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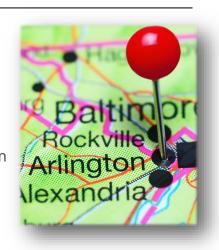
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#### **Call for Presentation Abstracts**

SCHC is actively seeking program ideas for the 2023 Annual Meeting plenary session. We invite prospective subject matter experts to complete a Call for Presentation Abstracts form and submit it for consideration by March 31, 2023. This year's event is a five-day program in Arlington, Virginia, with expanded education, networking and more. Learn more about this opportunity on the SCHC Program Committee page.



#### **News from OSHA**

- OSHA VPP Modernization Project Seeks Public Comment
- OSHA Advisory Committee on Construction Safety & Health, workgroups to meet February 28, meeting March 1, 2023
- <u>Carbon monoxide risks during winter months</u>
   Some Injury Reporting Due March 2, Form 300A

#### Mark Your Calendar

February 28, 2023 - SCHC Last Day to Vote for Board Members

March 1-2, 2023 - CHCS Distance Learning: Overview of the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR)

NEW March 15, 2023 - SCHC Distance Learning: <u>How HazCom</u> <u>Professionals Can Help Make Products Safe & Sustainable by Design</u>

March 22, 2023 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: EU Updates

NEW April 26, 2023 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: Current US TSCA

Policies That Have An Effect On Hazard Communication

March 29-30, 2023 - CHCS Distance Learning: <u>Basic SDS Writing</u>

SAVE THE DATE September 30- October 5, 2023: <u>SCHC Annual</u>

Meeting at the Crystal Gateway Marriott

Find Member Discount Codes under the SCHC.org menu's Resources tab



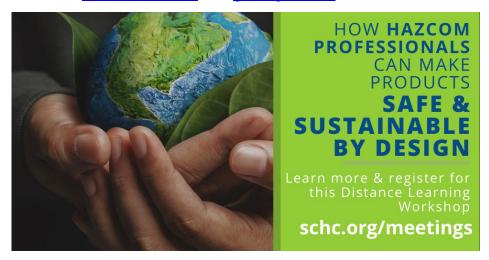
March Distance Learning Workshop

March Members Monthly Forum

# **March Distance Learning Workshop**

SCHC is offering a new 90-minute distance learning workshop on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 titled "How HazCom Professionals Can Make Products Safe & Sustainable by Design." This advanced course offers hazard communication experts an opportunity to use their education and training to help their company develop products. This is a "train the trainer" course and may be of particular interest to those involved in the "new product introduction" processes of their company.

Read the course brochure and get registered.



Get Registered for the next Members Monthly Forum

happening March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm ET, with registration closing

March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm ET.

Join Hannah Mason from Chemical Legislation Professionals who will be discussing the latest in EU updates with us. We'll definitely cover the voluntary Poison Center Notifications and updates in EU legislation.





Website Revamp

SCHC Election 2023

# **Website Revamp**

SCHC.org needs a facelift and to be more reflective of our Society's current needs. We would appreciate your taking a 5-10 minute survey to give us feedback and inspiration to kick-off the website reconstruction.

Start the survey here: <a href="https://forms.gle/iAeK5m4oDkZusy8Z7">https://forms.gle/iAeK5m4oDkZusy8Z7</a>

### **SCHC Election 2023**

The SCHC Nominating Committee has assembled the candidates for the upcoming voting ballot. All SCHC Members should have received their ballots by now or you can log-in and vote online. Ballots must be turned in by midnight (ET) on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Elected persons will begin their term on April 1, 2023.

# **Board Candidates (Members can vote for up to four names)**

- Lori C. Burry, Ph.D.
   Senior Manager of Global Hazard Communication, SI Group
- Anne DeMasi
   Global Regulatory Manager, Livent Corporation
- Allan Jemi-Alade, Ph.D.
   EHS Technical Advisor, Afton Chemical Corp.
- Ann Johnson
   Director of EHS and Product Stewardship, 3M
- Barbara Lantry-Miller
   Director Controlled Products and Dangerous Goods, Center of Excellence, Americas for Givaudan
- Tarique Mangrio
   EHS Program Manager for Research and Technology and the AvionX groups, The Boeing Company

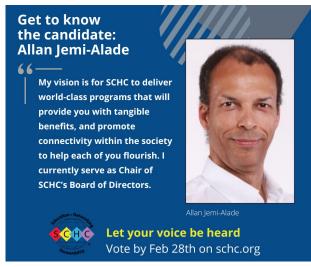
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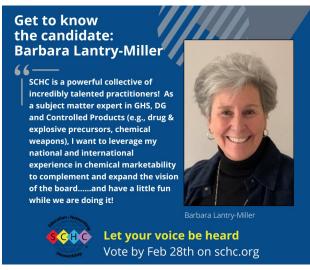


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Call for Award Nominations

Newsletter Feedback

#### **Call for Award Nominations**

Recognizing SCHC Members, leaders and society contributors is a privilege and honor for our group, and we're excited to receive this year's award nominees.

You can visit <u>schc.org/awards</u> any time to view past winners and learn more about the SCHC Awards:

- Jennifer Silk Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award,
- SCHC Outstanding Service Award, and
- Outstanding Volunteer Recognition

and complete an <u>award nomination form</u>. You can submit an award nomination for more than one person. The form can be downloaded and emailed to Member\_Engagement@schc.org.

Nominations are accepted all year long and it's a great practice to submit a form whenever someone is deserving special praise. Award nomination forms must be submitted by July 31<sup>st</sup> for consideration by the SCHC Board. Award recipients will be announced at the following SCHC Annual Meeting.



It was an honor for SCHC to rename the Lifetime Achievement Award to the Jennifer Silk Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022. Learn about <u>Jennifer Silk</u> and her related contributions in the history of SCHC.

#### **Newsletter Feedback**

Our monthly newsletter offers a wide variety of industry news and it is time to refresh our format. We'd like to hear from our readers about your favorite newsletter experience and what format, features or content you're looking for. Please email the Newsletter Committee at Member\_Engagement@schc.org with what could make this publication even more valuable to you.



CHCS Newsletter & **Trainings** 

# **CHCS Newsletter & Trainings**

SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletters by logging into SCHC.org, visiting the schc.org/CHCS page, and scrolling to

the newsletter section. Members must be logged in to access this benefit. In the February edition of CHCS' newsletter, readers can find articles about:



- Report on PVC and PVC Additives
- Transition Pathway for the Chemical Industry
- PFAS Restriction Proposal Published
- The European Chemicals 2023-2026 Workplace
- Changes to Completeness of REACH registrations
- Training Courses & Workshops
- News from CHCS Partners

Having access to SCHC Alliance Partners is an SCHC Member benefit. SCHC Members can also log-in and use the "Discount Codes" (found via the Resources tab) to save on CHCS trainings. Visit chcs.org.uk/chemical-hazards-training to learn about the courses below and to get registered:

Overview of the Biocidal Products Regulation - March 1-2, 2023

Basic Toxicology - March 14-15, 2023

Basic SDS Writing - March 29-30, 2023

Introduction to European and UK Chemical Regulation - April 19-20, 2023

CLP Classification - April 26 - May 4, 2023

EU CLP Labelling - May 16-17, 2023

The Cosmetics Regulation - May 22-23, 2023

Basic Ecotoxicology - June 7-8, 2023

Advanced Ecotoxicology - June 14-15,2023

Advanced Preparation of Safety Data Sheets - June 28-29, 2023

**Proof of Membership**: It's easy for SCHC Members to log-in to SCHC.org, download their Membership Card, and email it to anyone who needs proof. Find you card via this path: Log-into SCHC.org, choose "SCHC Member-Only Content List" on the Resources tab, and choose Membership Card from the list.



Regulatory

AU: New Info Sheet

CA Prop 65 News

### **AU: New Info Sheet**

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, SafeWork Australia released <u>a new Information Sheet</u> which helps work and safety (WHS) duty holders understand Australian and other WHS standards. It provides information about how standards interact with the model WHS Act and WHS Regulations, and covers:

- What is a standard?
- Is conforming to standards mandatory?
- How is compliance with a standard relevant to the WHS laws?
- What if an approved Code of Practice refers to a standard?
- What if a standard is revised?
- Can international standards be used instead of Australian standards?

# **CA Prop 65 News**

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) shared these recent updates:

Chemicals Listed Effective January 27, 2023 as Known to the State of California to Cause Cancer: 1-Bromo-3-Chloropropane, 1-Butyl Glycidyl Ether, and Glycidyl Methacrylate. OEHHA intends to list 1-bromo-3-chloropropane (CAS RN 109-70-6), 1-butyl glycidyl ether (CAS RN 2426-08-6), and glycidyl methacrylate (CAS RN 106-91-2) as known to the state to cause cancer under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.

Overview of the 2022 Meeting of the Developmental and

Reproductive Toxicant
Identification Committee
(DARTIC). At the beginning of the month, OEHHA announced the availability of the Notice, preliminary agenda, and materials for the 2022 meeting of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee.



#### REGULATORY

**EU-wide SDS Inspections** 

# **EU-wide SDS Inspections**

ECHA <u>announced</u> that national enforcement authorities across the European Union (EU) have begun inspecting the compliance of the safety data sheets for chemicals sold on the EU market.

In the 2019 ECHA Forum Report on the Improvement of Quality of SDS, WG "Joint Initiative ECHA Forum—ECHA ASOs on Improvement on the quality of SDS" it was reported "The results from the evaluation of 4,500 SDSs during this project showed that about 50% of the checked SDSs had defects in the information provided. Specifically the content of sections 1, 2, 3, 8 and 15 had deficiencies rates ranging from between 10% and 20%." This prompted the creation of working groups to oversee compliance and enforcement.

The Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement (Forum) is a network of authorities responsible for the enforcement of the REACH, CLP, and PIC, POP and Biocidal Product regulations in the EU, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. To learn more about the working groups currently ran by the Forum and the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) Subgroups, the REF projects, and other relevant enforcement items, visit this page.

Checking safety data sheets was agreed by ECHA's Enforcement Forum as this year's harmonized enforcement project (REF-11).

The main objective is to assess whether duty holders have updated and provided safety data sheets according to the new requirements of Annex II to REACH.

The operational phase for this project continues throughout 2023 and the results will be reported in 2024.

The ECHA webpage for <u>extended safety data sheets</u> has information about SDS components and resources such as the:

- Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets,
- Languages required for labels and safety data sheets,
- How downstream users can handle exposure scenarios,
- Factsheet on communication obligations,
- Emergency telephone numbers, as well as,
- Communication in the supply chain for manufacturers, importers, only representatives, distributors, and downstream users.

#### REGULATORY

ECHA Launches 14
Applications for
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EPA Proposes SNUR for PFAS

# **ECHA Launches 14 Applications for Authorization**

ECHA has launched a consultation on <u>14 applications for</u> <u>authorization</u> with comments due April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The three primary substances and their uses include:

- Chromium trioxide (EC 215-607-8, CAS 1333-82-0): used in functional chrome plating, functional chrome plating with decorative character, passivation of electrolytic tinplate (ETP)
- Sodium dichromate (EC 234-190-3, CAS 10588-01-9): passivation of electrolytic tinplate (ETP)
- 4-(1,1,3,3tetramethylbutyl)phenol, ethoxylated: manufacturing aid in the production of gene therapies.



# **EPA Proposes SNUR for PFAS**

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) <u>announced</u> a proposal of a significant new use rule (SNUR) that would strengthen the regulation of PFAS by preventing anyone from resuming use of inactive PFAS without EPA review. Inactive PFAS are PFAS chemical substances that have not been manufactured (including imported) or processed for many years.

If approved this SNUR will be part of the <u>PFAS Strategic</u> <u>Roadmap</u>. The proposed SNUR would apply to PFAS that are listed as "Inactive" on the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory and are not already subject to a SNUR. This "Inactive" designation means that a chemical substance has not been manufactured (including imported) or processed in the United States since June 21, 2006.

EPA will accept public comments on the proposed rule for 60 days following publication in the Federal Register via docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0876 at www.regulations.gov.

REGULATORY

PFAS Analytic Tools

**ECHO Webinars** 

# **PFAS Analytic Tools**

As part of the EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap, the Agency is compiling data and integrating new tools to make it easier to evaluate what is known about per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) manufacture, release, and occurrence in communities. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, they launched the <u>PFAS Analytic Tools</u> webpage. A training about this tool is listed in the article below.

#### **ECHO Webinars**

The users of the EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) website can find information about facilities, pollution sources, EPA enforcement cases, and much more.

The recorded <u>Intro to PFAS Analytic Tools</u> webinar was posted on the ECHO website January 10, 2023.

**Quarterly NPDES Noncompliance Report (NNCR) Training Series -** Learn about previously recorded and upcoming ECHO trainings on the ECHO Training Dashboard.

Register for the March 8, 2023, 1 pm - 2 pm EST session. This webinar focuses on the new quarterly National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Noncompliance Report (NNCR) available on ECHO

Register for the March 14, 2023 1 pm - 2 pm EST session. This webinar covers NNCR DM Reporting Violations.

Register for the March 16, 2023 2 pm - 3:30 pm EST session. This webinar covers NNCR Effluent Exceedance Violations.

Register for the March 21, 2023 3 pm - 4 pm EST session. This webinar session covers NNCR Schedule Violations.

Register for the March 22, 2023 1 pm - 2 pm EST session. This webinar covers NNCR Single Event/Other Violations.

Register for the March 23, 2023 3pm - 4 pm EST session. This is the Annual NNCR Training.

Healthier Workplaces Show

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# **Healthier Workplaces Show**

Our Alliance partner, <u>AIHA</u>, has created a bi-monthly video podcast series "<u>Healthier Workplaces Show</u>" that you can watch online or stream through your favorite podcast app. The program focuses on "the efforts of industry professionals who protect our workers and their communities from occupational and environmental hazards."

The podcast has a variety of topics including career, leadership, environmental, and more. One that piqued our interest was on the <u>power of empathy</u> and its role in communicating hazards effectively in the workplace.



# **Episode 03 The Power of Empathy**

(Oct. 5, 2022)

The May 2022 issue of *The Synergist* featured a cover story on Harnessing the Hidden Power of Empathy, and how it can lead to effective leadership and greater compassion from OEHS professionals. In this episode, Bob talks with authors Tim Paz and Amy McCae to dive into why you need to be thinking both strategically AND empathetically with your audience and why it matters to them when you deliver a message.

Image credit: healthierworkplaces.org

A free resource that also dives into this conversation is the AIHA SynergistNow blog post "<u>Communicating Risk with Empathy</u>" by Abby Roberts.

#### MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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