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## #SCHC2025 Conference Starts Soon!

The countdown is official! We're less than a month away from the 2025 SCHC Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. We encourage conference goers to get registered for the [networking events](#) if they haven't yet, and if you're taking the AIHA exam or renewing your SDSRP™ status immediately after the conference, you must register with [AIHA directly](#). Thank you to all of our Sponsors, exhibitors, partners, instructors, posters, vendors and, especially our amazing SCHC volunteers who have been involved in all aspects of this event.



### News from OSHA

- [USDOL Updates Penalty Guidelines to support Small Business, Eliminate Workplace Hazards | Penalties and Debt Collection](#)
- [Self-Audit for Compliance & Trust Blog](#)
- [Injury and Illness Reporting Requirement Withdrawal](#)

### Mark Your Calendar

**NEW** Sept 16, 2025 - CHCS Webinar: [EU CLP– All Change 2025](#)  
**NEW** September 20-25, 2025 - SCHC Annual Meeting: [RSVP for Networking Events](#)  
**NEW** Sept 3, 2025 - CHCS Distant Learning: [New CLP Hazard Classes](#)  
**NEW** Oct 29, 2025 - SCHC Members Only Forum: [How does Toxicology Inform Hazard Communication?](#)  
**NEW** Nov 3-4 2025 - CHCS Distant Learning: [Basic SDS Writing](#)  
**NEW** Nov 19-20 2025 - CHCS Distant Learning: [CLP Labelling \(EU & UK\)](#)  
 Find [Member Discount Codes](#) under the SCHC.org menu's Resources tab



## SCHC

### SCHC News to Know

#### **SCHC News to Know**

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The SCHC Board of Directors has reviewed the Society's Bylaws and is proposing amendments to address governance matters and align with current practices. Active SCHC Members have a right to vote on the adoption of the amendments. On August 19th, members were emailed links of the proposed changes and ballot information. Voting for these amendments must be **completed by September 19th**. If you have any questions, please reach out to [SCHC Vice President Atanu Das](#).

The SCHC Board of Directors meeting being held September 22nd during the Annual Meeting is open to SCHC Members. An RSVP is required, please email [office@schc.org](mailto:office@schc.org) if you'd like to attend.

On September 23rd, conference attendees will have a full day to explore the plenary session AND so much more! Highlights include:

- the 2025 Award recipients will be announced;
- the Exhibitors Hall will be open throughout the day;
- Forum sessions will be available
- President's Luncheon (by invitation only for new members);
- a special evening reception that features the exhibitors, Poster Session, and the time to mingle with attendees and presenters;
- an evening adventure to Puttery

Be sure to check the [Meeting Agenda](#) for complete details.

The [October Members Only Forum registration is OPEN](#). Guest Rob Mitkus, PhD and SCHC Board Liaison Darcy Evans will be hosting "How Does Toxicology Inform Hazard Communication?" Do you have an idea for a forum that you'd like to host? Contact the [SCHC Member Engagement Committee](#) with your ideas.

## SCHC Committee Reports

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### **Alliance Committee Report** *submitted by Manuela Dukeshire*

The Alliance Committee is making strong progress on the update of the GHS Fact Sheets in collaboration with OSHA.

Three documents have been fully finalized, and two additional documents are complete and awaiting OSHA's review. Beyond these, a substantial number of fact sheets are in the pipeline, covering key hazard communication topics.

At this stage, additional contributions are essential. The committee is actively seeking volunteer editors and authors to help bring the remaining documents to completion. Your expertise and time can make a direct impact in improving hazard communication resources for the entire community.

If you are interested in contributing, please contact Manuela Dukeshire at [manuela.dukeshire@dr-software.com](mailto:manuela.dukeshire@dr-software.com) for details.

Together, we can ensure these fact sheets remain accurate, clear, and valuable for all who rely on them.



### **Nominating Committee Report** *submitted by Denese A. Deeds*

Since our last report in December, the Nominating Committee prepared a slate of proposed candidates for 4 Board of Directors terms that expire in fall of 2025. As per the Nominating Committee Standard Practices, the Board members whose terms were expiring were contacted to determine their interest in running again. Several indicated their interest in running again. The Committee held calls and email communications and reached out to a number of individuals to identify the slate of candidates that was sent to the President in December 2024. Six candidates for the Board were nominated.

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SCHC Committee Reports  
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SDS Registry Exam In-  
Person Testing Event

### **SCHC Committee Reports** *continued*

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The current Board decided to move the election to July to better coincide with the Annual Meeting. With the support of our administrator, the election was held in July. There were 542 members. 111 people voted (20%).

The Board members elected are Michelle Baker, Anne DeMasi, Allan Jemi-Alade, and Ari Lewis.

**Thank you to everyone who voted!  
CONGRATULATIONS to the elected members;  
we appreciate you volunteering your time and  
expertise to SCHC!**

### **SDS Registry Exam In-Person Testing Event**

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*Submitted by Carrie Johnson, Program Manager,  
AIHA Registry Program*

The SDS and Label Authoring Competency Assessment (aka SDS Registry Exam) will be offered in person at the conclusion of SCHC's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, on September 25, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

During SCHC's Annual Meeting 2024 in Charlotte, NC, we spoke to several attendees who had been putting off taking the exam for some time. Most had heard that the exam is a bit challenging. Hoping to address this concern, we reached out to several people who took the most recent version of the exam — and earned their SDS Registered Professional (SDSRP®) credential — to get their perspectives. Find out what they said on AIHA Registry Programs' LinkedIn [page](#). To learn even more about the benefits of earning the SDSRP® credential, check our [benefits webpage](#).

If you author SDSs and have not yet taken the SDS Registry Exam, we hope to see you at the in-person testing event on September 25, 2025! Interested? Fill out the [SDS Registry In-Person Exam Interest Form!](#)



## SCHC CHCS Webinar & Newsletters

### CHCS September Webinar

CHCS is offering SCHC Members access to the September 16, 2025 webinar: [EU CLP - All change 2025, Part II](#).

What will be discussed: On July 8th, the European Commission issued a Press Release presenting an Action Plan for the Chemicals Industry to address key challenges within the chemical sector. The Action Plan was published with an accompanying Omnibus on chemicals purposed to simplify and streamline key EU chemicals legislation.

The webinar may be followed by a brief Q&A session.

**SCHC Members:** Under the SCHC.org Resources tab, you can find Discount Codes for events and trainings. Be sure to log-in and obtain the code before registering for CHCS opportunities.

### CHCS Newsletters

SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletter by logging into SCHC.org, visiting the [schc.org/CHCS](https://schc.org/CHCS) page, and scrolling to the newsletter section. Members must be logged in to access this benefit.

#### July and August editions are posted, a snippet of included articles:

- Consultation on chemicals legislative reform for the UK Health and Safety Executive,
- European Commission Chemicals Package, Action Plan and proposals for an Omnibus for the chemical industry to simplify legislation,
- Reality Check Workshops: Cosmetics and Fertilising Products Regulations, and
- EU Chemicals Omnibus: Cosmetics & Fertilising Products Regulations.





## REGULATORY

### EPA Added 18 Chemicals to SCIL

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In July, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added 18 chemicals to the Safer Chemical Ingredients List (SCIL). The easiest way to find chemicals listed is via the [Safety Chemical Ingredients List excel sheet](#), and look for the UPDATES tab at the bottom. This excel doc and additional information can be found on the [Safer Chemicals Ingredients List](#) page. Chemicals added:

- Dodecanoic acid, dodecyl ester
- Alcohols, C16-18
- Eicosanoic, sodium salt (1:1)
- 1-Propanol
- Hexadecanoic acid, 2-ethylhexyl ester
- Nonanedioic acid
- Hyaluronic acid, sodium salt
- Siloxanes and Silicones, di-Me, di-Ph, polymers with Ph silsesquioxanes
- Polyphosphoric acids, sodium salts
- Octadecanamide, N,N'-1,2-ethanediylbis-
- Octadecanoic acid, calcium salt (2:1)
- Sorbitan, trioctadecanoate
- D-Glucurono-D-glucosyl-6-deoxy-L-mannan, acetate, calcium magnesium potassium sodium salt
- Soybean oil, epoxidized
- Fatty acids, tall-oil, ethoxylated
- Butanoic acid, 3-oxo-, ethyl ester
- Palm oil, stearins, hydrogenated
- Palm oil, hydrogenated

The SCIL is a list of chemicals that EPA's Safer Choice program has evaluated and determined meet [Safer Choice criteria](#). EPA's Safer Choice program certifies cleaning and other products with ingredients that have met the program's rigorous human health and environmental safety criteria. With this July 2025 update, the total number of chemicals on the SCIL is 983.

For chemical manufacturers and raw material suppliers looking for information on how to list a chemical on the Safer Chemical Ingredients List, the EPA has a [step-by-step guide](#) on their website.



## REGULATORY

Major Revisions to  
Japan's GHS Regulations

ECHA Webinars to Watch

## Major Revisions to Japan's GHS Regulations

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[ChemLinked](#) posted an [article](#) that shared that “the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee (JISC) released draft revisions for two Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS): JIS Z 7252: Classification of chemicals based on GHS and JIS Z 7253: Hazard communication of chemicals based on GHS — Labelling and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) to align with UN GHS Revision 9.

*This update introduces significant changes to classification criteria and compliance obligations.”* The core revision highlights points such as: the classification methods for explosions, “chemicals under pressure”, non-animal testing, a revision of “hazard statements” and “precautionary statements”, and much more.

To read the full article, readers can log-in to the ChemLinked account or subscribe for a free 14-day trial.

## ECHA Webinars to Watch

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Review the ECHA webinars and the Q&A text boxes you may have missed this summer:

- [Restriction proposal for certain Chromium \(VI\) oxides, oxyacids and salts](#)
- [Key areas of regulatory challenge: research needs and opportunities](#)





## REGULATORY

### EPA: Public Comment for Final TSCA Risk Management Rule for Perchloroethylene

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opened a 30-day public comment period on its 2024 final risk management rule for perchloroethylene (PCE) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This is the first step in EPA's efforts to reconsider and, if appropriate, revise the final risk management rule. EPA is inviting public comment on the final rule, including but not limited to any existing or anticipated implementation issues associated with the final rule requirements, experiences with the PCE final rule since it went into effect, and whether to consider additional or alternative measures or approaches to address the unreasonable risk presented by PCE under the conditions of use. Specifically, EPA invites public comment on:

- The Existing Chemical Exposure Limit promulgated in the PCE rule as part of the Workplace Chemical Protection Program (WCPP), including whether the use of a different exposure limit would be more appropriate to inform risk management.
- Conditions of use EPA could contemplate subjecting to a WCPP as opposed to imposing a prohibition.
- The use of PCE in industrial dry cleaning processes including workplace controls that reduce exposure to PCE and the performance of alternatives to PCE in these operations.

Read the [Federal Register Notice](#) opening the docket for PCE for more information regarding EPA's call for comments.

Upon reopening the rulemaking docket on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), EPA will accept comments for 30 days beginning on July 30, 2025, until August 29, 2025, on docket [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0720](#). Going forward, the public will also have an opportunity to comment on any notice of proposed rulemaking to amend the final PCE rule.

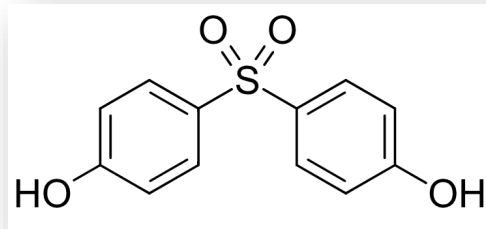


## REGULATORY

### CA Prop 65 DARTIC Meeting RE BPS

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California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) [announced](#) that it will convene a meeting of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DARTIC) on **October 9, 2025**. At this meeting the DARTIC will consider the possible listing of bisphenol S (BPS) based on developmental toxicity under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic



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Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). The meeting will be held in Sacramento and online, with the option of participating in person or via the internet. Participate in person at Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA or register online to participate via a Zoom webinar. The meeting will begin at 10 am and last until all business is conducted or until 5 pm.

The meeting agenda and detailed instructions for providing oral comment will be provided in a future public notice published in advance of the meeting.

[BPS is on the Proposition 65 list for reproductive toxicity](#) based on the female and male reproductive endpoints.

OEHHA is also opening a 45-day public comment period on the hazard identification document entitled "Evidence on the Developmental Toxicity of Bisphenol S." The **public comment period will end on Monday, September 8, 2025**. All written comments must be submitted to OEHHA by electronic submission, mail, or in person hand-delivery, by Monday, September 8, 2025. OEHHA strongly recommends that comments be submitted electronically through our website rather than in paper form. Alternatively, comments can be submitted in paper form, either by mail or delivered in person. Additional information can be found via the announcement link above.

## REGULATORY

### EPA: New Uses for Dicamba

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The U.S. EPA released for public comment its proposed registration for three end-use dicamba products for broadleaf weed control in dicamba-tolerant cotton and dicamba-tolerant soybean. Additionally, the agency is proposing to put several measures in place to protect against the ecological risks found in EPA's assessment. These new products would give farmers an additional tool to help manage crops and increase yields in order to provide a healthy and affordable food supply for our country.



Dicamba is an herbicide that has historically been used for control of emerged broadleaf weeds in a variety of food and feed crops and in non-agricultural settings. These proposed dicamba products would allow postemergence applications to dicamba-tolerant cotton and soybean, commonly referred to as "over-the-top" (OTT) use. OTT dicamba applications aim to remove emerged broadleaf weed species, particularly those resistant to other herbicides that compete with cotton and soybean plants and potentially reduce crop yield. OTT dicamba products have high benefits in both cotton and soybean for controlling these herbicide-resistant weeds and managing resistance to herbicides in the future.

The docket outlines the EPA's research related to dicamba and the mitigation measures the EPA is proposing for the three end-use products. To read more about the proposed registration of dicamba and to comment, see docket ID [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0154](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0154) at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). The public comment period will be open for 30 days, closing on 9/6/2025.



## REGULATORY

CA Apartment Hunting  
StoryMap

OEHHA: New Crystalline  
Silica Fact Sheet

### CA Apartment Hunting StoryMap

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Warning signs may be the key to keeping renters healthy. The OEHHA created a StoryMap article to detail the CA Prop 65 hazards that renters may come across and what compliance looks like on the part of owners/listing agents. [“Apartment Hunting: A Proposition 65 Story”](#) illustrates the rights and responsibilities associated with rental properties and lists resources, such as [Apartments and Residential Rental Properties related Fact Sheets](#).



### OEHHA: New Crystalline Silica Fact Sheet

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The OEHHA warned DIY-remodelers and construction professionals to be aware of the hazards of crystalline silica and posted a new fact sheet this summer. Airborne crystalline silica particles of respirable size are on California’s Proposition 65 list for cancer. Tiny particles can be released by grinding, sanding, or polishing a wide variety of building like bricks, concrete, plaster, or glass, as well as some paints, glazes, and art clays.

Breathing in tiny particles of crystalline silica is primarily an occupational concern, especially for workers handling engineered stone countertops. Do-It-Yourselfers are far less likely to face significant exposure.

Read the [Crystalline Silica Fact Sheet in English](#) or [Spanish](#).





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Alliance Spotlight:  
Staying Safe After the  
Storm

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## Alliance Spotlight: Staying Safe After the Storm

The *NIOSH Science Blog* posted an informative guide to "[Staying Safe After the Storm: Health and Safety Messages for Employers, Workers, and Volunteers.](#)" While the publication primarily focuses on hurricane clean-up, it has practical advice for other storm-related safety issues.



Throughout this summer, regions around the world have been impacted by devastating floodwaters, whether from flash flooding, tropical storms/ hurricanes/cyclones, dam bursts, or other natural or man-made disasters. Survivors and responders to these incidents are exposed to any number of direct and indirect hazards. The CDC has a web page dedicated to [floodwaters](#) that covers hazard prevention and aftercare due to exposure. Find resources like this downloadable infographic on that page.

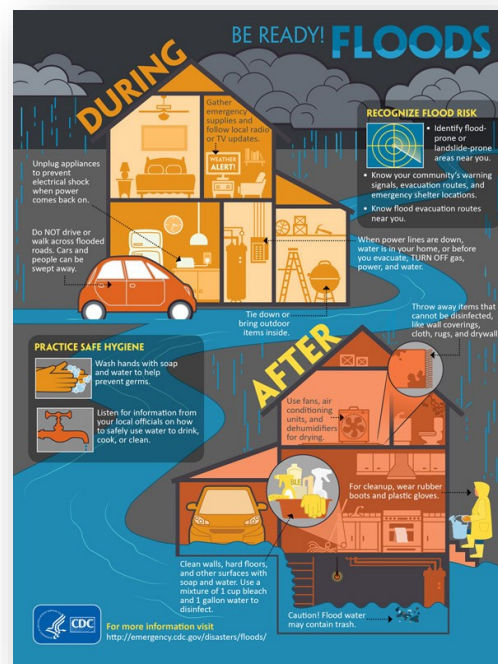


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