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Great Start to Monthly Member Forums

During the January Monthly Forum Meeting, SCHC Chairs Kelsey Squelch and Chandra Gioiello discussed the [SCHC Speaker's Bureau](#) and some of its many benefits, including community stewardship, volunteerism, presentation experience, professional growth, exploration of subject matters, and more. More than 50 members attended the event. [February's Monthly Member Forum](#) already has more than 145 registered. Thank you to the participants!

News from OSHA

[OSHA Urges Safer Healthcare Workplaces](#)
[OSHA Announces Summer Data Challenge](#)
[OSHA Proposes to Add Two New Test Standards to NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Mark Your Calendar

February 23, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: [Why Don't My Section 2 & 14 Match?](#)
February 28, 2022 - SCHC Votes Due - [Log-in and Vote Online](#)
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Basic Toxicology](#)
March 7-8, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Toxicology](#)
March 22-23, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Intro to Basic SDS Writing](#)
March 23, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: [SCHC Leadership](#)
April 27, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: [EU Classifications, REACH, and maybe Brexit](#)
May 4-12, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [CLP Classification](#)
NEW May 18-19, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: [EU CLP Labelling](#)
NEW May 25, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: [How the SCHC Programs Come Together](#)

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

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2022 Officer/Board Election—Candidate Biographies

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The online voting poll for the SCHC 2022 Officer and Board election is open until February 28, 2022. Members are encouraged to vote early to take part in this process. Getting to know your candidate is very important in any voting situation, and we've assembled a [Candidate Biographies document](#) for your review.

On the Ballot:



Elizabeth Dederick, Ph.D.
for President



Tracy H. Graham
for Vice President



Atanu K. Das, CHMM, SDSRP,
for Secretary/Treasurer

2022 Officer/Board Election - Candidate Biographies (*continued*)

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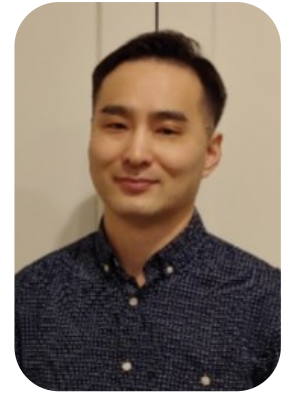
On the Ballot for Board of Directors:



Karin F. Baron, MSPH



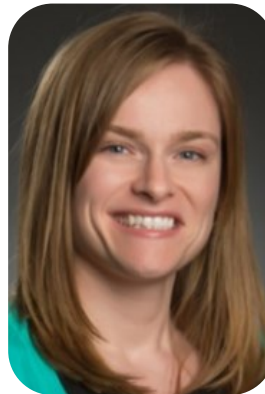
Lori C. Burry, Ph.D.



James Lee



Tarique Mangrio



Katie McGee



Robert S. Skoglund,
Ph.D, DABT, CIH



Michele R. Sullivan,
Ph.D.



Danielle Svestka

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a [new calculator](#) and updated worker exposure data used to assess occupational safety for new seed treatment pesticides, new seed treatment uses of registered pesticides, and existing seed treatment pesticides currently undergoing review.

EPA has created a [dedicated webpage](#) to address the basics of seed treatment exposure assessment, assessment policies, the aforementioned calculator and a Q&A section to help reduce exposure and related hazards.

Pesticides, such as fungicides, insecticides and nematicides, are applied to seeds prior to planting to protect them from diseases, insects, or other pests. Treated seeds can be produced in a facility or growers may opt to do so on their farm, which is often a more manual process.

Quick link to [Occupational Pesticide Handler Exposure Data](#)

Quick link to [Occupational Pesticide Post-application Exposure Data](#)

EPA Resumes Publishing to ChemView

In late January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) it would resume publishing notices of substantial risks provided by companies under section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to its [ChemView database](#). There is an [overview page about ChemView](#) and a tutorial video for those who may want to learn more.



[Watch the EPA's ChemView tutorial on YouTube](#)

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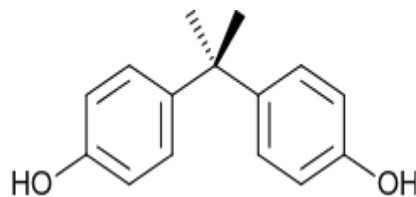
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California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) [issued a request for relevant information](#) on the carcinogenicity of [bisphenol A \(BPA\)](#). The substance was selected for the Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC)’s review for possible listing under Proposition 65. The data call-in period will end on Monday, March 14, 2022.

BPA is currently listed as causing development toxicity and female reproductive toxicity. It is commonly used to make certain plastics and resins and can be found in consumer goods, such as water bottles, sports equipment, coatings on the inside of many food and beverage cans and in making thermal paper, such as sales receipts. BPA is also known as 4,4'-(propane-2,2-diyl)diphenol, BPA, p,p'-isopropylidenebisphenol and 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane.



On February 3, OEHHA released its second report regarding the “[Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emission Limits Within Disadvantaged Communities: Progress Toward Reducing Inequities](#)”

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EPA Extending Supply-Chain Flexibilities

EPA Improves Bulletins Live! Two

EPA Extending Supply-Chain Flexibilities

On July 1, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [implemented supply chain flexibilities](#) that allowed registrants to substitute a combination of pre-approved alternate inert ingredients for inert ingredients derived from propylene oxide (PO) feedstocks. This was intended to address the limited supply of PO feedstocks due to weather events that occurred in the U.S. Gulf Coast in February 2021.

Although this action was originally set to expire on Dec. 31, 2021, EPA has [extended these supply chain flexibilities](#) until Dec. 31, 2022, due to continued disruptions to production.

EPA Improves Bulletins Live! Two

The EPA's online application for Endangered Species Protection Bulletins, [Bulletins Live! Two \(BLT\)](#) has been improved. BLT describes geographically specific pesticide use limitations to protect threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitat.

Pesticide applicators are required to reference the BLT website when directed by a product label and follow the use limitations for the intended application area, pesticide active ingredient or product, and application month.



The updated BLT system offers the following new capabilities that enable users to more easily find the information they need for a particular pesticide product. The updates include:

- Faster load and search times by connecting directly to EPA's Pesticide Product Label System;
- A modernized user interface with higher resolution basemaps;
- Increased compatibility with more web browsers; and
- A simplified search function with clarified instructions for searching by registration number.

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REACH: New Substance Evaluation Conclusions

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The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) issued a call for comments on 13 applications for authorization covering 17 uses of:

- [chromium trioxide](#) (EC 215-607-8, CAS 1333-82-0) used in functional chrome plating, chromic acid anodising of aluminum spars, hard chromium coating, etching and electroplating of substrates;
- [4-\(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl\)phenol, ethoxylated](#) used as a detergent in the purification of lapidated OspA protein subsequently used for manufacturing of a Lyme disease vaccine candidate;
- [4-nonylphenol, branched and linear, ethoxylated](#) (EC 500-209-1, CAS 68412-54-4) used for the manufacture of glass fibre articles for critical composite helicopter parts.

More information about the uses that authorization is applied for, including the description of the function of the substance, exposure scenarios, possible alternatives identified by the applicants, together with socio-economic information, is available on the ECHA website.

The deadline to comment is April 6, 2022. [Use this link to comment.](#)

REACH: New Substance Evaluation Conclusions

ECHA published two new documents to REACH on the Community Action Plan Substance Evaluation Table.

- [benzene, mono-C10-13-alkyl derivs., distn. residues](#) (EC 284-660-7, CAS 84961-70-6), added to the [CoRAP list](#) in 2014 and evaluated by Italy; and
- [polyhaloalkene \(EC 468-710-7, CAS 754-12-1\)](#), added to the CoRAP list in 2012 and evaluated by Germany.

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On February 2nd, 2022, the United Nations regional commissions released its report based on the Fourth United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation. The report outlines the ideas of digitalization, process, compliance and preparation during this post-pandemic experience and in preparation for times of crisis and supply-chain concerns. The report “Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation: Global Report” and its supporting data can be found [here](#).



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