You and the Future of SCHC

SCHC President Julia Diebol will be presenting a session at this year’s Annual Meeting focused on Members and the dynamic evolution of SCHC. After the meeting, we will make highlights from the President’s session available for non-attendees. The countdown to the meeting has begun and this is a reminder that SCHC staff will be unavailable outside of the meeting November 1 – November 5.

News from OSHA

New website for Code of Federal Regulations
Memorandum to Open the Emergency Preparedness and Response Docket to Public Comment

Mark Your Calendar

November 1, 2021 - LAST DAY Submit Names for the 2022 SCHC Board
November 1-5, 2021 - SCHC Annual Meeting (Registration Closed)
November 10-11, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: Poison Centre Notification
November 16-17, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: Introduction to SDS Writing
November 30-December 8, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: CLP Classification
November 16-17, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: EU CLP Labelling
January 5-6 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: Classification for Transport

SCHC Member Profile: Log in to find event Discount Codes
End-of-Year SCHC Membership Drive

SCHC will open its end-of-year Membership Drive on December 1. Active members will receive a renewal invoice via email on or around December 1. You can also access your renewal invoice when logged-in to the SCHC website – go to My Profile and hover over features to view additional information.

Whether this is your first time or a renewal of a lapsed membership, joining during the Membership Drive means that your membership is valid through the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. This is perfect if you were interested in any of the CHCS courses listed on the front page. CHCS is a partner organization who provides event discounts to SCHC members.

The SCHC admin will send emails with additional Membership Drive details after the SCHC Annual Meeting.

Bosses and Consultants - Did you know an SCHC Membership can be an investment for your HazCom team? There are membership training opportunities and member’s special savings throughout the year, in addition to access to interesting programs, networking opportunities, and resources. Membership discounts for professional development courses and the Annual Meeting often cover the cost of an annual membership.

Annual Meeting Kicks-Off November 1st

If you’ve registered for the Annual Meeting, you should have already received your invitation to join the meeting. The invite will go to the email that you registered with. If you have not received it, please check your spam folder. If it’s not there, visit schc2021.pathable.co and request tech support for log-in assistance (link is in the footer).

All registrants should access the website and view their agenda immediately to test their connectivity. Slow internet connections and institutional settings may need to be adjusted or alternative arrangements may be necessary for you to enjoy your virtual experience. Please visit the Tech Support page and FAQ page to optimize your experience and find helpful videos.
**New Date for Call for Nominations**

Calling all interested leaders…

Calling all interested leaders… service, through leadership, is the shared responsibility of our Society for Chemical Hazard Communication membership.

SCHC is fortunate to have highly-qualified and committed members, representing many aspects of the Hazard Communication industry, serving our membership at all levels. And, we need you to join our leadership team!

In January 2022 SCHC members will be called to vote for officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Two-year terms for five Board Member positions will expire in Spring, 2022. All officer position terms (Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President and President) will also expire in spring 2022. The newly elected individuals will assume their roles in Spring 2022.

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 and have been members for at least 2 years are qualified and invited to run for Officer and Board positions. For additional information on the Officer and 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, Denese Deeds at d.deeds@ih-sc.com, as soon as is possible and **no later than November 1, 2021**.

Should you have questions or would like to discuss the positions, simply drop Denese an email at the email above.

All members are encouraged to start their SCHC leadership journey through Committee participation, Committee leadership and Board Member service. Nominating Committee - Darlene Susa-Anderson, Denese Deeds, Suzanne Matuszewski, and Luc Séguin.
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EPA: Nationwide Initiative to Reduce Lead Exposure

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching a new training initiative, Enhancing Lead-Safe Work Practices through Education and Outreach (ELSWPEO), to raise awareness about childhood lead exposure and protect environmentally overburdened and underserved communities across the United States from lead exposure.

ELSWPEO will use a two-pronged approach to reduce lead exposure, including:

- Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) training for contractors to increase the number of firms who are certified to manage lead contamination. EPA will provide free trainings in English and Spanish.
- Lead Awareness Curriculum Train-the-Trainer sessions for community leaders.

EPA is facilitating these two trainings in Albuquerque, NM; Bismarck-Mandan, ND area; Hartford, Conn; Los Angeles County, CA; Miami, FL; Peoria, IL; Reading, PA; San Juan, PR; San Diego County, CA, Boise, ID, and Trenton, NJ.

EPA Resources Regarding Lead: [EPA.gov/lead](http://EPA.gov/lead)

Learn more about EPA’s local training and outreach

**National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is October 24-30, 2021.**

This website provides a Partner Information Kit, flyers, posters, web assets, social media assets and more. The US Awareness week coincides with the international effort coordinated with the [World Health Organization](http://www.who.int), the [Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint](http://www.leadfreepaint.org), and others.
EPA: Notice to Add 12 Chemicals to the TRI

On October 18th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a notice of a proposed rule that may add 12 chemicals to the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) list. A public comment period is open until December 17, 2021.

In 2014, the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) filed a petition with the EPA under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The original petition listed 25 chemicals and the EPA evaluated available data and proposed a rule adding 12 of the 25 chemicals to the TRI. The original petition listed 25 chemicals can be found on the notice. EPA believes that one chemical should be classified as a persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemical and designated as a chemical of special concern with a 100-pound reporting threshold.

The 12 chemicals that are listed on the proposed rule:

- 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-Hydroxyethylethlenediamine; 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
SCIP Launched to Public

ECHA announced that the EU’s first public database of substances of very high concern in products, SCIP, is now accessible. More than 6,000 companies in the EU submitted more than 4 million article notifications. Learn more about SCIP.

CA Prop 65: Proposed Rulemaking for Acrylamide

As part of the CA Prop 65 guidelines, California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Subsection Warning of Acrylamide Exposure from Food.

Part of the new subsection would read that “consuming this product can expose you to acrylamide, a probable human carcinogen formed in some foods during cooking or processing at high temperatures.” Public comments must be received by OEHHA no later than November 8, 2021.

Download the Initial statement of reason
Related reading: FDA.gov “Acrylamide and Diet, Food Storage an Food Preparation”
New Guide Regarding Titanium Dioxide

Beginning October 1, 2021, the classification and labelling requirements for titanium dioxide (TiO2) went into force under the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Titanium dioxide is suspected to be carcinogenic. A new guide was developed in cooperation with the German competent authority (BAuA), the European Commission, and the network of national helpdesks (HelpNet).

Guide users can find information about classification and labelling of the substance titanium dioxide and mixtures containing titanium dioxide, labelling of solid and liquid mixtures, labelling with EUH210, as well as, a Q&A and examples.

ECHA Titanium Dioxide Substance Information

ECHA: Titanium Dioxide Dossier

Titanium dioxide is often used as a bright white, opaque pigment.

In news related to titanium dioxide, the European Food Safety Authority announced in May of 2021 that titanium dioxide (E171) was no longer considered safe as a food additive. The E171 additive can be found in, among other things, bakery wares, soups, broths, sauces, salad and sandwich spreads, and processed nuts. It can also be found in common household products, like toothpaste, cosmetics, paints and medicines.

Scientific Assessment of Titanium Dioxide (E171)
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has released version 3.8 of the eChemPortal.

They have posted a free video featuring their September 2021 webinar Reconciling Terminology of the Universe of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, which discusses their recently published report of recommendations and practical guidance on the subject.

OECD released its Advisory Document on Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Data Integrity. For those newer to GLP, the OECD has assembled a webpage with resources.

Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs): OECD released their 188-page report “Using PRTR Information to Evaluate Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goal 12” and short video titled “Tracking the Progress Made Towards Reducing Industrial Pollution to Meet UN SDS Target 12.4”. One section of the video shares that “Over 40 countries have developed and are operating PRTR’s and many other countries are conducting pilot studies for their development.” EPA’s TRI is the U.S. PRTR.

Are you involved with GLP, PRTRs or other environment-related HazCom activities and have an interest in sharing your expertise? SCHC’s Professional Development Committee (PDC) welcomes course proposals via their SCHC.org committee page. If you have questions, you can reach out to Karin Baron, the PDC Chair.

Learn more about teaching Annual Meeting Course Webinar Distance Learning Course
EPA: Ethylene Oxide TRI Reporting Requirements

Ethylene oxide (EtO) is a flammable, colorless gas used in making products, such as antifreeze, textiles, plastics, detergents and adhesives. In October, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced they are using their discretionary authority under the EPCRA to extend Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reporting requirements for EtO. Both ethylene oxide and ethylene glycol have been on the TRI toxic chemical list since it opened in 1987.

Among its many uses, ethylene oxide can be used to sterilize equipment and plastic devices that cannot be sterilized by steam, such as medical equipment. EPA has communicated with a select group of commercial sterilizers to begin this TRI reporting process, and identified the facilities based on the chemical's use, method and quantity of EtO released, population metrics, and other data points.

This is recognized as an important first step to collect data and protect the environment or nearby population, including workers and facility neighbors.

EPA is addressing EtO emissions in other industries, too. The following rules are under review, with their anticipated final date:

- Commercial Sterilizers: 2022
- Hospital Sterilizers: 2023
- Group 1 Polymers and Resins (Neoprene): 2024
- Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry: 2024
- Polyether Polyols Production: 2024
- Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources: 2024
CA Prop 65: Comments and Public Meeting for PFNA & PFDA

The California Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will convene a public meeting on December 14, 2021 from 10 am—5 pm PT of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DARTIC) for possible listing of perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) and its salts, and perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) and its salts, under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). Learn more about the meeting and register if you plan on providing an oral comment.

OEHHA is also opening a 45-day public comment period on the hazard identification document for these chemicals. The public comment period will end on Monday, November 15, 2021. A copy of the document is available on OEHHA’s web site at https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65.

SCHC Committees Spotlight - Doug Strock

In this edition, the SCHC Newsletter Committee chatted with Doug Strock, the SCHC Co-Chair for the Exhibit Committee.

Tell us a bit about yourself, what do you do? I am Vice President of Global Language Translations and Consulting. I help with strategic planning, proposal writing, technology development, and marketing.

How long have you been doing it? Over 25 years.

What are your aspirations? To earn enough to become an angel investor.

What is something unique about you? I survived numerous roadside bombs in Iraq.

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SCHC Committees Spotlight - Doug Strock (continued)

Why did you join SCHC? I wanted to be more involved in the industry and help the organization grow.

What committee are you in charge of and what do they do? I am the co-chair of the Exhibit Committee. The Exhibit Committee is all about making the annual meeting a better experience for the attendees, and to bring new, innovative products and services to the meeting.

Are you accepting new members? Yes, we always welcome new members to the committee.

What are the benefits of joining your committee? One of the key benefits is to help make the exhibitor experience better.

When are your meetings? We meet in the afternoon of the second day of the annual conference (during the time before the reception) with all exhibitors who are present.

If someone is interested in knowing more about your committee, where should they send their questions? They can send questions to me at djstrock@gltac.com or Jon Bang at jbang1@yahoo.com.

Chill Zone

Annual Meeting Attendees– Check out the Chill Zone when you log-in!

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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