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SCHC Annual Meeting: Bigger & Better than 2020!

We are finalizing details for the Annual Meeting and impressed with how sponsors and poster presenters are joining forces to make this virtual event more robust and involved. See more details starting on [page 4](#) or jump straight to [SCHC.org](https://www.schc.org) to sign-up now to grab the [early -bird pricing for attendees](#) (with the bonus Member discount) or as a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Poster Session Sponsor.

News from OSHA

[September is National Preparedness Month—Resources Remembering 9/11 & Lessons Learned by R. Mendelson, Play the video “OSHA at Ground Zero”](#)

[National Apprenticeship Week— Nov 15-21, 2021](#)

[Explore Small Business Safety & Health Handbook’s Self-Inspection Checklist](#)

Mark Your Calendar

October 5-6, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Chemical Safety Assessment: Science & Theory for Risk Characterization](#)

October 12-22, 2021 - SCHC Distance Learning: [Globally Harmonized System for Classification & Labeling of Chemicals](#)

October 12-13, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Extended SDS Understanding Exposure Scenarios](#)

November 1-5, 2021 - [SCHC Annual Meeting](#) Early-Bird Pricing Ends October 8 [Sponsorship Deadline is October 18th](#)

November 10-11, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Poison Centre Notification](#)

November 16-17, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Introduction to Basic SDS Writing](#)

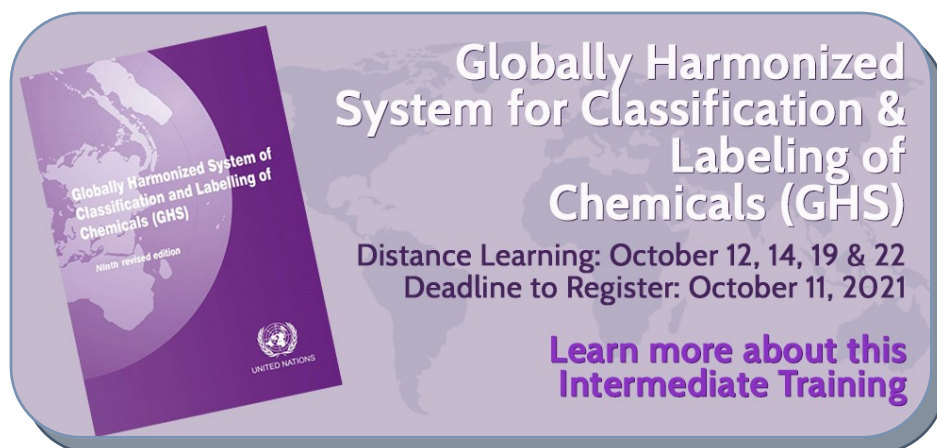
[SCHC Member Profile: Log in to find event Discount Codes](#)



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NEW SCHC Distance
Learning Course: GHS

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Registration is open for the new SCHC Distance Training course: [Globally Harmonized System for Classification & Labeling for Chemicals \(GHS\)](#). This is a multi-day, 16-hour course designed for intermediate training for HazCom professionals. The course will incorporate lecture, discussion and practice with hands-on classification. Some highlights include substance and mixture classification criteria, SDS content, label elements, and implementation updates including GHS Revision 8 and 9 as available, EU CLP, OSHA, HCS, and selected countries.

[Read the course brochure.](#) Participants will be expected to finish all 16-hours of training to receive their certificate of completion.

SCHC members can find the discount code for this event by logging into their SCHC Member accounts.

This course will be presented by Dr. Michele R. Sullivan (pictured left), a recognized expert in domestic and international hazard communication and author of SDS and GHS guidance manuals, and Paul W. Brigandi, a recognized expert in US and international hazard communication regulations.





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Call for Nominations for
SCHC 2022 Leadership

Call for Nominations for SCHC 2022 Officers & Board Members

Calling all interested leaders...service, through leadership, is the shared responsibility of our Society membership. SCHC is fortunate to have highly qualified and committed members, representing many aspects of the Hazard Communication industry and serving our membership at all levels. We need you to join our leadership team!



SCHC members will be called to vote, in early 2022, for new and returning Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. The terms of the current officers and five Board Member positions will expire in the Spring of 2022. Those elected will assume their roles on April 1, 2022. [View the current Officers and Board Members](#).

You are invited to join the all-volunteer leadership team in serving the mission and members of SCHC. Members who are in good standing are qualified and invited to run for Officer and Board positions.

Interested members should contact SCHC Nominating Committee Chair, Denese Deeds at d.deeds@ih-sc.com, as soon as possible and no later than December 1, 2021. Should you have questions or would like to visit further, 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](#) - Denese Deeds (Chair), Darlene Susa-Anderson, Suzanne Matuszewski, and Luc Séguin.



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SCHC Annual Meeting: Sneak Peek

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[Early-bird registration for the SCHC Annual Meeting is open](#). This year, the conference is a week-long virtual experience packed with more opportunities and fun than last year's event.

The SCHC Board and Committee Members listened to the feedback from last year's attendees, exhibitors, poster presenters and sponsors and designed this year's event to be invigorating, engaging and balanced.

The days are packed with a variety of sessions; attendees will have their focus drawn to daily poster presentations, networking forum sessions where they can share real-life experiences, [plenary sessions with HazCom's hottest topics](#), and engaging activities that are reminiscent of our in-person events.

Platinum and Gold sponsors will host special discussions about topics from their industries and all sponsors will play an important role in this year's games, including a scavenger hunt. [Read more about the sponsorship opportunities](#).

The platform will have built-in time to relax with stress-free activities like HazCom@Home and a Chill Zone. Participants will be entertained with a professionally-presented Trivia Game and more.

Get more sneak peeks on SCHC's social media channels with the hashtag #SCHCFall2021. SCHC Members will receive a discounted rate and there is time to [become a member](#) before registering for the Annual Meeting.



**Register Now for the SCHC
2021 Annual Meeting on
SCHC.org**
a Virtual Conference November 1-5, 2021

#SCHCFall2021



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SCHC Annual Meeting:
Sponsors Highlight

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During this year's virtual event we are foregoing the traditional exhibitor experience and putting more emphasis on our [sponsors](#). Our sponsors are an integral part of helping SCHC meet our mission's pillars of education, networking and stewardship during the Annual conference. So, why not give them the space to voice their role in the HazCom community and its future?



On the agenda, there are ample ways for attendees to interact with and learn from sponsors. Attendees can:

- visit sponsor company pages which the sponsors will populate with HazCom-centric information,
- use special features like “leave a business card” to have conversations outside the event,
- request a private 1-on-1 Zoom meeting so that they can get their specific questions answered, or
- use the chat box on the sponsor page or throughout the events so that they can find solutions from the sponsor and others.

When we open the virtual platform, attendees will be able to add agenda items that feature Platinum and Gold sponsor discussions to “My Agenda”. These discussions will spotlight new or updated topics, products and services that can impact the HazCom field, stakeholders, inspections and compliance.

Thank you to our sponsors who committed early. [Deadline to register as a sponsor is October 18th.](#)



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SCHC Annual Meeting:
Sponsors Highlight
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REGULATORY

EPA: New Measures Reduce Risks from Paraquat

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In July, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released an [interim decision](#) regarding Paraquat Dichloride, commonly referred to as paraquat. The pesticide is one of the most widely-used herbicides in the United States and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires that paraquat be periodically re-evaluated through registration review to ensure that risk assessments and pesticide decisions reflect the best available science.

Paraquat is frequently used on invasive weeds, grasses, and crops including corn, cotton and soybeans. Some key components from the interim decision are focused on application and safety to reduce exposure and are enforceable mitigation measures, including:

- Limiting aerial applications and requiring residential buffers,
- Prohibiting pressurized handguns and backpack sprayer applications,
- Requiring enclosed cabs or respirators for groundboom applications,
- Increasing the Restricted Entry Interval (REI) for several crops.

Paraquat has long been reviewed for possible health side effects. Conflicting reports linked a [possible connection](#) with Parkinson's Disease. The [EPA 2019 literature review](#), an [updated study](#) of the Agriculture Health Study cohort report found no clear link between paraquat exposure from labeled uses and Parkinson's Disease.





REGULATORY

EPA: New Nematicide Active Ingredient

Prop 65: NSRLs for 3 Chemicals

EPA: New Nematicide Ingredient

In late July, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opened [comments](#) regarding their [proposed registration](#) of new pesticide active ingredient, fluazaindolizine. This chemical is a sulfonamide nematicide that EPA expects will play a role in resistance management and integrated pest management programs to help delay the further development of nematicide resistance. EPA has so far determined that the human health and ecological hazard profiles indicate that it is a reduced-risk alternative compared to registered alternatives.

Proposed uses include applications on carrots and cucurbits, and select other vegetable and fruit crops. The comments that were submitted can be read [here](#).



Prop 65: NSRLs for 3 Chemicals

California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has adopted regulations establishing No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for three chemicals. These levels are effective October 1, 2021.

- [Dibromoacetic acid](#), the level is 2.8 micrograms per day,
- [Dichloroacetic acid](#), the level is 17 micrograms per day,
- [Trichloroacetic acid](#), the level is 9.9 micrograms per day.

Dibromoacetic acid is produced by bromination of bromoacetic acid and is used primarily for research. Dichloroacetic acid has multiple uses, e.g., in research, as an ingredient in pharmaceuticals and medicines, as a topical astringent, and fungicide. Trichloroacetic acid is widely used in biochemistry, cosmetic treatments, and as a topical medication.



REGULATORY

New Guide for
Concrete Pumping

Safe Work Australia: Concrete Pumping

Safe Work Australia has received over 2,100 workers' compensation and multiple fatalities associated with concrete pumping over the last 5 years. The incidents happened throughout the process, from the plant to the installation by-products, such as fumes and noise. HazCom professionals can access the [Guide to Managing Risk in Construction: Concrete Pumping](#) on SafeWorkAustralia.org.

TSCA: Guidance on
Chemical Data
Reporting Petitions

TSCA: Guidance on Chemical Data Reporting Petitions

The U.S. EPA released guidance on the [two petition processes](#) applicable to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) regulations for public comment. The guidance is designed to help the regulated community understand and comply with requirements of both CDR-specific processes. The EPA's [CDR Petitions page](#) walks through an overview, guidance, and the petition process.

The announcement was made on August 23, 2021 and the EPA announced an opportunity for public input, open for a period of 120 days, closing on December 21, 2021. To leave a comment [visit the Federal Register](#), Federal Register Number 2021-17950.

EPA Updates Safer
Chemical Ingredients
List

EPA Updates Safer Chemical Ingredients List

The U.S. EPA added 36 chemicals to the [Safer Chemical Ingredients List](#) (SCIL). The SCIL is part of the EPA's [Safer Choice Program](#). Safer Choice is an EPA [Pollution Prevention \(P2\) program](#). The SCIL is a living list of chemicals by functional-use class that the EPA has evaluated and determined meet Safer Choice criteria. There is a [step-by-step guide](#) to help manufacturers and material suppliers on how to list chemicals on the SCIL. [Learn more about P2 through a variety of webinars.](#)



REGULATORY

EPA: Changes to
Respiratory Protection
Guidance

TSCA: Latest Inventory
Update

EPA: Changes to Respiratory Protection Guidance

In June 2020, EPA released [temporary guidance](#) during COVID-19 public health emergency to agricultural employers and pesticide handlers regarding respiratory protection requirements related to pesticide uses covered by the Agricultural Worker Protection Standards (WPS). A rush on NIOSH-approved respirators, testing supplies and related services were behind the temporary changes. The EPA has assessed the situation and determined supplies and services have improved, and is therefore ending the June 2020 guidance and the [May 2021 amendment](#), effective August 19, 2021.



TSCA: Latest Inventory Update

The [latest TSCA Inventory](#) is now available. The August 2021 update is now available and it contains 86,607 chemicals of which 41,953 are active. The non-confidential portion is updated approximately every six months.

Quick Links:

[How to access the TSCA Inventory](#)

[Download the non-confidential TSCA Inventory](#)

[Meaning of EPA Regulatory Flags](#)





REGULATORY

TSCA: Final Scope
Documents for DIDP &
DINP

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Spotlight

TSCA: Final Scope Documents for DIDP & DINP

In early September, the EPA released its final scope documents for the TSCA risk evaluations of diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP) and diisononyl phthalate (DINP). Both chemicals are commonly used as plasticizers in the production of plastic and plastic coating to increase flexibility. The EPA is concerned about [phthalates](#) because of their toxicity and the evidence of pervasive human and environmental exposure to those chemicals.

The final scope reflects the EPA's [policy changes](#) on risk evaluations announced in June. [How EPA Evaluates the Safety of Existing Chemicals](#)

Jump to the [Final Scope Document for DIDP](#)

Jump to the [Final Scope Document for DINP](#)

SCHC Committees Spotlight - Karin Baron

In this edition, the SCHC Newsletter Committee chatted with Karin Baron, M.S.P.H., the SCHC Chair for the Professional Development Committee (PDC). The upcoming [GHS distance learning program](#) is an example of the type of programming that the PDC explores and makes possible for HazCom professionals.

Tell us a bit about yourself, what do you do? I am a Senior Regulatory Consultant with a DC based law firm that has a global consulting affiliate. My current focus is registration and hazard communication strategies for specialty and industrial chemical companies wishing to achieve regulatory compliance in a global market.

How long have you been doing it? I have been with this firm for over 7 years, but managing these types of regulatory activities for over 20 years.



Karin Baron

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SCHC Committees Spotlight (continued)

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SCHC Committees Spotlight - Karin Baron *(continued)*

What are your aspirations? Early retirement, but until that day....I aspire to take the very complex framework of regulatory obligations and explain them to companies in a no-nonsense straightforward manner to allow them to address their business and regulatory needs effectively and efficiently.

What is something unique about you? I attended my first SCHC training when I was 8 months pregnant with my first child. He is graduating college in 2022!

Why did you join SCHC? I was looking for an organization that specialized in hazard communication and provided training for folks new, and not so new, to this space.

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

I am the Chair of the Professional Development Committee (PDC). PDC works with directors/instructors to develop and organize course content offered along with, or at times, held separately from, the annual meeting.

Are you accepting new members? Always!

What are the benefits of joining your committee? Firsthand experience with the complexities of organizing and offering training that benefits all members and non-members of SCHC.

When are your meetings? PDC meets once a month for about an hour using a call-in number. The meeting is typically the first Wednesday of the first full week of the month at 11:00 am (EDT) to accommodate East and West coast members.

If someone is interested in knowing more about your committee, where should they send their questions? I am happy to address any questions about the committee. Best way to reach me is by [e-mail](#).

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