



# Newsletter

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## **Message from the President – Stephen Siegel**

Holiday Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our NJAIHA members. We had very successful NorthEast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (NEIHC) and Professional Development Courses (PDC) held in Princeton, NJ this past December.

### **NEIHC- Metro NY, NJ, and Philadelphia AIHA Sections**

The NEIHC had approximately 160 attendees from the tri-state area as well as 26 vendors. Marianne Santarelli of the Metro NY AIHA Section and her team did a fantastic job of finding the speakers and organizing this program. The day included a wide variety of presentation topics including Ebola and Legionella Updates, Government and Regulatory Updates, and PCBs. The PowerPoint slides for the majority of these talks are posted on their website at <https://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/Metro%20NY/meetings.htm> for those who would like to review them. (See photos of the event on page 14)

### **NJAIHA PDCs**

Craig Doolittle and the NJ AIHA Board Members did a great job at setting up the four PDCs for our portion of the NEIHC. They were well attended with approximately 25-30 attendees per PDC. The PDC topics include Ethics & the Industrial Hygienist, Indoor Air Quality, Indoor Investigation for Dampness and Mold Growth, and Hazard and Control Banding. A special thanks to all of the presenters who volunteered their time for the PDCs – Barry Weissman, Harris Brody, Jack Springston, Chin Yang, Brent Altemose, and Robert Sussman. Overall a well-spent educational day for all CIHs and safety professionals who attended. (See photos of the event on pages 12-13)

Please note that I will be spearheading the 2015 NJAIHA PDCs so if any of you have topics you would want like to present for a PDC or have a topic of interest please email me at [president@njaiha.org](mailto:president@njaiha.org)

We look forward to seeing all of at our meetings this year and don't forget March is our joint meeting with NJ ASSE and MABSA.

Sincerely

Stephen Siegel, CIH MBA  
President NJ AIHA

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
1/15/15	<b>Topic:</b> Latest Injury/Illness Statistics <b>Speaker:</b> Cassidy Canzani, Economist U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  <b>Topic:</b> OSHA Update (Recordkeeping, GHS, Silica) <b>Speaker:</b> Mike Corbett, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist OSHA Avenel Area Office	Snuffy's Scotch Plains
2/19/15	<b>Topic:</b> TBD <b>Speaker:</b> Jack Springston, TRC	Snuffy's Scotch Plains
3/19/15	Joint Meeting with ASSE/MABSA <b>Topic:</b> Ebola Update <b>Speaker:</b> Edward Lifshitz, MD - Medical Director for the NJDOH Communicable Disease Service	Snuffy's Scotch Plains

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Please email Stephen Siegel at [president@njaiha.org](mailto:president@njaiha.org) for more information.

# 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/job-postings/>

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

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## 2015 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 Tuesday nights (6:00-9:00) beginning the first week of June 2015 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!4m2!3m1!1s0x89c3c7bf656f6fff:0x2b79eadac518c3c8>

**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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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 PM). The website will be updated when the specific dates and topics for the Safety classes have been established. Enrollment forms, directions, and schedule will be posted on the NJAIHA web page.**



## January 2015 – DINNER MEETING

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**DATE:** Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**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/Appetizers/Cash Bar

**6:00 p.m.** Before Dinner Session:

*Topic:* **Latest Injury/Illness Statistics**  
*Speaker:* **Cassidy Canzani, Economist**  
**U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**7:00 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:* **OSHA Update (Recordkeeping, GHS, Silica)**  
*Speaker:* **Mike Corbett, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist**  
**OSHA Avenel Area Office**

Please register by **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**COMMON DIRECTIONS:**

Pick up Route 22 West to sign reading "Mountain Ave. – Scotch Plains". Take Mountain Ave. thru 2nd traffic light to parking lot entrance on the right (just after intersection).

**Coming from New York City** - Lincoln or Holland Tunnels or George Washington Bridge - take NJ Turnpike SOUTH to Newark Airport Exit #14 and follow common directions above.

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**Going NORTH on Garden State Parkway** - Exit # 140 to Route 22 EAST. Bear to LEFT to take jug handle to Route 22 WEST and follow common directions above.

**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

### NJAIHA Fall Professional Development Courses - December 4, 2014 Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, Princeton, NJ



Attendees get ready for the start of one of morning professional development courses.



**Barry Weissman**, REM, CSP, CHMM, CHS-V, CIPS, was the instructor for morning Course #1, *"Ethics & the Industrial Hygienist"*.



**Harris Brody**, CIH, CHMM, of Accredited Environmental Technologies, Inc., taught morning Course #2, *"Indoor Air Quality 25 Years of Lessons Learned"*.





**Jack Springston**, CIH, of TRC Environmental Corporation, and **Chin Yang**, Ph.D., of Prestige EnvironMicrobiology, Inc., teamed up to teach afternoon Course #3, *“Current and Advanced State of the Science in Indoor Investigation for Dampness and Mold Growth”*.



**Robert Sussman**, Ph.D., DABT, and **Brent Altemose**, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, both of SafeBridge Consultants, Inc., shared teaching duties for afternoon Course #4, *Hazard and Control Banding - Historical Perspectives and Modern Applications”*.

**Photo Credits:** Peter Zavon and Steve Siegel

## **2014 Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition** **Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, Princeton, NJ - 12/5/14**

### **A Few Scenes**

This year's Conference and Exposition was coordinated by the Metro New York AIHA Local Section. A complete collection of 172 photos from the event are available on their website through the following link: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ccqjvic91im98nc/AAD3HyLv\\_I88uII90\\_fa8V5wa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ccqjvic91im98nc/AAD3HyLv_I88uII90_fa8V5wa?dl=0)



NJAIHA members, Diane Miskowski, and Bernard Fontaine, Jr., were speakers at the 2014 NEIHCE.





## *Happenings On The Hill*

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**December 15, 2014**

### **We Have a Budget – Well, Most of One!**

With time running out on the 113<sup>th</sup> session of Congress, the politicians waited until the very last minute to address the federal budget that was supposed to have taken effect on October 1. But of course they had to impose a little drama into the situation. The so-called “cromnibus” bill, a combination of the words continuing resolution and omnibus, (once again Washington has come up with another new word and/or acronym) was finally approved by the Senate on December 13 after the House had already enacted their version and gone home for the holidays. So here’s what we have:

- All but one of the individual appropriations bills was included in the cromnibus bill that was enacted. The bill funds the government through the fiscal year that ends next September 30. The only bill that was not included in this cromnibus bill was funding for the Department of Homeland Security. Because of the expected debate over the President’s immigration proposal, Congress only approved spending for Homeland Security through February. This means the new Congress will come back in January and debate the issue before approving final funding for the Department.
- OSHA. The bill includes \$552.787 million for the agency, approximately the same amount as approved for spending in 2014. For comparison purposes, the President had proposed \$565 million.
- MSHA. The bill includes \$375.887 million for the agency, approximately the same amount as approved for spending in 2014. For comparison purposes, the President had proposed \$377 million.

- NIOSH. The bill includes \$334.863 million for the institute, approximately the same amount as approved for spending in 2014. For comparison purposes, the President had proposed \$281 million. The big change here in what the President proposed and what was approved is the fact that funding for the Education Research Centers is once again included in the final budget, a line item the President had recommended be cut.
- EPA. The bill includes just over \$8 billion for the agency, approximately the same amount as approved for spending in 2014. For comparison purposes, the President had proposed \$7.9 billion.

What's Next? Frankly, everything should be taken care of for now. The President is supposed to reveal his 2016 Federal Budget around March 1 and then we can start all over again. For now though, the government stays in business, at least until Congress has to address the issue of raising the debt limit – expected to be reached sometime this spring.

## **The New Congress – What Can We Expect?**

It's fairly obvious that we are about to see some major changes take place on Capitol Hill. The mid-term elections have provided the Republicans with total control of both the House and the Senate for the next two years which will alter nearly everything.

While it will still be difficult to have legislation enacted and signed by the President, it won't be for a lack of effort. I expect the Republicans to introduce numerous legislative measures to address many issues of interest to AIHA. Here are some thoughts:

- Don't be surprised that when the next budget is introduced, the Republicans attempt to control some issues through what is known as "budget riders". This is actually pretty simple. Let's say there are those in Congress who are opposed to an agency enacting a new regulation. While efforts failed in attempting to stop the regulation through the regulatory process, Congress can simply place a rider on the agency budget stating that not one dollar can be spent on anything to do with this regulation. This happens more often than you think.
- Oversight hearings. Another favorite of both parties is to put agency and department personnel on the hot seat by holding oversight hearings on numerous ongoing issues with the agency or department. In other words, hold a hearing to learn what facts the agency might be using to justify work on a specific issue. These hearings usually result in requiring an agency to spend considerable time compiling data for the hearings.
- Regulatory reform. Don't be surprised to see numerous legislative measures introduced to address regulatory reform issues. One such measure is likely to be a bill that would require an agency to seek approval from Congress prior to enacting a final rule or regulation. And don't be surprised to see the President also involved in seeking some sort of regulatory reform.
- Use of guidelines. An ongoing battle now being debated in the supreme court. The issue centers on the fact that many agencies are using "guidelines" to address an issue because the agency has been unsuccessful in enacting an actual regulation or rule. Opponents of the use of guidelines say this circumvents the regulatory process. There will likely be some legislation addressing this issue.



As for specific issues of interest to AIHA I really don't see many bills introduced to address any specific issue. Of course, things can change quickly so it's a matter of staying on top of things, educating Congress when need be and doing whatever necessary to see that workers remain protected.

## **Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda Released**

The fall 2014 semi-annual regulatory agenda has been released providing a roadmap of the issues of importance at OSHA and other agencies. The agenda outlines the specific issues receiving attention within the agency and the timeline for each. Of course, most of these timelines are never met but it is still worth taking a look at the top issues:

### **Prerule Stage**

Bloodborne Pathogens. OSHA hopes to undertake a review of the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard to determine whether or not there is still a need for the rule and whether the rule overlaps or duplicates other regulations. The review started in 2009, comments ended in 2010 and the agency hopes to issue findings in May, 2015.

Infectious Diseases. OSHA is in the process of considering input from a recent small business peer review before drafting a possible standard on this issue. The agency started the process in 2010 and will now take some time to draft a potential standard.

Chemical Management and Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs). OSHA placed a Request for Information (RFI) in the Federal Register in October and will be accepting input on this issue until April of 2015. An RFI seeks input on options and recommendations from stakeholders as to what the agency might do to address the situation. After the comment period ends, expect the agency to take a considerable amount of time reviewing these comments before making any decision.

Process Safety Management. Another RFI requesting input on what to change in the Process Safety Management Standard. A small business peer review panel is scheduled for June of 2015.

Emergency Response and Preparedness. An RFI was published back in 2007 and the agency is now preparing to gather additional information on this issue to determine whether or not a specific rule addressing this issue is needed. The agency hopes to have a national committee workgroup provide input in April of 2015.

### **Proposed Rule Stage**

Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica. Probably the one issue that is moving forward and many expect to be finalized sometime in late 2015 or early 2016; but rest assured there are many opponents. The agency is now analyzing the comments from the public hearings held earlier this year.

Occupational Exposure to Beryllium. The small business peer review was completed way back in 2008 and the agency is now ready to publish an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, hopefully in January of 2015.

### **Final Rule Stage**

Confined Spaces in Construction. Begun back in 2003, the agency hopes to issue the final rule in March of 2015. There are many who believe the agency will complete this rulemaking, perhaps not in March, but sometime in 2015.

Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. Commonly referred to as the electronic reporting proposal, the agency hopes to issue a final rule in August of 2015. There is considerable opposition to this rule so will be interesting to watch.

### **Long Term Actions**

Combustible Dust. Begun back in 2009 following the explosion at a sugar factory in Georgia, the agency has now moved this item to its long-term agenda. The agency says it will now begin the small business regulatory review process in February, 2016; however, this issue is likely going nowhere.

MSD Recordkeeping. The effort to restore a column to the OSHA 300 Form to record ergonomic injuries is also likely over. The agency says the next action for this issue is "undetermined".

Injury and Illness Prevention Program (I2P2). Once the number one priority of the agency back in 2010, the agency says the next action for this issue is also "undetermined".

Update to the Hazard Communication Standard. OSHA's attempt to update the standard to keep up with the latest version of GHS is also relegated to the long-term category with the next action "undetermined".

## **AIHA Public Policy Survey**

AIHA recently conducted the 2015-2016 top public policy issue survey of the membership. This survey provides AIHA and government affairs with the top issues for association focus in the next session of Congress. The results don't necessarily mean the association is limited to these issues but it does provide us with a look at what the membership views as important.

One interesting note on this survey. The response rate was nearly 20 percent, a huge increase over any previous public policy survey conducted by AIHA. The survey was divided into several different categories, with the results then tabulated to determine the top issues in each category. A complete summary of the results will be made available on the AIHA government affairs web page in the next few days. The results for 2015-2016:

### **Top Specific Individual Hazards**

- Combustible Dust
- Crystalline Silica
- Noise/Hearing Protection
- Nanotechnology

#### Top General Occupational Safety and Health Issues

- Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) – Updating
- Risk Assessment
- Confined Spaces
- Infectious Diseases

#### Top Legislative Issues

- Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) – Updating
- Appropriations for OSHA, NIOSH, etc.
- Combustible Dust
- Professional Recognition/Title Protection

#### Top General Association Issues

- Professional Ethics
- National Standards on OHS Issues
- Laboratory Accreditation
- Professional Recognition/Title Protection

## **Ebola**

An update on the Ebola situation. I attended the recent meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health where Dr. John Howard, head of NIOSH, provided a quick overview of some Ebola statistics that were quite interesting. Dr. Howard said that the most recent statistics found 601 health care workers had contracted Ebola and 338 of those had died – 56 percent! In the U.S. four individuals had contracted Ebola with one death.

Dr. Howard also reported that there are 300 CDC employees working on Ebola and NIOSH has 70 employees deployed in Africa. He also said that NIOSH is spending a considerable amount of time on this issue. I can only imagine!

Quite interesting to say the least! Another reason we must continue working to assure adequate funding for NIOSH.

**Finally –**

**Here's Wishing All**  
**A Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season**  
**And a Great 2015!**

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