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Huge thanks to all who participated in #SCHC2024!

We had a fantastic time in Charlotte, NC with all of the attendees, speakers, volunteers, sponsors, booths and SCHC representatives who attended the 2024 SCHC Annual Meeting. Thank you to all who came and made this event memorable. We hope everyone had a chance to meet new members, visit with existing and former members, attend the poster session and HazCom Display and also learn something new during the Professional Development courses, general meeting, and forums. We are Looking forward to seeing everyone in Washington, DC next year!



News from OSHA

- [OSHA Office Restructure, New Birmingham Region](#)
- *Special Enforcement Report: [Taking action against coercive 'fine print' provisions](#)*

Mark Your Calendar

November 18-19, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [REACH Inquiries Under Article 26](#)

NEW November 20, 2024 - SCHC Members Only Forum: [SCHC Mentorship - Help Us Shape a New Program](#)

December 2-3, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Preparation of Safety Data Sheets](#)

December 11-12, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [The Extended SDS, Understanding Exposure Scenarios](#)

NEW December 16-17, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [CLP Labelling](#)

Find [Member Discount Codes](#) under the SCHC.org menu's Resources tab

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Last Chance for 2025 Board Member Nominations

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November 1st is the deadline!

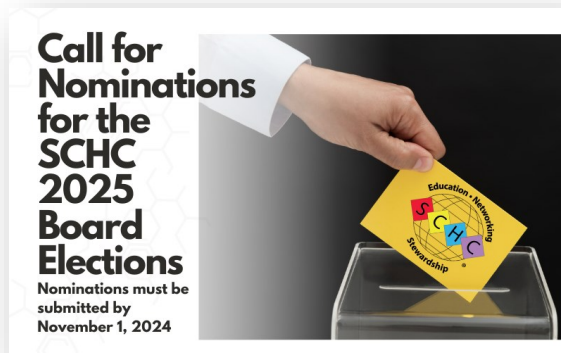
Calling all interested leaders... service, through leadership, is the shared responsibility of our Society for Chemical Hazard Communication membership. SCHC is fortunate to have highly qualified and committed members, representing many aspects of the Hazard Communication industry, serving our membership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

In January 2025 active SCHC Members will be called to vote for members of the Board of Directors for the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication. Two-year terms for four Board Member positions will expire in Spring 2025. The newly elected individuals will assume their roles on April 1, 2025. 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 to run for Board positions. For additional information on the Board Member positions and the Nominating Committee Standard Practices, please visit the Nominating Committee webpage at 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, 2024**. 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 - Denese Deeds, Suzanne Matuszewski, Julia Diebol, Inez Kasimba, and Paul Brigandi





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2024 SCHC Awards
Winners

2024 Professional
Development Awards

2024 SCHC Awards Winners

It was our honor to recognize the recipients of this year's [SCHC Awards](#). Congratulations to the following winners:

Jennifer Silk Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award:
Paul Brigandi

SCHC Outstanding Service Award:
Karin Baron

Outstanding Volunteer Awards:
Carol Poppo
(Member Engagement Committee)
John Howell (Program Committee)
Manuela Dukeshire
(Alliance Committee)



2024 Professional Development Awards

At the Annual Meeting, the Professional Development Committee was able to recognize individuals for successfully completing training or provided course instruction. To view the list of awardees and to learn how you can earn recognition, visit schc.org/professional-development-recognition-awards.

Professional Development Awardees

<p>200 Hours of Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Saucedo 	<p>40 Hours of Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonelle Thomas • Michael Buczynski • Bethicia Prasek • Rachel Nelson • Mia Laws • Alyse Ketcham • Christophe Toubeau • Joshua Weir • Joanna Lucero • Michelle Myers • Tracy Daggett • Joseph Haupt • Ho Yi Lau • Brooke Majka 	<p>Direct/Lecture in 125 courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Roy <p>Direct/Lecture in 15 courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Strand <p>Digital Badges will be awarded to all of the recipients after the meeting</p>
<p>120 Hours of Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline Ramirez Munoz • Paula Reavis • Jeffrey Buczynski 		
<p>80 Hours of Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darcy Evans • Jennifer Trippetti • Nathan Williams • Mary Lim • Inez Kasimba • Gulan Sun 		



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SCHC Newsworthy:
UNSCEGHS Meeting

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This year's Poster Session during the Annual Meeting was a collection of pressing topics affecting our field. We were impressed with each poster, and attendees voted for their favorite presentations. We're pleased to announce that **Rachel Hansen of Hawkins, Inc. won first place for her poster "Private Labelling Methods"** and Douglas Strock of GLTaC, Inc. was the runner-up with his poster "Risk Management for the Use of AI in EHS Translations." [Posters can be viewed on schc.org](https://schc.org).



SCHC Newsworthy: UNSCEGHS Meeting

Keep in mind SCHC.org's [Newsworthy](#) page (link can be found on the purple side menu) for important updates.

On October 29th, we posted: The next meeting of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS) will be held from December 4-6, 2024.

Working Documents have now been posted online for review. These documents are important as they may form the basis of decisions taken by the UNSCEGHS.... [Read more](#).

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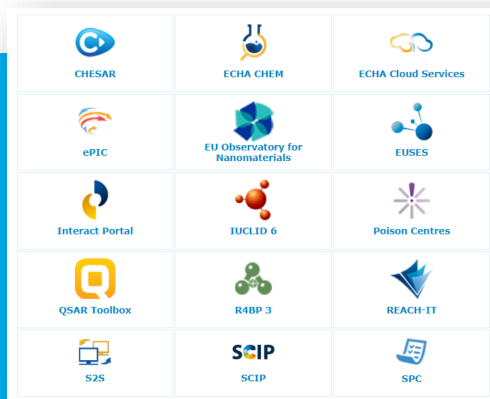
CHCS Newsletter

SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletter 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.

October Edition

- Competency based accreditation, chemical hazard communication
- Defra delays provisions for mandatory labelling under EPR for packaging
- Introduction to HSE topics
- HSE increases 'Fees for intervention'
- When a Health and Safety Inspector calls
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations
- European Union harmonized classification for labelling decisions
- 22nd Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) of the EU CLP Regulation
- 23rd Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) of the EU CLP Regulation notified to World Trade Organisation
- European Union occupational exposure limits
- Authorisation of use under EU REACH
- Module 80 titled 'UK REACH & GB CLP Practicalities: Lining UK and EU Processes'
- CHCS Webinars & Events
- Training Courses & Workshops
- News from Our Partners

Did you know that the ECHA Support page has links to the tools necessary for REACH, CLP, BPR and more? Check it out echa.europa.eu/support



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CA Prop 65 Updates

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The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued the following notices in October:

Safe Harbor Warnings for Acrylamide Exposure from Food:

This [notice](#) amends Title 27 of the California Code to provide an additional safe harbor warning option for businesses that cause significant exposures to acrylamide from food products. The rule was approved on October 4, 2024 and the effective date for the regulation is January 1, 2025.

Announcement of the Carcinogen Identification Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 19, 2024:

Public comments for this upcoming meeting will be accepted until **November 18, 2024**. The Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC) is being convened for the possible listing of vinyl acetate under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. This [announcement](#) includes documents with evidence of carcinogenicity of vinyl acetate and instructions on how to submit comments. [Who is on the CIC?](#)

In late September, the OEHHA posted the [announcement](#) of the **Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DARTIC) Meeting Scheduled for December 12, 2024**: This meeting also has a public comment period; this one ends on **November 12, 2024**. At this meeting the DARTIC will consider the possible listing of bisphenol S (BPS) based on male reproductive toxicity under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. [Who is on the DARTIC?](#)



OEHHA added two videos this month to its YouTube channel:

- [Wildfire Smoke Toxicity & Public Health](#) (third in the series)
- [Wildfire Smoke Interventions: Respirators and Public Health](#)



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EPA Updates

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TRI Program: [EPA Proposes to Expand Access to Information on More Than 100 PFAS “Forever Chemicals” and Support Needed Pollution Prevention Efforts.](#) On October 2, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to add 16 individual per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and 15 PFAS categories representing more than 100 individual PFAS to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). It would also designate them as chemicals of special concern so they must meet more robust reporting requirements, including reporting even for small concentrations.

“With this rule, EPA would be able to collect data on how more than a hundred PFAS are released into the environment through Toxics Release Inventory reporting requirements,” said Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention Michal Freedhoff. “This information will help EPA and communities better understand how PFAS are being used and managed across the country.”

Comments regarding this rule must be received on or before **December 9, 2024**. Comments on the information collection provisions submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) are best assured of consideration by OMB if OMB receives a copy of your comments on or before **November 7, 2024**.

TCEP Final Risk Evaluation: The EPA [released](#) its final risk evaluation for the flame retardant and plasticizer Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). EPA has determined that this chemical poses an unreasonable risk of injury to human health and the environment. TCEP has the potential to cause kidney cancer, damage the nervous system and kidneys, and harm fertility.

TCEP is a chemical used in paints and coatings, aerospace and automotive applications, and was historically used in fabrics and textiles, foam seating and... *continued on next page.*



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EPA Updates (*continued*)

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construction materials. It is also found in a range of goods that are imported into the United States. Domestic production of TCEP has decreased by about 99 percent since 2014, but it is still used in the United States to make some paints and coatings for structural and automotive applications and as a flame retardant and plasticizer for specific aerospace applications. [Explore the Risk Evaluation Findings for TCEP.](#)

EPA Publishes Report as Part of Agency Strategy to Reduce Animal Testing: The EPA released a detailed [review](#) of major environmental statutes that summarizes which EPA laws or regulations

require vertebrate animal testing, such as laboratory testing done on rats, mice or rabbits. The report concludes that many statutes and regulations



guiding EPA's authority are broadly written and do not preclude the use of scientific information from New Approach Methods (NAMs), which are defined as any technology, methodology, approach, or combination that can provide information on chemical hazard and risk assessment to avoid the use of animal testing.

EPA Releases Pesticide and Endangered Species Educational Resources Toolbox: EPA [released](#) an online toolbox with educational materials related to pesticides and endangered species -- another step in the agency's efforts to protect endangered species, support farmers, and provide critical environmental protections for communities across the country. [Visit the toolbox.](#)



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Upcoming ECHA
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ECHA has scheduled three webinars for November:

November 14, 2024 - [IUCLID 6: October 2024 service release](#)

November 21, 2024 - [Introduction to ECHA's guidance on new CLP hazard classes](#). Learn about the new hazard classes and guidance.

November 27, 2024 - [Looking towards the future of drinking water applications](#). Get an overview of ECHA's guidance on the Drinking Water Directive.

The webinars include live Q&A sessions. You can also send your questions in advance. Visit each link for details.

ECHA Updates

SVHC: Triphenyl Phosphate: ECHA [shared](#) the minutes from the October Member State Committee (MSC) meeting, where the MSC agreed to identify triphenyl phosphate as a substance of very high concern, SVHC, because of its endocrine disrupting properties in the environment. ECHA will add the substance to the Candidate List in early November.

ECHA's Integrated Regulatory Strategy achieves its goal – high production volume chemicals screened: Read the [release](#) regarding how the Integrated Regulatory Strategy (IRS) has increased ECHA's knowledge on chemicals and sped up identification of substances for which regulatory risk management actions are required.

ECHA's sixth and final report of its Integrated Regulatory Strategy 2019-2023 shows that it achieved its goal of screening high production volume chemicals, manufactured or imported above 100 tonnes per year, that were on the European markets in 2018.



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Alliance Spotlight: Lead Exposure in the Workplace

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Alliance Spotlight: Lead Exposure in the Workplace

To prepare for the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (October 20-26), the NIOSH Science Blog published [“Worried About Lead in Your Workplace,”](#) which focuses on lead, NIOSH’s Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Program, and how to use the HHE program to assess hazards in the workplace.



Image credit: NIOSH

The article provides three recent health hazard evaluations (HHEs); the Maui County Hawaii wildfires, residential water line replacement, and exposure at an electronics recycling company. Explore the HHE for reports like [Evaluation of First Responders’ Biological Monitoring Results After Maui County Hawaii Wildfires](#), where measures like taking blood samples of first responders helped to identify exposure levels.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please send all newsworthy newsletter topics to the Member Engagement Committee by email to Member_Engagement@schc.org.

