice of Intent](#) to add molybdenum trioxide (CAS No. 1313-27-5) and indium tin oxide (CAS No. 50926-11-9) as known agents to cause cancer. The action is pursuant to the Labor Code mechanism under California Labor Code section 6382(b)(1). OEHHA has opened a comment period which will close on November 23, 2020, which was extended an extra 15 days because of the pandemic.

As this falls under a Labor code, the comments are restricted to whether the International Agency for Research on Cancer has identified the specific chemical or substance as a human or animal carcinogen. Arguments regarding weight or quality of the evidence are not being heard.



### New CA Prop 65 Fact Sheet - Flame Retardant

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In July, California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) [shared a new Fact Sheet](#) regarding flame retardants. Flame retardants are used in a variety of consumer products to reduce their



flammability. Some of the known flame-retardant chemicals are known to cause cancer: Antimony trioxide, chlorinated tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate, TDCPP, and TDCIPP), pentabromodiphenyl ether (PentaBDE) mixture [DE-71(technical grade)], tetrabromobisphenol A (TBBPA), and Tris (2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP).

The chemicals are used on upholstered furniture, carpet, carpet padding, motor vehicle interiors, electrical and electronic products, building insulation, and camping tents and gymnastics equipment. California has created a ban that begins in January 2021 regarding use and amount. [New Fact Sheet](#)



## REGULATORY

New Restriction Intentions  
for BPAs & PFAS

Restricting 1,000 Skin  
Sensitizing Substances

### **New Restriction Intentions for BPAs & PFAS**

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ECHA shared the news that Germany has issued an [intention to restrict](#) and place on the market and use of 4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol (bisphenol A; EC 201-245-8, CAS 80-05-7) and 'structurally related bisphenols of similar concern for the environment. Bisphenol A (BPA) has been identified as an endocrine disruptor.

Much like in California, fire-related chemicals are being reviewed in Europe. ECHA has submitted an [intention to restrict](#) per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foams. Data collected in Europe shows that fluorinated fire-fighting foams contaminate the soil and drinking water.

Both intentions were submitted in October 2020 and restricted proposals are expected October 2021.

On October 29, 2020, there is an upcoming [ECHA Webinar: Restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\) under REACH](#) that shares information about the REACH restrictions process and status of the proposed PFAS restriction. The event will include a live Q&A session.

### **Restricting 1,000 Skin Sensitizing Substances**

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The Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) has adopted its [final opinion](#) on France and Sweden's [proposal](#) to restrict [skin sensitizing substances](#) in clothing textiles, leathers, and synthetics placed on the skin. Skin sensitization is a health effect that leads to a lifelong sensitive to a specific allergen and it is estimated that up to 5 million people in the European Economic Area are already sensitized and nearly 180,000 new cases are added each year. The proposed restriction covers substances that have a harmonized classification as skin sensitizers under the Classification, Labelling and Packing (CLP) Regulation. If the European Commission adopts the restrictions many new skin allergies will be prevented and existing symptoms relieved for those currently impacted.





## REGULATORY

Safe+Sound Updated  
COVID Info

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## CONTACTS

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Newsletter Committee  
Reminder

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## Safe+Sound with Updated COVID-19 Info

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You can find [new COVID-19 resources](#) shared by OSHA on SCHC's newsworthy page. There are links to Workers Wearing Face Coverings in Hot and Humid Conditions, Cleaning Staff, Restaurant Employees, Workers Making In-Home Repairs, and a memo regarding temporary enforcement guidance for Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs).



## Reminder: Board Nominations Due Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

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SCHC members will be called to vote, in late 2020, for new and returning members of the Board of Directors of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Two-year terms for four Board Member positions will expire in spring, 2021 and those elected will assume their roles in Spring 2021.

You are invited to join the all-volunteer leadership team in serving the mission and members of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Members who are in good standing are qualified and invited to run for Board positions. For additional information on the Board Member position and the Nominating Committee Standard Practices, please visit the Nominating Committee web-page at [www.schc.org/nominating](http://www.schc.org/nominating). Interested members should contact SCHC Nominating Committee Chair, Mark Cohen at [Markscohen1@gmail.com](mailto:Markscohen1@gmail.com), as soon as is possible and no later than November 1, 2020. Should you have questions or would like to visit further, simply drop Mark an email at the email above.

## Vendor Recognition

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SCHC would like to extend their thanks to [A Media Marketing](#) of Tampa, Florida for their help with the first virtual SCHC conference and marketing efforts. Without them, this would not be happening.

## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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