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Get Ready for December— New Course Registration Open and Membership Renewals

November felt like it went by in a blink of an eye! We're so pleased to have delivered a successful Annual Meeting at the beginning of the month. Many positives came out of the conference, and they will be incorporated into 2022 to benefit our members—more news on that coming soon!

A company requested that SCHC's August distant learning course be offered again and we're making it available to members and non-members. Learn more about the updated [January 2022 Course: Distance Training: Multi-Modal Hazardous Materials / Dangerous Goods Classification Training](#). Registration is OPEN.

Current SCHC Members will soon receive emails with an easy-to-use link to renew their Membership for 2022. Lapsed and new members can sign up now and receive Membership benefits through December 31, 2022. [Follow the instructions on this page.](#)

News from OSHA

[New Assistant Secretary at OSHA: Douglas L. Parker](#)

[New Online Portal for OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program](#)

[Seasonal Worker Safety & Compliance Reminders](#)

[Nov 4th - Emergency Temporary Standard RE Coronavirus](#)

[Updates to GHS in the US](#) (submitted by K. Alcock)

Mark Your Calendar

December 14-15, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [EU CLP Labelling](#)

January 5-6, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Classification for Transport](#)

NEW January 11-20, 2022 - SCHC Distance Learning: [Multi-Modal Hazardous Materials / Dangerous Goods Classification Training](#)

January 17-25, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [CLP Classification](#)

February 1-2, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Overview of the Biocide Products Regulation \(BPR\)](#)

[SCHC Member Profile: Log in to find event Discount Codes](#)



Extreme weather can require unique transport options.

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GHS in the US, Updated Information from OSHA

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Submitted by Kirsten Alcock, Dell Tech Laboratories

On November 15th, 2021, OSHA gave a presentation on the status of the GHS to industry stakeholders. This presentation was similar to the one we received through our SCHC virtual meeting a couple weeks earlier but we have **NEW** information.

During the meeting on November 15th, an individual asked OSHA in the question/answer period about when we can expect to see the final rule. As advised by Janet Carter, an OSHA Senior Health Scientist, OSHA is hoping for December 2022.



OSHA is indicating that December 2022 is the earliest they could finalize the rule. They are working hard to meet or be near that timeline as it corresponds with an estimate they received from representatives at Health Canada. OSHA would like to be in alignment with Canada on the timeline for the adoption of GHS Version 7.

I know this is not what we were all hoping for. We were hoping to update our SDSs to the GHS Version 7 sooner rather than later.

So the question lies - WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

- Continue to ensure that your SDSs and labels are in compliance with current regulations.
- Continue to update your SDSs if new information becomes available on the formulations, the raw materials, shipping classifications, etc.



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ECHA: New Substance
Evaluation Conclusions
Published

Nanomaterials in EU
Waste Streams

ECHA: New Substance Evaluation Conclusions Published

Under ECHA, there is a [Substance Evaluation table](#) associated with the [Community rolling action plan \(CoRAP\)](#). If a substance is on this list, it means that a Member State has evaluated or will evaluate the substance in the coming years. CoRAP was last updated November 22, 2021 and contains 384 unique substances/entries.

Germany completed the evaluations for the three substances below. The three substances were originally added to the CoRAP list in 2015.

New documents are now available for:

- [m-xylene](#) (EC 203-576-3, CAS 108-38-3);
- [o-xylene](#) (EC 202-422-2, CAS 95-47-6); and
- [p-xylene](#) (EC 203-396-5, CAS 106-42-3).



Safer Chemicals Podcast

Nanomaterials in EU waste streams



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Nanomaterials in EU Waste Streams

During the SCHC Annual Meeting, two of the forum sessions involved nanomaterials. While it may not be in everyone's daily conversation yet, it may be soon, particularly as the field of study widens.

ECHA's Safer Chemicals podcast [Nanomaterials in EU waste streams](#) is a timely continuation of that topic as it looks at product lifecycles, waste recycling, and more.

Do you have more to say on this subject? Join the [SCHC LinkedIn Group](#) and tag your comment #nanomaterials.



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EPA: Final BEs for
Glyphosate, Atrazine,
Simazine

Safe Work Australia:
New Model to
Manage Respirable
Crystalline Silica
Risks

EPA: Final Biological Evaluations for Glyphosate, Atrazine and Simazine

EPA reviewed a variety of data sources and considered public comments, and has finalized its biological evaluations (BEs) for glyphosate, atrazine, and simazine, three herbicides that are used to control a variety of grasses and broadleaf weeds. [Read the full release](#), which includes information regarding the summary document of comments and EPA responses.

The full release also details how the EPA issued a final cancellation order for propazine and therefore they did not complete a BE for propazine.



Safe Work Australia: New Model to Manage Respirable Crystalline Silica Risks

Safe Work Australia released a new model Code of Practice to manage the risks of respirable crystalline silica from engineered stone in the workplace.

[This web page](#) includes a link to the 59-page PDF that outlines the Code of Practice, stakeholder information, and information regarding the legal effect in a jurisdiction.

For additional information regarding Safe Work Australia's position on crystalline silica and silicosis, readers can visit [this page](#) with links to definitions, hazards, health effects, control measures, changes to the workplace exposure standard, and additional resources.





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EPA: Mercury Inventory Reporting Rule Revisions

News for CA Prop 65

EPA: Mercury Inventory Reporting Rule Revisions

Earlier this month the US Environmental Protection Agency announced revisions to the 2018 mercury reporting rule which requires reporting from persons who manufacture mercury or mercury-added products. The 2018 rule was challenged in the 2nd Circuit court in July 2018, and the court issued a decision nearly two years later, which vacated the exemption for companies that import pre-assembled products containing mercury-added components, such as a device with a mercury-added battery. The revision implements the court's order to vacate the exemption. The deadline to report 2021 data is July 1, 2022. [Read the November 8th Final rule.](#)

These actions are in line with the [Minamata Convention on Mercury](#), a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury.

[Resources for the Mercury Inventory Reporting Rule](#) This webpage lists resources to help with EPA's Mercury Electronic Reporting (MER) application, including compliance and user guides. [Watch the pre-recorded webinar "MER Application"](#)

MER can also be accessed through the [Central Data Exchange \(CDX\)](#).

News for CA Prop 65

As part of the CA Prop 65 guidelines, California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) shared several announcements in October and November.

[Current Prop 65 NSRLs Maximum Allowable Dose Levels \(MADLs\)](#)

Updated October 1, 2021

[Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Amendment to Section 25705 Specific Regulatory Levels Posing No Significant Risk: 1,3-Dichloropropene.](#)

Public comments regarding this notice must be received by December 13, 2021.



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News for CA Prop 65
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TRI Turns 35!

News for CA Prop 65 (continued)

[Announcement of the Carcinogen Identification Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 6, 2021; Notice of Availability of Hazard Identification Materials for Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid \(PFOS\) and Its Salts and Transformation and Degradation Precursors](#) and the associated [Preliminary Agenda for Meeting of the Carcinogen Identification Committee Virtual Meeting](#) Meeting is December 6, 2021 starting at 10 a.m. [Get registered for this Zoom meeting by clicking this link.](#)

[Announcement of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 14, 2021; Notice of Availability of Hazard Identification Materials for Perfluorononanoic Acid and Perfluorodecanoic Acid and Their Salts](#) which includes this addition from the November 5, 2021 update: “One Additional Study Included in a revised Table 4.1 in the Hazard Identification Document for the December 14, 2021 Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee Meeting”. The preliminary agenda and registration for this meeting is still forthcoming from the OEHHA. It will be a virtual meeting scheduled for 10 a.m.

TRI Celebrates its 35th Anniversary

On October 17th, the Toxics Release Inventory marked its 35th anniversary. It was created under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The EPA assembled a [historical page](#) that marked the TRI’s role in the field and in the news. The page also links to a webinar series, expansion of the TRI Program slideshow, and a “35 years of EPCRA” timeline.



[Videos: TRI in Action](#) (four links below)

[The Power of Community Right-to-Know](#), Using Data for Collaborative Action: [In Communities](#), [At Universities](#), [At Industrial Facilities](#).



REGULATORY

EPA Proposes Rule to
Add 12 Chemicals to TRI

EPA Webinar: TRI P2
Data & Uses

EPA Proposes Rule to Add 12 Chemicals to TRI

EPA released its [proposed rule](#) regarding twelve chemicals it will add to the Toxics Release inventory (TRI). The chemicals will be subject to the TRI reporting requirements as EPA believes they pose a moderately high to high human health toxicity and/or are highly toxic to aquatic organisms.



The Toxics Use for Reduction Institute (TURI) petitioned the EPA in May of 2014 to add 25 chemicals to the TRI. Of the 25, three had been previously added and the twelve chemicals below have been identified as appropriate to add to the TRI.

The chemicals proposed for addition are:

- Dibutyltin dichloride; 683-18-1
- 1,3-Dichloro-2-propanol; 96-23-1
- Formamide; 75-12-7
- 1,3,4,6,7,8-Hexahydro-4,6,6,7,8,8-hexamethylcyclopenta[g]-2-benzopyran; 1222-05-5
- N-Hydroxyethylethylenediamine; 111-41-1
- Nitrilotriacetic acid trisodium salt; 5064-31-3
- p-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl)phenol; 140-66-9
- 1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene; 87-61-6
- Triglycidyl isocyanurate; 2451-62-9
- Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate; 115-96-8
- Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate; 13674-87-8
- Tris(dimethylphenol) phosphate; 25155-23-1

EPA Webinar: TRI P2 Data & Uses



Image credit: YouTube.com- U.S. EPA

Watch this [pre-recorded webinar](#): TRI Pollution Prevention (P2) Data and Uses

[Learn more about Pollution Prevention and TRI](#)



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SCHC Committees

Spotlight

SCHC Committees Spotlight - Jing Sun

In this edition, the SCHC Newsletter Committee chatted with Jing Sun, the SCHC Chair of the Poster Session Committee.

Tell us a bit about yourself, what do you do?

My name is Jing Sun and I currently work for AMVAC, a pesticide company. In addition to hazard communication, I am functioning as the quality assurance unit of the company's EPA Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) program.



Jing Sun

How long have you been doing it?

I took the first HazCom-related job in 2012 when OSHA's new hazard communication standard became effective. I joined the current company 18 months ago and I am still new to FIFRA and EPA GLP regulations.

What are your aspirations?

I have a passion for hazard communication, which sounds weird to many people including my boss. I believe hazard communication is essential to everyone since we are using numerous chemical products in everyday life. Although my knowledge is typically more useful to chemical companies, I always want to share the idea of chemical hazard communication with the general public.

What is something unique about you?

I like to find out the reason why we do certain things, which can be good for my quality assurance role. I also like to experience new things and learn from mistakes.

Why did you join SCHC?

When I started my first job as a HazCom professional, I didn't quite understand what I was doing. So I joined SCHC to meet people and learn about hazard communication. It worked out well.

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SCHC Committees
Spotlight (*continued*)

SCHC Committees Spotlight (*continued*)

What committee are you in charge of and what do they do?

I am from the Poster Session Committee and we organize the poster session at the Annual Meeting. At the poster session people present posters to share ideas about hazard communication in a reception atmosphere. I presented one myself in 2014 and learned so much from the discussions with other attendees. This year at the virtual conference we had a wide range of topics presented, and all of the presenter posters and their abstracts will be available for public viewing on SCHC.org in December.

Are you accepting new members?

Yes, always.

What are the benefits of joining your committee?

Arranging the poster session is a good opportunity to meet people in the professional field. And I love the casual atmosphere at the poster session and enjoy making it happen. If that's something you are also interested in, we can surely talk about it.

When are your meetings?

We don't have regular meetings at this moment. The 3 months before the SCHC conference are the busiest time for the poster session committee, and we may choose to have meeting if necessary. You can forget about the poster session in the other 9 months if you have more important things to do.

If someone is interested in knowing more about your committee, where should they send their questions?

Feel free to e-mail me (Jing Sun) at poster@schc.org

Did you know the [winning poster](#) of this year's Poster Session was added to the SCHC Heritage page? It's a great reference, especially for those new to HazCom.

**Ten Decades of Chemical Hazard Communication:
Guidance for Labels and Material Safety Data Sheets from the 1920s through the 2020s**



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Occupational Exposure
Banding

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Occupational Exposure Banding

AIHA (previously known as the American Industrial Hygiene Association) has been a collaborator with SCHC through the [AIHA Registry Programs](#). AIHA has developed a public [resource regarding Occupational Exposure Banding \(OEB\)](#). Per their website: “*OEB, also known as hazard banding, health hazard banding, or exposure banding, is a process assigning chemicals into bands or categories based on a chemical’s toxicological potency and the risk of adverse health effects associated with exposure. The result of this process is called an occupational exposure band, which is a range of exposure concentrations where worker health is anticipated to be protected.*”

Visit the AIHA [OEB video playlist on YouTube](#) to review it for your own knowledge or readily share with colleagues and/or clients. Bookmark the playlist for future videos.

[What is Occupational Exposure Banding \(OEB\)?](#)

[How OEB Can Help Keep Your Workers Safe](#)



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CLP Community Hub

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