



# Newsletter

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## Message from the President – Craig Doolittle

### Earth Day and the Importance of Volunteering

Once again we approach another anniversary of the original Earth Day. This prompted me to reflect on not only this important recognition, but how important volunteers have become in many areas of our society. Whether it's volunteering in your community, as a coach, in the classroom, as part of your faith, in response to a natural disaster or just because, giving back makes a difference. I know in my own experience that when I volunteer to help, I get way more in return than I ever put in. And I am sure that most, if not all of you would agree.

Closer to home, much of what we do as the NJ section of AIHA is done through volunteers and time and again, I meet someone who has been involved with our Section in some volunteer capacity and helped make our organization a viable and vital part of our profession. I want to take a moment here to mention that this Thursday, we will celebrate and acknowledge our past-Presidents. I hope you can join us at Snuffy's for another great meeting and time spent together.

And along those lines, we have two Executive Board positions opening up:

- **President-elect.** The term for this position is one year and the president-elect is primarily responsible for organizing the monthly meetings. At the end of this year, the president-elect transitions to president for one year and then past-president for a third year.
- **Director of Administration.** This position has a three year term and the Director of Administration is primarily responsible for legislative, regulatory and public relations activities for our sections.

We are currently looking for volunteers to nominate for these two positions and I want to say from a personal perspective that we have a great group of people on the Board and I am sure whoever steps into these roles will enjoy their time and involvement. **So please let us know if you have an interest.**

Finally, back to Earth Day. For me, the original Earth Day was a turning point for many of us in the EHS profession. The reason I say this is that on that day, caring for our environment became a mainstream priority, one that we could all rally about and share common cause. It celebrates not only the importance of protecting our environment, but for me, it also celebrates once again, how volunteers make a difference. Many IH professionals too not only gave and continue to give their time and talents to this celebration, but also to other critical causes, as well. One thing I took away from the NEIHC this past December is how critical IH professionals are to disaster response and recovery efforts. I came away humbled by the commitment and care by many of our colleagues.

In closing, for all those who volunteer – you have my profound respect and on behalf of NJAIHA, our many thanks. Because I know you put your hand up not because you had to, but because you could. I hope to see you this Thursday!

Best regards

Craig R. Doolittle, PE  
President NJAIHA

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
April 17, 2014	NJ AIHA Past Presidents Meeting-Speakers <i>Robert E. Sheriff, CIH, CSP - President Atlantic Environmental Inc. Dover, NJ</i> <i>David Schwartz, CIH- Sr. Industrial Hygienist, CSERT, Inc., New Castle, DE</i>	Snuffy's Scotch Plains
May, 2014	No Meeting Scheduled	N/A
June 12, 2014	NJ AIHA Scholarship Awards Presentations* Year in Review and Speaker TBD	Basking Ridge Country Club

**\*SAVE THE DATE!**

Don't miss the NJAIHA Student Scholarship Award presentations. Several deserving students have been awarded \$1000 each and will provide a presentation at the June NJAIHA meeting at the Basking Ridge County Club. See you there!



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Please email Craig Doolittle at [president@njaiha.org](mailto: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 3rd (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 9 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 June 3rd to August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Rutgers Environmental Health & Safety Dept., 27 Road 1, Livingston Campus, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854. Tel. (732) 445-2550. (See the following link to Google Maps Directions)

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Rutgers+Environmental+Health+and+Safety/@40.516915,-74.430336,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x89c3c7bf656fffff:0x2b79eadac518c3c8>

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

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



## **April 2014 – PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER MEETING** **Libby, Montana Experiences and IH/Safety Contributions to** **Emergency Response Efforts**

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**DATE: Thursday, April 17th, 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

**5:50 p.m.** Before Dinner Session:

*Topic: Libby Montana – An Industrial Hygienist's Dream and a Citizen's Nightmare*

*Speaker: Robert E. Sheriff, CIH, CSP - President Atlantic Environmental Inc. Dover, NJ and Past President, National AIHA*

**6:50 p.m.** Honoring of NJ AIHA Section Past Presidents followed by:

Dinner – Members \$25, guests \$30.

Students and those unemployed are free (Subsidized 100% for Dinner Meetings).

**7:30 p.m.** After Dinner Session:

*Topic: Industrial Hygiene and Safety Contributions to Emergency Response:*

**Hurricane Sandy, Katrina, and Others**

*Speaker: David Schwartz, CIH- Sr. Industrial Hygienist, CSERT, Inc., New Castle, DE*

*Please register by **Tuesday, April 15th**, by calling Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144 or you may email your reservation to [njaiha@ptd.net](mailto:njaiha@ptd.net) or fax your reservation to 973-579-6202, giving the names of those who will attend.*

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**Going SOUTH on Garden State Parkway** – Exit #140A to Route 22 WEST and follow common directions above.

**Coming from New Brunswick and Points South** – Pick-up Route 287 NORTH (Exit #10 at Edison from the NJ Turnpike or Exit #127 from the Garden State Pkwy.) Take 287 NORTH to Somerville, Exit to Route 22 EAST to Scotch Plains. Entrance on right, after Blue Star Shopping Center and before Park Ave. overpass.

**Coming from PA or Points West** – Route 78 EAST to Exit #41. Follow signs to Route 22, Scotch Plains. At 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light turn right to go over Overpass to Park Ave. Stay in right lane of overpass and at next light turn right onto Mountain Ave. Make first right turn to enter parking lot.

## Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



### March 2014 Joint NJAIHA/NJASSE/MABSA Dinner Meeting - 3/20/14 at Snuffy's



Officers in Action (left to right): John Vogler, NJ Chapter-American Society of Safety Engineers (NJASSE) President, reviews upcoming activities and points of interest for NJASSE members; Amy Ryan, Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association (MABSA) President, introduces the after-dinner speaker; Grey Coppi, NJAIHA Director of Member Services, Craig Doolittle, NJAIHA President, and Steve Siegel, NJAIHA President-Elect, discuss business prior to the pre-dinner session.



Part of the large turnout of members and guests of the NJAIHA, NJASSE, and MABSA who gathered for the joint March 2014 Dinner Meeting at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains, NJ.





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Pre-dinner speaker Louise Valle, CIH, CSP, CPE, New Jersey/New York Regional Loss Prevention Manager, Crum and Foster, Morristown, NJ, provided attendees with an overview of sustainability and current sustainability issues impacting the safety and health profession during her presentation, "*The Sustainability Compass*".



Left photo: After-dinner speaker, Steven M. Kuhlman, VMD, DACLAM, Senior Principal Scientist-Laboratory Animal Resources, Merck Research Laboratories, Kenilworth, NJ, is shown at the start of his presentation, "*NHP Zoonosis and Safety*", during which he shared his personal perspectives on non-human primate (NHP) zoonotic disease transmission and discussed safety controls necessary to prevent the acquisition of these diseases by workers.



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**STATE UPDATE**

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*March 5, 2014*

**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](mailto:atrippler@aiha.org).

**New Legislation**

**NJ A 2833 SPONSOR: Giblin (D)**

TITLE: Public Employees

PREFILED: 02/27/2014

DISPOSITION: Pending

**SUMMARY:**

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

**STATUS:**

02/27/2014 FILED.

Text Not Available

**Legislation Reported Earlier**

None to Report

**Regulatory Activity**

None to Report





## *Happenings On The Hill*

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**April 8, 2014**

#### **Busy Time in Washington**

Notwithstanding the fact that few issues are ever decided in Congress these days it has been a very busy time in Washington. The President announced his FY15 budget and the House Republicans began discussing their own budget; there are ongoing concerns over Russia and Ukraine; and there are many issues at OSHA such as silica, recordkeeping, process safety management, beryllium, PELs.

Yes, the wheels of Washington move very slowly, if at all. But that's not all bad! Sometimes it is much better to have these issues drag on and on because it allows cooler heads to prevail. Have to give the Founding Fathers kudos; they knew what they were doing.

#### **Silica Hearings Bring Out Both Sides of the Issue**

If you ever wanted to see just how the regulatory process works, all you had to do was attend the three weeks of public hearings on the OSHA proposed silica rule. The system used by OSHA involves not only direct testimony but allows the public and other witnesses to cross-examine. While the hearings sometimes dragged on and on and brought out witnesses on both sides of the issue, OSHA should be commended for completing a hearing process that was very inclusive.

No need to go into much detail to tell you how the hearings went so I will try and consolidate this down to a few issues:

#### OSHA Proposal and Cost –

- OSHA is proposing to lower the exposure limit to silica to 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air, a 50 percent reduction in general industry and an 80 percent reduction for construction and shipyards.
- The proposal also includes protective measures, including exposure monitoring and medical surveillance.
- OSHA estimates the proposed rule would cost \$637 million in each of the first ten years. The annual price is about \$1250 per workplace, with companies having fewer than 20 employees about \$550 per year.

#### Labor Input –

- Labor says the estimated cost projected by OSHA is “overestimated”, claiming the agency oversimplified several issues.
- Because labor believes the cost projections are too high, labor would like to see several requirements added to the rule such as confidentiality for medical evaluations, additional training and education and a written exposure control plan.

#### Industry Input –

- Industry says the estimated cost projections are too low, estimating the cost is more like \$1.5 billion to \$6 billion annually.
- Industry also says that lowering the exposure level is not needed and it would be difficult to even test at such a low level. Some in industry stated that lowering the exposure limit will not likely see any improvement in the number of individuals harmed by exposure.

There you have it in a nutshell. So what was learned through the hearings? There are opinions all over the place and OSHA has its work cut out to review all the comments and either make changes to the proposed rule or leave it as is. OSHA has stated it will likely take the rest of 2014 to review the comments and that any final proposal is not likely to be finalized before 2016. And that may be optimistic; but I do think we will see a final rule.

And yes, AIHA was involved in the hearings, actually providing testimony on three separate issues. AIHA presented testimony on behalf of the association, on behalf of the AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Program and on behalf of the AIHA Proficiency Analytical Testing Program.

### **The President and His Proposed FY15 Budget**

President Obama has proposed his budget for FY15 and it includes small increases for OSHA and MSHA, yet cuts in NIOSH and EPA. But not to worry too much as this budget is not likely to go anywhere. The Senate is not even sure it wants to debate a budget as the agreement that was made to finalize the FY14 budget included appropriation targets for FY15 so Congress would not have to debate the issue prior to the mid-term elections in November. The House side is a different matter as Republicans are working on a budget that would cut \$5 trillion in spending over the next ten years. Not to worry there either as this budget wouldn't stand a chance in the Senate.

However, it is worth taking a look at what the President has proposed; if just to get an idea of what the administration is thinking. It's even more interesting to take a look at what is requested and enacted over the last couple of years. Here's a look:

	<u>OSHA</u> (millions)			
	2013 <u>Enacted</u>	2014 <u>Request</u>	2014 <u>Enacted</u>	2015 <u>Request</u>
Safety & Health Standards	18.9	22.1	20.0	20.3
Federal Enforcement	207.9	207.8	207.8	210.8
Whistleblower Program	15.0	21.9	17.0	21.3
State Programs	98.7	104.2	100.0	104.0
Technical Support	24.3	24.8	24.3	24.2
Compliance Assist-Federal	61.4	75.3	69.4	70.4
Compliance Assist-State	54.9	57.9	57.8	57.8
Compliance Assist-Training	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.7
Safety & Health Statistics	33.0	34.3	34.2	34.5
Executive	10.9	11.6	11.0	11.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>535.2</b>	<b>570.6</b>	<b>552.2</b>	<b>565.0</b>

Comments – As you can see the OSHA budget is essentially flat in most categories. The only two categories receiving any sort of a decent increase – whistleblower program and the funding returned to the states for state plan matching funds.

	<u>MSHA</u> (millions)			
	2013 <u>Enacted</u>	2014 <u>Request</u>	2014 <u>Enacted</u>	2015 <u>Request</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353.8</b>	<b>380.7</b>	<b>375.9</b>	<b>377.2</b>

Comments – The only two categories in the MSHA budget that were noteworthy changes from the 2014 enacted budget – educational policy and development received an increase of \$7 million and program administration received a cut of \$5.5 million.

	<u>NIOSH</u> (millions)			
	2013 <u>Enacted</u>	2014 <u>Request</u>	2014 <u>Enacted</u>	2015 <u>Request</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>323.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>333.0</b>	<b>281.0</b>

Comments – The NIOSH budget is somewhat confusing each and every year because of the inclusion of funds for the World Trade Center Health Program. However, all you really need to know is that the President's budget proposal for FY15 again includes cutting all funding for the Education research Centers (ERCs) and the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Program (AFF). The Administration has proposed cutting these funds for each of the past four years but Congress has retained the funding each time. AIHA and numerous other organizations supportive of this funding have sent letters to

Congress in support of retaining these funds and will shortly go out to the AIHA membership encouraging members to contact their elected officials in support of this funding.

<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>		
	2014	2015
	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Request</u>
TOTAL	8.2 billion	7.9 Billion

Comments – The Administration continues to cut back funding for the Environmental Protection Agency.

## **OSHA Seeking Nominations for NACOSH**

OSHA is soliciting nominations for members to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health. There are 12 individuals on the committee, including four public representatives and two reps each for labor, management and professionals in occupational safety and occupational health. If you, or someone you know, are interested in being nominated you can find the details on the OSHA web site or contact Aaron Tripler at AIHA.

## **Other Agency News**

In the OSHA budget justification the agency laid out some of its plans for 2015:

Inspections – OSHA announced the agency will conduct more health and safety inspections in 2015, with most of the increase occurring in health inspections. OSHA says the reason for this is that health issues are being identified as increasing.

Final Rules – OSHA predicts that during 2015 it will issue final rules for walking-working surfaces, recordkeeping modernization, the fourth phase of the Standards Improvement Project and crane operator certification. That's a pretty aggressive agenda seeing that the agency is so heavily involved in silica and has I2P2 still on the table.

Proposed Rulemaking – OSHA announced the agency will also release four notices of proposed rulemaking in 2015 – combustible dust, infectious diseases, preventing accidents caused by vehicles backing up and amending recordkeeping regs to clarify the duty to maintain accurate records. Again, a pretty aggressive agenda. While the agency wants to hold a small business regulatory fairness act hearing on combustible dust the odds are probably no better than 50-50 that this will occur.

Recordkeeping Proposal – Speaking of recordkeeping, the OSHA proposal to move to electronic reporting, online posting of injury and illness data, etc. has encountered some serious opposition. Several Members of Congress have come out in opposition to the program and there are some who are even calling for OSHA to pull the proposal. There are numerous concerns from business advocates, including the issue of privacy.

Injury and Illness Prevention Program (I2P2) – A big letdown for supporters of this proposal. OSHA has publicly stated that it has no dates for action on the proposal. This



used to be the number one priority of Dr. David Michaels but the proposal has run into all kinds of problems. Some say a draft is available within the agency but no one claims to have seen it.

Process Safety Management – The comment period has ended on this request for information proposal (RFI) for information on potential revisions to the Process Safety Management standard. This RFI was in response to the chemical explosion in West, Texas and seeks to improve chemical facility safety and security.

Beryllium – Pressure continues to build for the agency to send a beryllium proposal to OMB for review. This issue seems to be gaining ground.

Bloodborne Pathogens – There is also pressure on OSHA to decide what to do with the bloodborne pathogen issue. Some say the agency may make a move on this issue in May.

Temporary Workers – OSHA has released a new educational bulletin on injury recording requirements to help protect temporary workers. The initiative is an effort that uses enforcement, outreach and training to assure that temporary workers are protected in their workplaces.

Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) – Still waiting to see if OSHA moves forward on an earlier discussion to ask stakeholders for more information on how to go about updating the PELs. While nothing has happened as yet, just the fact that OSHA has been discussing is a step forward.

## **NIOSH Activity**

NIOSH has issued a final report from its Health Hazard Evaluation at a South Carolina poultry processing plant that makes recommendations to improve work conditions and minimize exposures to factors that increase the risk of musculoskeletal disorders and traumatic injuries. Some scary statistics in this report. 42% of workers in the study had evidence of carpal tunnel syndrome, and 41% worked in jobs involving hand activity and force above recommended limits.

## **State Activity**

California – California OSHA has proposed new language to define a “repeat” violation. If the state adopts the new language it would bring California in line with federal definitions. The change includes extending the time limit in which repeat violations can be cited.

New York – At the last minute lawmakers in New York added language to a mental health bill that would put in place a safe patient handling requirement for health care facilities. The measure has been enacted into law.

Arizona – Federal OSHA has threatened to take over inspection of construction projects in the state of Arizona unless Arizona revises its fall protection regulations. The disagreement stems from the fact that federal OSHA says the revised Arizona regulations are “not as effective as federal OSHA regulations”. Federal OSHA “requires” conventional fall protection for workers between 6 and 15 feet above a surface. Arizona

revised regulations require contractors to “prepare and implement a written fall protection plan which reduces or eliminates fall hazards”. Now, Arizona’s two senators – John McCain and Jeff Flake are asking OSHA to “back off” the threat, saying Arizona regulations are sufficient. Will be interesting to see how this disagreement comes out – should be decided before the end of April.

## **AIHA Policy Issues**

Over the course of the last few weeks AIHA has been kept very busy with various public policy issues:

Process Safety Management Comments – go to  
<https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/PublicPolicy/OSHA-Process%20Safety%20Mgmt%20Submitted%20Comments-03-23-14.pdf>

AIHA Testimony by AIHA Vice President Dan Anna at the silica hearings – go to  
<https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/Pages/AIHA-Testimony-on-the-OSHA-Proposed-Silica-Standard%2c-Presented-by-AIHA-Vice-President-Daniel-Anna.aspx>

AIHA joint letter to Congress in support of OSHA and NIOSH funding – go to  
<https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/PublicPolicy/NSC-ASSE-AIHA%20OSHA-NIOSH%20FY%2015%20Appropriations%20Letter%20to%20Chairman%20Harkin%20and%20Ranking%20Member%20Moran%20FINAL%2003%2025%2014.pdf>

AIHA Comments on Recordkeeping Proposal – go to  
<https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/PublicPolicy/OSHA-Recordkeeping%20Comments-Submitted-03-07-14.pdf>

AIHA Comments on NIOSH Carcinogen Policy – go to  
<https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/PublicPolicy/NIOSH-Carcinogen%20Comments-Submitted-02-10-14.pdf>

## **Federal and State Legislative Action Centers**

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The State Center offers AIHA members the opportunity to monitor all state legislative sites, scan IH professional recognition/title protection laws in states where adopted, and even review and follow all state legislation being monitored in the state legislatures throughout the year. Included under each State site is access to the various state agencies, including the Governor’s office and OSHA state plan sites. If professional



recognition/title protection legislation has been enacted in a particular state, this law can also be found.

Another important feature is member access to each of the weekly legislative/regulatory reports sent to each state. With this access, members can follow any piece of legislation that may be of interest.

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