



Newsletter

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Message from the President – Craig Doolittle

January 2014 President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!! I hope you have been enjoying this real winter weather. With the passing of each year and the start of a new one, I feel time passing more quickly. So it seems like yesterday that we rang in 2013. In looking back, between planning and hosting our regular monthly meetings to the annual PDC and NEIHC, it was a busy year for our section.

We have had a good range of informative topics at our regular meetings this past fall and at both the PDC and the NEIHC. For those that couldn't join us, I hope you will consider doing so this year as we will continue to work to bring relevant and informative speakers to our events.

Update on PDC and NEIHC

This year, we held both events at the Westin Princeton and had excellent turnout for both. The agendas and speakers were well prepared, and I know I enjoyed every presentation. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to a few folks, knowing that others also helped. First, Patti Johnson once again put together an excellent series of PDC courses and we had pretty much standing room only in each session. This is the second year in a row Patti has coordinated the PDC, so next time you see or speak with her, please add your thank you to this one. For the NEIHC, I would specifically like to thank Therese Perrette, Jill Asch, Peter Harnett, Grey Coppi and Steve Winiecki for being on the planning committee and Ronnie Tutty, Jack Zybur, Barb Woodhull and Lee Schumann for their help with registration. It was a real team effort and a lot of fun to put together.

The Year Ahead

Once again, we will be holding our regular monthly meetings, at Snuffy's initially, but in response to member input, we are planning for some new locations for other meetings and have a couple in mind. Please try and join us, we look forward to seeing you. Stay Warm!!

Craig R. Doolittle, PE
President NJAIHA

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Welcome New Member(s)!

**Tanushree A. Chakravarty MS, MPH
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Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
January 16, 2014	Bioterrorism in the 21st Century and Safe Patient Handling	Snuffy's Scotch Plains
February 20, 2014	TBD	Pines Manor*
March 20, 2014	TBD- Joint meeting with NJ ASSE and MABA	Snuffy's Scotch Plains

***AM Meeting**

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- \$100 1/4 page ad - runs for 4 months
- \$200 1/2 page ad - runs for 4 months
- \$400 full page ad - runs for 4 months

Please email Craig Doolittle at president@njaiha.org for more information.

SAVE YOUR SEAT! – The 2014 NJAIHA Summer Session Courses will be held again this year on Tuesdays starting June 10th (6:00 PM -9:00 PM) through August 19th at the REHS Building on the Livingston Campus, Rutgers University. Get Ready for the CIH Exam! 20 great speaker/topics, one low price! (\$150) Already a CIH? – get 33 contact hrs (at 0.167 CM points per contact hour that is 5.5 CM points) for attending all the sessions! – that's less than \$30 per point! (More details on page 7 of this newsletter)

Job Postings

There are many job postings on our web site. If you are looking or just curious check them out.

<http://www.njaiha.org/Resources/JobPostings.aspx>

There are several job postings on these other organization web sites as well:

<http://www.njasse.org/>

<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/Metro%20NY/jobs.htm>

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2014 Industrial Hygiene & Safety Review Course

The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (NJ-AIHA) is offering a comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Course. The course is designed to provide basic training in some critical areas of industrial hygiene and safety and will likely be beneficial for those entering the field as well as those who are just looking to sharpen their skills in certain technical areas. In addition, many of the people who have attended the program have found it to be very helpful in preparing for the CIH and CSP examinations. Certified Industrial Hygienists have the opportunity to obtain CM points per lecture (0.167 points per contact hour). Participants are welcome to attend any or all of the lecture sessions, depending on their individual training needs. People who need certification points must sign an attendance sheet for each session.

Industrial Hygiene & Safety Lecture Topics

History of Industrial Hygiene, OSHA Act Review and IH Management, Epidemiology, Fire Protection, Emergency Response, Ergonomics, Risk Management – Record Keeping, Indoor Air Quality, BioSafety, Equipment & Facility Safety, Ionizing Radiation, Non-Ionizing Radiation, Math, Statistics & Calculator Review, Air Pollution, Toxicology, Regulatory & Legal Affairs, Physics & Basic Engineering, Air Sampling - IH Chemistry, Direct Reading Instrumentation, Noise, Ventilation, Ethics & Professional Conduct, Respiratory Protection & PPE

The IH classes will be held each **Tuesday night** (6:00-9:00) from the second Tuesday in **June** to third Tuesday in **August** at the Rutgers Environmental Health & Safety Dept., 27 Road 1, Livingston Campus, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854. Tel. (732) 445-2550. NOTE: Google maps does not give the correct location! Use Live Maps instead.

Cost: \$150.00 (includes registration, admission to all IH and Safety classes and on-line access to all course materials)

SAFETY CLASSES Sponsored by: ASSE

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Engineers*** 

Safety Topics have been added to our schedule (included in the price). We will have guest speakers on certain safety topics to help prepare people for the CSP exam. Safety classes will be held on **Thursday nights** (6:00-9:00 PM) from the second Thursday in June until the third Thursday in August.

Enrollment forms, directions, and schedule will be posted on the NJAIHA web page.



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January 2014 – DINNER MEETING
Bioterrorism in the 21st Century and Safe Patient Handling

DATE: Thursday, January 16th, 2014

PLACE: Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance, 250 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 908-322-7726

AGENDA:

3:30 p.m. AIHA, NJ Section, Inc. - Executive Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Registration/Networking/Cocktails

5:30 p.m. Before Dinner Session:

Topic: Opening Pandora's Box - Bioterrorism in the 21st Century

*Speaker: Edward Lifshitz, MD, FACP Medical Director
Communicable Disease Service- NJ Department of Health*

6:30 p.m. Dinner – Members \$25, guests \$30.
Students and those unemployed are free (Subsidized 100% for Dinner Meetings).

7:30 p.m. After Dinner Session:

Topic: My Mother's Story: A Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Case Study

*Speaker: Colin J. Brigham, CIH, CSP, CPE, CPEA, CSPHP-
Vice President Safety Management & Ergonomics
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Please register by **Tuesday, January 14th**, by calling Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144 or you may email your reservation to njaiha@ptd.net or fax your reservation to 973-579-6202, giving the names of those who will attend.



Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian

67th Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition 12/6/13 Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, Princeton, NJ

(Presented by the NJAIHA, co-sponsored by the Philadelphia and Metro New York Sections AIHA)



NJAIHA members check in and register attendees and distribute 2013 Conference information packets.



Craig Doolittle, NJAIHA President, welcomes attendees to the 2013 Conference and reviews the day's activities during his opening remarks and acknowledgments.



Part of the gathering during one of the technical presentations at this year's well-attended Conference.



Thanks once again to our 2013 conference vendors! Vendor participation at each year's conference helps to defray operating and presentation costs.



The drawing of door prizes at the close of each year's Conference is an established tradition. Door prizes this year included a Canon T3 SLR camera, a Borgata Casino \$450 gift certificate, an Apple iPod Touch (donor - EMSL Analytical, Inc.), an Apple iPad Air (donor - Colden Corp.), a Microsoft Surface Tablet, a hot air balloon ride, and Rutgers football tickets (donor - Phase Associates, LLC). Here, Peter Harnett, 2013 Conference Planning Committee member, presents one of the prizes to a lucky winner as representatives of each of the three AIHA local sections look on.

November 2013 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 11/21/13 at Snuffy's, Scotch Plains, NJ



Our before-dinner speaker, Eugenia Mirica, Ph.D., Laboratory Manager, EMSL Analytical, Inc., Cinnaminson, NJ, makes a point during her technical presentation, *"Analytical Testing of Combustible Dust"*.



Pictured here is our after-dinner speaker, David S. Phillips, Technical Application Specialist, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Exton, PA., and a NSF Accredited BSC Field Certifier, during his presentation, *"Biological Safety Cabinet Certification Around the World and Close to Home"*.



Happenings On The Hill

**American Industrial Hygiene Association
Government Affairs Department**

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December 13, 2013

Will Washington Provide “Holiday Gift” to American People?

Finally some compromise! Seems that a week or two back home facing irate constituents, a nine percent approval rating and an election only 11 months away can make all the difference in the world when it comes to getting something done on Capitol Hill.

The House of Representatives on December 12 passed a federal budget that will avoid the chance of a future government shutdown until at least October 2015. The House then adjourned for the year completing the first session of the 113th Congress. But don't get too excited. The Senate must still pass the budget proposal and will take up the bill next week. If the Senate passes the bill (which I believe they will), the President has indicated he will sign it.

What Does the Bill Do?

I'm not an expert on the federal budget so let's just take a broad look at the issue to give you some idea of what is taking place.

We are currently living with a Continuing Resolution that will expire on January 15. The sequestration of government spending that took effect last year limits current federal government spending at \$967 billion for the year. As an example, OSHA lost approximately \$25-\$30 million from its budget after sequestration took effect. The Republicans wanted to keep the FY14 budget (to run through September 30, 2014) at this level. The Democrats wanted to increase the spending level to \$1.058 trillion.

Both sides decided to compromise and the House approved a FY14 spending level at \$1.012 trillion. The House went even further and approved FY15 spending at \$1.014 trillion. But the dollar figure that is important in all of this is the figure of \$85 billion.

The House bill increases discretionary spending by about \$63 billion above the sequestration levels, with \$45 billion of the increase applied to FY14 and the rest to

The bill also provides for future deficit reductions in the amount of \$22 billion.

Where Does the New Money Go?

That's a good question. We know that when the sequestration took effect that defense spending absorbed nearly half of the cuts. Expect defense spending to absorb about half of the newly found money. But that still leaves an awful lot of money to play with..

The best answer is that no one knows who will receive the money and how much they might receive. That's because this entire bill was all about setting a total limit and not looking at individual cabinet-level departments and agencies. The next step is that when Congress returns in January they must begin to appropriate dollars to every agency. For OSHA, NIOSH and others it means that Congress may give them more money to spend or they may decide to take money away and spend it somewhere else. In other words there are no details on this and we don't expect any for the next month or two.

This is Good News – Anything Bad in the Deal?

Well, if you must know the bill does not address the debt ceiling. That limit will be reached February 7 and if not raised the government will not be able to pay its bills. Plus, we still have to make sure the Senate passes this budget bill; however I'm pretty confident that will happen.

So Happy Holidays from the first session of the 113th Congress – at least on the House side. Feels pretty good to report some good news for a change! Besides, it's the Holidays!

OSHA “Jump Starts” Regulatory Machine

Not quite sure who lit the fire at OSHA but the level of activity at the agency in the last two months is more activity than we have seen in the last several years combined. Now the question is likely to be whether or not any of this activity will result in completed actions. Here's a look at the current activity:

Silica

The OSHA proposed silica rule is receiving a considerable amount of discussion. The proposed rule that would lower the silica exposure level was proposed on September 12. Following the announcement, OSHA received numerous requests to extend the comment period for 90 days. OSHA agreed to extend the deadlines for 47 days. The new deadlines:

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearings (AIHA has submitted our request to appear)	December 12, 2013
Comments Due at OSHA (AIHA will be submitting comments)	January 27, 2014
Hearings Begin	March 18, 2014

Outlook: Don't be surprised if there is a major push to finalize a silica rule in 2014. Word is that this is one issue that Dr. Michaels would really like to finalize as soon as possible. However, there will be plenty of opposition to the proposed rule so be prepared for fireworks.

Recordkeeping

OSHA is also moving forward on a proposed rule on recordkeeping. The proposal was announced on November 7 and involves a move to "electronic submission" of injury and illness rates. Employers with more than 250 employees would be required to submit reports quarterly and employers with more than 20 employees would be required to submit reports on an annual basis.

OSHA makes it clear that the agency is not requiring employers to keep track of any new data than is currently required. OSHA also says one purpose of the rule is to make it easier for employers to compare their injury and illness data to other employers as all data would be available on the OSHA web site.

The deadlines:

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Appear at Meetings (AIHA will likely submit request to appear)	January 3, 2014
Meetings Begin	January 9, 2014
Comments Due at OSHA (AIHA will be likely submit comments)	February 6, 2014

Outlook: There is much more opposition to this proposed rule than one would think. Some in industry are afraid the information will be used against them if it is made public. While OSHA hopes to move forward rather quickly, don't be surprised if this rulemaking drags on for some time.

Chemical Safety

OSHA announced a request for information (RFI) seeking public comments on potential revisions to its Process Safety Management standard and related standards on December 3. The purpose of this RFI is to seek ways to improve chemical facility safety and security following the April explosion in West, Texas that killed 15. The agency asks for information and data on specific rulemaking and policy options and the workplace hazards they address. OSHA will then determine what actions, if any, it may take.

Comments on the RFI are due at OSHA March 10, 2014.

Protecting Temporary Workers

OSHA launched an initiative on protecting temporary workers on April 29. OSHA has now drafted a document (November) for Best Practices for Protecting Temporary Workers. AIHA was given an opportunity to review the document and provide input. AIHA supported the document and provided a few recommendations. You can find the AIHA comments on the AIHA web site under government affairs

<https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/PublicPolicy/Temporary%20Workers-Comments-12-09-13.pdf>

No word on when OSHA might release a final document on this issue.

NIOSH Carcinogen Policy

OSHA isn't the only agency with activity. NIOSH recently announced the availability of a draft document for public comment "Updating NIOSH Carcinogen Classification and Target Risk Level Policy for Chemical Hazards in the Workplace". NIOSH has several questions it wants addressed by those commenting, including whether or not the proposed carcinogen policies are consistent with the current scientific knowledge of toxicology.

Public Meeting to be held:

December 16, 2013

Comment Deadline to NIOSH:

February 13, 2014

OSHA Announces Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda

In late November OSHA announced its latest semi-annual regulatory agenda. The agenda is a "blueprint" for issues the agency believes it would like to move forward with in the coming six month period. Most would view the regulatory agenda as somewhat of a "wish list" as it is very difficult, if not nearly impossible, for the agency to meet these deadlines.

While the Fall 2013 agenda doesn't necessarily provide anything new, it is interesting nevertheless to take a look at those issues important to occupational safety and health and see when OSHA believes action might take place.

Prerule Stage

Review of Bloodborne Pathogen Standard
Review and Issue Findings – 05/2014

Infectious Diseases Standard
Initiate the Small Business Regulatory Review – 01/2014

Standards Improvement Project IV – Remove, revise duplicative, unnecessary, and inconsistent safety and health standards
Already missed the 11/2013 deadline

Review/Lookback of OSHA Chemical Standards (PELs)
Request for Information – Already missed deadline of 12/2013

Process Safety Management and Prevention of Major Chemical Accidents
Request for Information Issued – 11/2013

Proposed Rule Stage

Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica
Rule Proposed – Deadline for Comments – 01/2014

Occupational Exposure to Beryllium
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – 04/2014

Combustible Dust
Initiate Small Business Regulatory Review – 04/2014

Injury and Illness Program
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – 09/2014

Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses
Comment period ends – 02/2014

Final Rule Stage

Confined Spaces in Construction
Final Rule – 02/2014

Interesting Tidbits

- Whistleblowers. Whistleblowers can now file complaints online, providing an additional way to reach OSHA for assistance. Currently workers can make complaints to OSHA by filing a written complaint or by calling the agency.
- GHS (Globally Harmonized System). Companies faced a December 1 deadline to train their workers on the new hazard communication system. Word is that most employers are finding the training relatively simple and not expensive. OSHA said the agency would not directly target employers on the training deadline and would try to work with employers to make sure they have their employees trained.
- PELs and the Annotated Tables. While OSHA has received high marks from many for placing the PELs, RELs, TLVs and other exposure limits on one table for comparison, there are others who believe this is simply a “back-door” approach for the agency to cite those who are not using safer exposure limits than the current PELs. OSHA has gone out of its way to say that the agency will not be using the general duty clause or other means to cite employers who do not use the safer limits; however some employers say only time will tell. Employer groups cite one case already where an employer has been cited.
- Federal Contracts and Safety. The issue of whether or not federal contractors should be required to meet stricter safety and health requirements is in the news again. A Senate Committee report released by Senator Tom Harkin found that the government continued to contract with companies who were facing serious fines for safety and health violations. While the report suggested the President issue an Executive Order to tighten up the federal contract issue, others have said the issue needs Congressional action.

And with that –

Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

For information on any of the items in this report, please contact Aaron Trippler



AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
STATE UPDATE

December 26, 2013

NEW JERSEY

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for your State. AIHA government affairs will send the reports every week, detailing any legislative and/or regulatory pertinent to the profession in your state. The reports will also include the text of many bills (if available) and update activity on bills already reported. However, reports will only be sent if there has been new activity on the legislation and/or regulations already reported, or new legislation and/or regulations are found. Reports are sent to local section officers and may be forwarded to others if you wish. Questions contact Aaron Trippler at atrippler@aiha.org.

New Legislation

None to Report

Legislation Reported Earlier

NJ A 3737 IDENTICAL: NJ S 2389

SPONSOR: Giblin (D)
COSPONSOR(S): Diegnan (D), Caride (D)
TITLE: Interstate Authority Employee Occupational
Safety
PREFILED: 01/28/2013
INTRODUCED: 02/07/2013
DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:
Concerns occupational safety and health for public employees of certain interstate authorities.

STATUS:
01/28/2013 FILED.
02/07/2013 INTRODUCED.
02/07/2013 To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC
WORKS AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES.
11/18/2013 From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION,
PUBLIC WORKS AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES.
12/19/2013 Substituted by S2389.

Date: 13

NJ S 2389 IDENTICAL: NJ A 3737

SPONSOR: Norcross (D)
TITLE: Interstate Authority Employee Health and Safety
PREFILED: 11/29/2012
INTRODUCED: 12/17/2012
LAST AMEND: 01/14/2013
DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Concerns occupational safety and health for public employees of specified entities that are interstate transportation-related and park authorities; includes in the definition of employer any interstate authority utilizing its own police officers or firefighters; provides that the Authority and its employees shall be subject to the provisions of the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act.

STATUS:

11/29/2012 FILED.
12/17/2012 INTRODUCED.
12/17/2012 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
01/14/2013 From SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION as amended. (5-0)
11/18/2013 Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY. (37-0)
11/18/2013 Received in the ASSEMBLY without Reference.
12/19/2013 Substituted for A3737.
12/19/2013 Passed ASSEMBLY. (80-0)
12/19/2013 *****To GOVERNOR.

Date: 13

Regulatory Activity

None to Report