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New Opportunities this Year

This year, SCHC is focusing on its core pillars and decisions that help our members thrive. Take advantage! See our [Call for Mentees](#) and [Save the Date for our 2026 Annual Meeting](#) being held in New Orleans. Our partnership with CHCS continues to mutually benefit our members. CHCS' newest webinars are now open for registration and available free-of-charge to SCHC members (*via discount code*): [Clean Products, New Rules - What the Detergent and Surfactant Regulation \(EU\) 2026/405 means for your business](#) and [ECHA Chem – Exploring the ECHA website to help with classification of substances and mixtures](#). We've also pivoted our monthly members forums to be virtual table talks, and you can read about March's "Board Table Talk" later in this edition.



News from OSHA

- [OSHA Cares](#) and [OSHA Safety Champions](#) Initiatives Launched
- [Letters of Interpretation Issued](#)

Mark Your Calendar

- NEW** April 21-22, 2026 - CHCS Distant Learning: [The Cosmetics Regulations](#)
- NEW** April 22, 2026 - CHCS Webinar: [Clean Products, New Rules - What the Detergent and Surfactant Regulation \(EU\) 2026/405 means for your business](#)
- NEW** May 11-12, 2026 - CHCS Distant Learning: [Basic SDS Writing](#)
- NEW** May 14, 2026 - CHCS Webinar: [ECHA Chem – Exploring the ECHA website to help with classification of substances and mixtures](#)
- NEW** Oct 3-8, 2026 SCHC Annual Meeting: Save the Date
Find [Member Discount Codes](#) under the SCHC.org menu's Resources tab



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Call for Presentation
Abstracts

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel
Registration Open

Call for Presentation Abstracts

April 5th is this year's deadline for submitting Presentation Abstracts for our 2026 Annual Meeting. The meeting is a perfect forum for sharing knowledge around hazard communication, chemical and product stewardship, as well as, worker health and safety research and information.

Please consider sharing your time and expertise with us at the SCHC 2026 Annual Meeting by [completing a form](#). To learn more about SCHC's Program Committee visit schc.org/program. For questions about the upcoming Annual Meeting agenda and topic suggestions, please contact the Program Committee chair at program@schc.org.



Omni Royal Orleans Hotel Registration Open

This year's SCHC Annual Meeting location will be very popular as the French Quarter is always a draw for attendees. We've coordinated a block of rooms in the Omni Royal Orleans hotel where the conference is being held, and the block will likely sell out. The deadline to register is September 11, 2026.

Find the hotel link at www.schc.org/2026-hotel-information.

Please note that SCHC does not provide attendee/member information to the hotel or third-party travel groups for solicitation purposes. **Beware of scams!**



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Building the Future of the
SCHC Board

Building the Future of the SCHC Board

submitted by Atanu Das, SCHC Vice President

On **March 25th**, the Society hosted our **Board Table Talk**. It was a privilege to see so many of you engage with our current leadership to learn more about SCHC's inner workings. For those who attended, we hope the session provided a clear, transparent look at what it means to serve as a Director or Officer. Now that the forum has concluded, we are moving into the most critical phase of our year: **turning that interest into action as we prepare for our upcoming Board Elections**.

Demystifying the Role One of our primary goals for the March talk was to "pull back the curtain" on board service. Whether you were able to join the live discussion or are just now considering a leadership role, we want to reiterate the three pillars of service we discussed:

- **The Commitment:** Board service is a significant contribution, but it is designed to be manageable alongside a full professional life. We work together to ensure the workload is balanced and sustainable.
- **The Experience:** We value a blend of seasoned expertise and fresh, "boots-on-the-ground" perspectives from all corners of hazard communication.
- **The Impact:** This is your chance to pivot from participating in the industry to shaping it. Serving on the Board offers unparalleled professional growth and a chance to expand your network globally.

Your Next Step: Running for Office We are looking for dedicated members who are ready to grow and contribute to the Society's long-term strategy.

If you left the March 25th forum feeling inspired, this is **your sign to run**. If you missed the session but have been looking for a way to "give back" to the Society that supports your career, your voice is just as welcome. SCHC thrives when our ballot reflects the diverse expertise of our entire membership.

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Building the Future of the SCHC Board *(continued)*

Committee Spotlight:
External Communications

Building the Future of the SCHC Board *(continued)*

Join Us Our upcoming elections later this year are the perfect opportunity to transition from a member to a leader. If you have questions about the nomination process, the specific duties of a Director, or the time commitment involved, please reach out to me or any current Board member.

Here’s the election timeline for 2026:

Upcoming Election Announcement:

May 1, 2026

Meet the Candidate Forum:

June 15, 2026

Elections begin:

July 1, 2026

Elections end:

July 31, 2026

Election results announced:

August 1, 2026

New Board term begins:

October 1, 2026



Committee Spotlight: External Communications

Formerly known as the Member Engagement Committee, the External Communications Committee has evolved over the last six months focusing on all the ways we can make a difference in our branding and communications, while ensuring member engagement and communication of advantages to Membership. We have a talented team of professionals collaborating weekly to work on our main topic areas. We’ve developed four working groups which include Newsletter, Social Media, Web, and Marketing Videos to ensure time is spent in all key parts of this Committee’s commitments.



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Committee Spotlight: External Communications (continued)

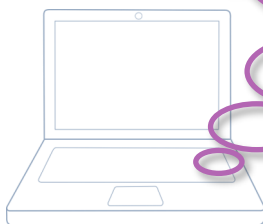
Committee Spotlight: External Communications (continued)

- The Newsletter Working Group develops quarterly newsletter content and incorporates updates to ensure the offering remains valuable to members.
- The Social Media working group is focused on evolving our use of social platforms that benefit our followers.
- The Web working group ensures our SCHC.org website has all the latest information along with ensuring navigation is seamless for users.
- The Marketing Videos working group develops video content to promote the benefits of being a member of SCHC, as well as promoting the important contributions of the Society to our profession.

We are constantly collaborating and always open to welcoming new committee members along with feedback on the various things we support. Speaking of feedback, we are currently in search of feedback on our website, please see the link below to let us know what you think! Any questions? Please do not hesitate to reach out to the co-Chairs for more information: [Renee Warner](#) & [Ashley Walczak](#)

Tell us your thoughts! We continue to gather SCHC.org visitors feedback and ideas of how to improve our website's next generation. It will be a complete overhaul and your voice matters in this change. Help us improve your experience!

[What do you think about the SCHC website?](#)





OSHA Updates

DEADLINE COMPLIANCE DATES

In January, OSHA [posted](#) to the Federal Register an updated deadline calendar.

OSHA is extending the compliance dates in its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (29 CFR 1910.1200), published in the Federal Register on May 20, 2024 (89 FR 44144), by four months.

The compliance date in § 1910.1200(j)(2) (i) is extended from January 19, 2026, until **May 19, 2026**;

the compliance date in § 1910.1200(j)(2) (ii) is extended from July 20, 2026 to **November 20, 2026**;

the compliance date in § 1910.1200(j)(3) (i) is extended from July 19, 2027 to **November 19, 2027**; and

the compliance date in § 1910.1200(j)(3) (ii) is extended from January 19, 2028 to **May 19, 2028**.



CORRECTING THE HCS

In February, OSHA published in the Federal Register a [correction notice](#) to address several inadvertent errors in its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) that were identified after publication of several corrections and technical amendments on October 9, 2024 (89 FR 81829, Federal Register: Hazard Communication Standard). This update only corrects errors of a minor, mainly typographical nature and makes technical amendments that do not affect or change any existing rights or obligations. The corrections and amendments occur in paragraphs (c) and (d) of the regulatory text and in Appendices A, B, C, D, and F.



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EPA Updates

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TECHNOLOGY TRANSITIONS REPORTING

Annual report compliance date is today - March 31, 2026. Under [section 40 CFR Part 84 Subpart B](#), manufacturers and importers of certain products and equipment that use Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) or HFC blends must submit annual reports to EPA starting with calendar year 2025 data.



To find resources that can help you better understand this process visit the [EPA's Technology Transitions Reporting page](#). There you'll find a user guide, a webinar and slides to walk through the process, form links, and registration information requirements.

TRI ADDED: FINAL RULE FOR SODIUM PERFLUOROHXANESULFONATE, EPA STRENGTHENS REPORTING, PFAS TRANSPARENCY

In February, EPA [finalized a rule](#) adding sodium perfluorohexanesulfonate (PFHxS-Na) to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). Under this rule, businesses in covered industries must begin tracking and reporting any use or release of PFHxS-Na, a well-studied PFAS chemical. The first reporting period began **January 1, 2026** and the first reports will be due to EPA by **July 1, 2027**.

Because PFHxS-Na is classified as a chemical of special concern it is subject to a lower reporting threshold, in this case 100 lbs. The [TRI Reporting Deadline for Facilities](#) is July 1st and covers waste management activities that occurred during the previous calendar year. EPA makes these data publicly available. Not all facilities need to report to the TRI Program. Review the TRI reporting requirements carefully to determine if a facility must report to TRI.



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CA Prop 65 Announcements

Health Canada Extends Transition Period

CA Prop 65 Announcements

Under Proposition 65, California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) posted the following items:

- [N-Methyl-N-Formylhydrazine Added to the Proposition 65 List for Cancer](#)
- [Bisphenol S \(BPS\) Added to the Proposition 65 List for Reproductive Toxicity](#)
- Information Letters Issued: [Exposures to Vinyl Acetate from Consumer Products](#) and [Warnings for Items such as Receipts and Shipping Labels which Accompany a Consumer Purchase](#)
- [Landmark Study Finds No Significant Risk from Key Component of Synthetic Turf Fields](#) and [Final Report](#)
- [OEHHA comments on US EPA's Updated Draft Risk Calculation Memorandum on Formaldehyde](#)

Health Canada Extends Transition Period

On page six, we noted OSHA's deadline extensions, and Health Canada recognizes the significance of this change, especially for stakeholders managing cross-border supply chains.

In response to the extension Health Canada announced and remains committed to focusing on compliance promotion of Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) with regulated parties until the end of the applicable U.S. transition period, which is now extended to **November 19, 2027**. It is noted that Health Canada retains the authority to take measures to induce or compel compliance at any time with the HPR, if warranted. Health Canada's response is in alignment with the Government of Canada's [red tape reduction](#) efforts.



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Updates from Japan

China Adds 7 New Standards for Road Transport

Updates from Japan

Japan's JIS Chemical Classification and SDS Standards Undergo Major Update, Aligning with International GHS

Recently Japan published its latest revision versions of JIS Z 7252:2025- Classification of chemicals based on GHS and JIS Z 7253:2025 Hazard communication of chemicals based on GHS – Labeling and Safety data sheets. This revision aligns with the 9th revision of GHS (previously aligned with the 6th revision of GHS) The announcement is in Japanese and can be found [here](#). ChemRadar provided their insight to the changes via [this blog post](#).

Japan's MHLW Amendment Drafts Published

On March 27, 2026, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) published the addition of 171 new chemical substances to the Industrial Safety and Health Law (ISHL) inventory under the Industrial Safety and Health Act. Find the information here:

[Workplace Safety Site: Chemical Substances: Chemical Substance Information Update Information](#)

China Adds 7 New Standards for Road Transport

China's Ministry of Transport has launched a public consultation on a new series of seven mandatory national standards for the road transport of dangerous goods, which will upgrade existing rules (JT/T 617), align with ADR 2025, and significantly tighten compliance obligations across the chemical supply chain. [Explore the Standards here](#).





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ECHA Updates

ECHA Webinars to Watch

ECHA Updates

ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee adopts its opinion on PFAS restriction proposal

The European Chemicals Agency's (ECHA) Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) has concluded its evaluation of the universal restriction proposal on all per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Its opinion is the first part of ECHA's two-committee scientific evaluation of the proposal. [Learn more.](#)

Two hazardous chemicals added to the Candidate List

In February, ECHA added n-hexane and 4,4'-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethylidene]diphenol and its salts to the Candidate List. These substances are used, for example, in formulation, polymer processing, coatings, cleaning agents and as process regulators and cross-linking agents respectively. [Learn more about these substances and the Candidate List.](#)

Highlights from March RAC and SEAC meetings

The Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and the Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) advanced restriction work on certain chromium (VI) substances and octocrilene and on applications for authorisation. RAC also adopted opinions on classification and labelling (including on cannabidiol) and on occupational exposure limits. [Learn more.](#)

ECHA Webinars to Watch

ECHA webinars that are free to view and/or participate with:

- Available now [INVITES-IN, a new tool for assessing the internal validity of in vitro studies](#)
- Available now [Workshop on the results of REF¹²: Enforcement of compliance of imported substances, mixtures and articles](#)
- June 1 [Drinking Water Directive IUCLID demonstration workshop](#)



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GHS in the GSO

The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and Yemen have jointly [submitted a notification](#) to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade, proposing to implement a unified chemical classification and labeling system within the framework of Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) member states (excluding Saudi Arabia). The public consultation period for this regulation ended on February 15, 2026, while the specific adoption and effective dates remain to be determined. The notification also links to a forum for additional information.

Alliance Spotlight: NIOSH Science Bulletin

Near the end of 2025 the [NIOSH Science Bulletin](#) replaced the *NIOSH Science Blog*, and shared a wide range of articles that cover HazCom-related topics.

- [Highlights from NIOSH Contributions to Private Sector Standards and Development Activities](#)
- [Protecting Firefighters from Contaminated Gear](#) and [Laundering Gear to Protect Firefighters](#)
- [Total Worker Health and Chronic Disease at Work](#)
- [Engineered Stone and Silicosis](#)
- [Practical strategies to Manage AI Hazards in the Workplace](#)
- [Tips for Managing Personal Protective Equipment in Your Stockpile: Understanding Respirator Shelf Life](#)

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS & NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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