



# Newsletter

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## Message from the President – Mark Ostapczuk

Happy New Year NJAIHA members! We wish everyone warm wishes for a safe and healthy 2016. Last year was a great year for NJAIHA and we hope to continue with and even better 2016!

Thank you to all who attended the NEIHC and the December PDC's. (See photos on page 12-15) Once again our most successful event of the year! We look forward to continuing this trend in 2016 by offering a variety of meeting topics starting with our January meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

This month's before dinner topic: ***Use & Application of Nanotechnology in the Construction Industry***. The discussion will explore the benefits and advantages; new and existing risks of exposure and use of the technology; health risk to employees and consumers; potential environmental exposures; and how nanotechnology is now changing our world for the better. **Our Speaker Nina Nobile, MA, CSP, HEM** is a Senior Risk Engineer at Zurich. The after-dinner topic: ***Changing Your Safety Culture to Prevent Accident, Illness and Injury***. This presentation will focus on how unsafe attitudes/behaviors are the underlying cause of mishaps. A training demo will show how these concerns can improve human relations and business performance. **Our Speaker Donald Theune** is the Principal and Co-Founder of the Donnic Consulting Group, LLC.

One of our 2015 goals continues to be our main theme for 2016. We want you at the meetings! If you haven't heard, NJAIHA is offering a ***"Loyalty Rewards Program"***. Members who attend any five (5) dinner meetings will get the sixth dinner free!! If you sign-up five new or former members, NJAIHA will offer you a free dinner as well. We are always interested in hearing from anyone who wishes to speak at any of our monthly dinner meetings, PDCs, or our annual regional conference.

NJAIHA has already started planning for our 2016 Student Scholarships. We are promoting the funding by selling NJAIHA logo polo shirts. All proceeds will fund the scholarship for a deserving student. See our fundraising add on page 21 of this Newsletter. Please spread the word about this great opportunity for our students to participate in the process. Please check out our website and or contact Grey Coppi, Membership Committee Chair ([membership@njaiha.org](mailto:membership@njaiha.org)) about the details. You can also help out too!

We are still looking for a volunteer to be NJAIHA's Outreach Coordinator. This is an important opportunity to assist both AIHA National and NJAIHA to increase awareness of our profession as a career and the benefits of being a member of our local chapter. (see page 21 for details)

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January 21 meeting at Snuffy's!

Best Regards,

Mark Ostapczuk  
President NJAIHA

## **PLEASE NOTE: Change in Dinner Meeting Rates \$\$\$\$**

As of the September 2015 Meeting the cost for monthly meetings have been increased. Dinner for Members is \$30, Non-members and guests \$40; Students and unemployed NJAIHA members are free.

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## **Welcome New NJAIHA Members!**

Ralph Coppola – Pennoni  
Evan Anderson - Ramboll Environ  
Christina Walker - EMSL Analytical Inc  
Kimberly Thomas - EMLab P&K

# Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
1/21/16	<p><b>January Dinner Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>Use &amp; Application of Nanotechnology in the Construction Industry</i> - The discussion will explore the benefits and advantages; new and existing risks of exposure and use of the technology; health risk to employees and consumers; potential environmental exposures; and how nanotechnology is now changing our world for the better.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Nina Nobile, MA, CSP, HEM</b> is a Senior Risk Engineer at Zurich</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>Changing Your Safety Culture to Prevent Accident, Illness and Injury.</i> This presentation will focus on how unsafe attitudes/behaviors are the underlying cause of mishaps. A training demo will show how these concerns can be changed to improve human relations and business performance.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Donald Theune</b>, is the Principal and Co-Founder of the Donnic Consulting Group, LLC</p>	<p><b>Snuffy's Pantagis Scotch Plains, NJ</b></p>
2/18/16	<p><b>February Dinner Meeting Sponsored by EMLab P&amp;K</b></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>USP &lt;797&gt;: The Requirements for Environmental Monitoring and Upcoming Changes in Pharmaceutical Industry-</i> After the introduction of USP &lt;797&gt; in 2004 and a major revision in 2008, the Compounding Expert Committee has proposed significant changes to the guidelines for sterile compounding. This includes collapsing of three risk categories into two, cross-references for handling of hazardous drugs and other significant changes to schedules for environmental monitoring and testing services. The sterilization and testing process coincides with the work done by many industrial hygienists in the pharmaceutical industry.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Dr. Michael Berg</b> is Regional Director at EMLab P&amp;K Laboratory</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>Outreach coordination of the World Trade Center Health Program</i> has experience many challenges including budgets, policy and publicity but most important following registered patient diagnosis and medical treatment The program works with local, municipal, and county agencies to track healthcare and updating governmental officials on the impact to society and economy.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Chauntel Wright, MPH, CHES</b> is the Outreach Coordinator for the World Trade Center Health Program</p>	<p><b>Snuffy's Pantagis Scotch Plains, NJ</b></p>

If you haven't heard, NJAIHA is offering a free dinner to anyone who attends five meetings per year. Ask for a "Loyalty Reward Card" the next time you are at a meeting!!!

Also, if you sign-up five new or former members of NJAIHA, you will be entitled to a free dinner as well.

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## 2016 Industrial Hygiene and 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 maintenance points must sign an attendance sheet for each session.

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The IH classes will be held Tuesday nights (6:00-9:00) beginning the first week of June 2016 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!1s0x89c3c7bf656ffff: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 are posted on the NJAIHA web page** <http://www.njaiha.org/events/njaiha-summer-review-course/>.



## January 2016 – DINNER MEETING

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**DATE:** Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**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

**5:45 p.m. President's Message**

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

**Topic:** *Use & Application of Nanotechnology in the Construction Industry - The discussion will explore the benefits and advantages; new and existing risks of exposure and use of the technology; health risk to employees and consumers; potential environmental exposures; and how nanotechnology is now changing our world for the better.*

**Speaker:** Nina Nobile, MA, CSP, HEM is a Senior Risk Engineer at Zurich

**7:00 p.m.** Dinner – Members \$30, Non-members and Guests \$40

Students and unemployed NJAIHA members are free (subsidized 100% for dinner meetings)

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

**Topic:** *Changing Your Safety Culture to Prevent Accident, Illness and Injury. This presentation will focus on how unsafe attitudes/behaviors are the underlying cause of mishaps. A training demo will show how these concerns can be changed to improve human relations and business performance.*

**Speaker:** Donald Theune, is the Principal and Co-Founder of the Donnic Consulting Group, LLC

Please register by **Tuesday, January 19th**, 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 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.

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**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 3, 2015

PSEG Hadley Road Facility, South Plainfield, NJ



Barbara Woodhull, NJAIHA Treasurer, Jack Zybrua, NJAIHA Director of Administration and Web Master, and Steve Siegel, NJAIHA Past-President and PDC Course Coordinator (not pictured), donated their services for the day to work the registration table. Thanks Barb, Jack, and Steve!



The 2015 Fall PDCs provided the first opportunity for NJAIHA to unveil its new indoor Section Banner. Much thanks to Bernie Fontaine, NJAIHA President-Elect, for spearheading its design and purchase!



Nancy Orr, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Director, Global Environment, Health & Safety, BD, Franklin Lakes, NJ, served as instructor for morning Course #1, *"Ethical Fitness - A Method for Resolving Complex Dilemmas"*.



Instructor **Bernard Fontaine, Jr.**, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Managing Partner, the Windsor Consulting Group, Inc., South River, NJ, and NJAIHA President-Elect, leads the discussion during morning Course #2, *Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene in Developing Countries*".



Bernard Fontaine, Jr., showcases the new NJAIHA polo shirt now available for purchase. Proceeds from shirt sales will serve as a revenue source for the NJAIHA Student Scholarship program. Please see related information in this newsletter or the NJAIHA website <http://www.njaiha.org/students/polo-shirt-fundraiser/> for purchasing details.



**David Schwartz**, CIH, Senior Industrial Hygienist, CSERT, Inc., New Castle, DE, instructor for afternoon Course #3, *"Safety and Industrial Hygiene Contributions to Emergency Response"*, is shown reviewing key definitions with participants.



**Diane Miskowski**, MPH, Aquatic Microbiology and Legionella Program Manager, EMSL Analytical, Inc., Cinnaminson, NJ, Inc., served as instructor for afternoon Course #4, *"Current and Advanced Science for Legionella Sampling, Analysis & Investigation"*.



## November 2015 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 11/15/15 at Snuffy's

Thank you, **Global Chemical Data, Inc. (ChemWatch North America)** for sponsoring our November dinner meeting!

**CHEMWATCH**



**Mark Ostapczuk**, NJAIHA President, makes welcoming remarks prior to the start of the evening's two technical presentations and Snuffy's popular Thursday night Italian buffet.



Before-dinner speakers, **Tom Hasse** and **Paul Benbow**, both Business Development Managers with ChemWatch North America, Franklin, TN, introduce themselves and their presentation, "Chemical Risk Assessment: It's Not the Hazard: It's the Risk".



**Tom Hasse** is shown demonstrating the use of the ChemWatch system, a comprehensive software module which can be used for, among other things, SDS authoring, SDS programs management, and hazardous materials incident management.



Returning once again, after-dinner speaker, **Edward Lifshitz, MD, FACP**, Medical Director, Communicable Disease Service, New Jersey Department of Health, Trenton, NJ, reviews the discovery and development of penicillin antibiotics during his presentation, "Antimicrobial Stewardship: Protecting A Valuable Resource".

**2015 Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition**  
**Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, Princeton, NJ - 12/4/15**

**A Few Scenes**

This year's Conference and Exposition was coordinated by the Philadelphia AIHA Local Section. A more complete gallery of photos from the 2015 Conference and Exposition will be posted on the NJAIHA website.





## *Happenings On The Hill*

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A Federal Budget Completed – I Think!

Last month Congress adopted a budget expenditure limit that will run through September of 2017. That seemed to be a public relations coup for Congress, until everyone else realized that a budget was not actually adopted, just a spending limit.

So, since they couldn't agree on an actual fiscal year 2016 federal budget, they passed a spending extension, or continuing resolution, that would allow agencies and departments to continue spending at the existing rate – only until December 11.

By the time December 11 came around they still couldn't agree so they passed an extension of spending until midnight on December 16. Guess what? That date came and they still didn't have a budget but they say they are real close.

House Democrats and Republicans have agreed on a bill but because the new House Speaker pledged to allow everyone three days to read any bill proposed they have put off the vote on this bill until Friday, December 18. And that means ---- they may actually need to once again extend the spending agreement until December 22 to give the Senate enough time to pass the spending bill.

But lo and behold some of the figures in this final budget are starting to leak out. Some good news and some not so good news if things hold up the way they appear right now. Here is what I know as of today.



What will be the final dollar amount for OSHA spending for the year? An increase like the President proposed (plus \$40 million) or a decrease pushed by Republicans? Well right now the figure I have is that OSHA will receive exactly the same amount in 2016 as it did in 2015 - \$552.8 million. Folks, that isn't enough to even keep up with inflation and will not allow OSHA to add personnel to the whistleblower program as planned or pursue other new agenda items.

Will Congress add a policy rider to prohibit OSHA from spending any money on a possible silica standard? The Senate wanted OSHA to start over with the standard-setting process. It looks like the final bill will not have this policy rider in it. But – There is a policy rider regarding Process Safety Management (PSM). The language says that OSHA shall not enforce or declare to be in effect the July 22 revised enforcement policy for exempting retail facilities from coverage until several conditions are met. One of these conditions is that OSHA shall carry out a public notice and rulemaking process on the issue.

NIOSH received excellent news! The final bill provides NIOSH with a \$4.2 million INCREASE for a total of \$339.1 million. This is one of the few agencies that received an increase in the final bill. And since I didn't see any language regarding the Education Research Centers I think we can assume funding for the ERCs remains in the budget for another year. The President had proposed cutting this funding.

MSHA received the exact same amount for 2016 as 2015 funding - \$375.9 million, \$19 million less than the President proposed.

### **Another item of Interest**

Word from the House Appropriations Committee on the final budget deal included the following policy provision: "A directive to stop OSHA's anti-business end-run around the rulemaking process – requiring public comments and transparency". Hmmm! Not exactly sure if this will be included in the final deal and not exactly sure what this means; other than this is obviously addressing the issue of OSHA issuing guidelines rather than using the regulatory process. An issue that keeps getting brought up in Congress. Time will tell.

So, as I have been stating for some time now, Congress seems to have little interest in increasing funding for occupational safety and health; a bad omen for the future. Now we wait and see if the budget bill passes as written. Will there be something to cheer about over the holidays or will there only be a lump of coal?

### **OSHA Releases Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda**

The semi-annual regulatory agenda has been released and we now get a little better look at the issues that OSHA and other agencies are working on or hope to work on in the coming year. The agenda is published twice a year and has really become more of a "wish list" for OSHA and the other agencies; however, it is the closest thing we have to a complete look at the agenda of the agency. Here's a look at the most important issues for the IH and occupational safety and health profession.

### **Bloodborne Pathogens**

This is really a hope to review the need for the rule and determine whether or not it overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with other regulations. The review began back in 2009 and OSHA was supposed to finish the review and issue findings this fall. Obviously this has not yet been completed. Outlook: I don't think this review is any kind of priority for the agency. If findings are forthcoming it won't be for several more months.

## **Combustible Dust**

Rulemaking to develop a combustible dust standard for general industry began with stakeholder meetings in 2009. OSHA now says the agency hopes to begin small business regulatory review of the issue in August, 2016.

Outlook: Hard to believe an important issue like this has lingered so long. And don't look for anything soon. The administration is unlikely to even hold the small business regulatory review before the election in 2016. In other words, if a standard is ever to be proposed and enacted it is many years down the road.

## **Chemical Management and Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)**

The big one for AIHA! A closer look at options that might be available to address the issue of outdated PELs. OSHA announced a Request for Information (RFI) in 2014 and the RFI comment period ended in October of this year. The agency hopes to analyze the comments by April of 2016.

Outlook: Would like to say there is a "light at the end of the tunnel" with this issue but I'm afraid that just isn't the case. The RFI approach by OSHA was a welcome one; unfortunately the solution to the problem is much more complicated than simply seeking out options and recommendations. The good news about the RFI was that we finally have the agency and the federal government engaged on the issue; the bad news is that we are likely years away from any solution.

## **Process Safety Management**

The agency put out an RFI in 2013 to identify issues related to modernizing the Process Safety Management standard. The agency hopes to complete a small business regulatory review by April of 2016.

Outlook: The agency wants to move forward with this issue but time is running out for this administration. While a small business review may take place and be completed, there isn't enough time to do anything with the result.

## **Revocation of Obsolete Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)**

From my perspective, the most interesting issue on the entire agenda. The agency says it is initiating a regulatory project to revoke a small number of obsolete PELs. The agency states this is in response to the President's Executive Order to facilitate the review of existing regulations that might be outdated, ineffective, etc. OSHA hopes to publish an RFI in July of 2016. But there may be more to this than meets the eye. There are many questions and possible concerns about this approach. One of the questions is the concern that if a PEL is revoked the agency might then use the general duty clause to determine if an employer is not providing adequate protection to an employee? Good or bad idea – your call!

Outlook: This issue appeared without many having any idea it would be proposed. I believe there is enough concern that the agency will not be able to move forward with this issue, partly because it can't be done before the end of this administration.

## **Proposed Rule Stage - Occupational Exposure to Beryllium**

The agency hopes to reduce the exposure level to Beryllium through this proposal. Efforts began way back in 2002 and we are still waiting for the final. The agenda says the agency is now analyzing



comments from the comment period that ended last month.

Outlook: While many had hopes that this would be one of the final products forthcoming from the agency during this administration the outlook is not good. While several months ago there were high hopes, the agency has now publicly stated it has no idea on when the next step might be taken. In other words, it is unlikely this will be concluded before the 2016 election.

### **Final Rule Stage - Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica**

Beginning way back in 2003, the issue has now reached the final stage and OSHA says it will issue the final standard by February of 2016.

Outlook: If there is one issue this administration will do everything possible to complete this is the one. The outlook is bright that a final standard will be issued. Here's the concern – Will any potential lawsuits stop implementation? I don't think so. Will Congress place a rider on the OSHA budget to deny spending any dollars on the standard? Still waiting to see if such a rider is included in the final budget approach. Republicans had recommended such a rider. Will Congress invoke the Congressional Review Act to stop the standard? There may be an attempt but it is a moot point as the President would likely veto such an effort.

### **Electronic Reporting of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses**

Started back in 2010 and has had several comment period extensions; the agency hopes to issue a final rule in March of next year. This issue has been somewhat controversial, not because of the electronic reporting approach but because of the agency stating it will make the reporting data available on the agency website.

Outlook: An interesting issue. While I believe the agency will do everything possible to finalize this rule, I'm not convinced it will occur before the end of this administration. Much more controversial than many realize.

### **Long Term Agenda**

Not only is it of interest to see what issues the agency lists on the pre-rule, proposed rule and final rule agendas it is also of great interest to see what the agency lists on the long-term agenda. The only thing one needs to know about the long-term agenda is that this really means these issues are no longer being considered for the foreseeable future. That's a nice way to say that the issues are no longer being considered.

Two issues found their way to this agenda. One is the infectious diseases rule and the other is the injury and illness prevention program (I2P2). Placing I2P2 at this spot on the regulatory agenda is good news for the many opponents of such an approach and bad news for the many supporters. At one time OSHA stated this was the number one priority for the agency.

### **OSHA to Update Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines**

OSHA recently put out a draft update to the voluntary safety and health management guidelines. The guidelines first came out in 1989 and this draft updates several areas to assist employers. According to the agency the draft reflects modern technology and practices and should assist employers in establishing health and safety management plans. One emphasis in the draft is the increased emphasis on employee involvement as well as help company efforts on multi-employer work sites. There is also an emphasis on temporary workers, an issue that was not considered back in 1989.

The draft is out for public comments through February 16. OSHA hopes to publish the final version of the guidelines next summer.

### **Quick News Notes**

In Canada, Ontario health and safety inspectors did an enforcement blitz in July and August targeting hazards at construction sites. Inspectors issued 1,683 safety orders, including 151 requiring work to be stopped.

Remember that Congress included language in the budget spending limit that would raise OSHA fines by up to 82 percent by August of next year? While OSHA says it must wait for guidelines from the White House on how to do this, one sector out there is already discussing the proposal. Lawyers for businesses involved with OSHA issues have stated they expect more business when the fines are raised as more employers are expected to contest fines if the fines are higher. Just what we need, right?

After the new OSHA reporting rule on hospitalizations, amputations and eye losses took effect this past January there were many waiting to see what the outcome of this reporting rule would be. Well, we have our first look. As of October 1, OSHA had received more than 8,500 reports, therefore expecting about 11,500 for the year – much less than the 25,000 OSHA expected. OSHA believes there is underreporting taking place.

OSHA continues its push to get a better handle on protecting whistleblowers. The agency is seeking comments, until January 19, on a draft document intended to help employers develop a program to protect employees from retaliation when they raise concerns about workplace conditions or activities that could harm workers or members of the public.

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

Visit the AIHA Federal Legislative Action Center to stay abreast of national issues important to occupational health and safety. Simply go to the AIHA home page. Click on “government affairs”, located on the “stay connected” tab at the top of the page. Once in government affairs, click on “Federal Legislation Action Center”. Also available within this Action Center is the opportunity for any member to directly contact their elected officials in Washington simply by inserting their zip code. You can send an email or learn how to contact them by phone or mail. Take a look!

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.



The NJAIHA Executive Board is selling white pique polo shirts with the NJAIHA logo. Point of sale proceeds will serve as a revenue source for our student scholarship program. Pricing is based on size and the applicable cost of shipping and handling if the shirts are not picked up at a dinner meeting or other NJAIHA sponsored event.

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt and to help a deserving student and/or if have any interest in helping provide logistics assistance with the sales, please contact Bernie Fontaine at (732) 221- 5687 or [windsgroup@aol.com](mailto:windsgroup@aol.com) or visit the NJAIHA web page at:

<http://www.njaiha.org/students/polo-shirt-fundraiser/>

During a recent leadership conference call, **AIHA national is seeking each local section to identify Outreach Coordinators to enhance the brand, image and reputation of industrial hygiene and promote the existence of each local section.** The Executive Board is seeking volunteers to represent NJAIHA in this capacity. The Executive Board believes this endeavor will promote the industrial hygiene profession to other organizations, which may have a limited understanding of the business value of the organization and the capability of enhancing and enriching worker lives in all business and industry and matters that affect the public, community, and environment. It will provide opportunity for open dialog and collaboration for government, labor groups, academia, organizations, media, and other stakeholders on protecting the most valued asset of any business – its employees.

NJAIHA has a duty and obligation to promote the profession to all stakeholders that may benefit by engaging in decisions on policies, programs, procedures, and providing the most authoritative training and information to improve worker health. Anyone who wants to volunteer as an NJAIHA Outreach Coordinator should contact any member of the Executive Board by email or in writing and provide a short biography and paragraph on why they would like to volunteer. There is no time frame for this opportunity and volunteers may terminate their involvement as an Outreach Coordinator at any time after giving 30 day notice. The Executive Board would like any volunteers to respond promptly to this initial request. Here are some of the duties/responsibilities as an Outreach Coordinator:

- (1) Assist the NJAIHA Director of Membership create and implement a community and business outreach plan, including supervising the activities and services authorized by the Executive Board
- (2) Organize, attend and present at business, community, and organizational group meetings regarding the NJAIHA mission and value to business and industry, promotion of our dinner meetings and other events, and the impact of the industrial hygiene profession on the economy, society, and policy.
- (3) Develop public education and information materials, presentations and displays – including NJAIHA brochures, membership forms and contributing articles or other information to the monthly newsletters, free media/new media advertising, and website content.
- (4) Oversee school education outreach program to discuss the industrial hygiene profession with middle and high school students. Collaborate with local universities regarding NJAIHA and value of industrial hygiene.
- (5) Oversee and implement public events, meetings, open house sessions, etc. to promote NJAIHA and the profession of industrial hygiene. Organize and participate at community outreach activities to educate the broader community about NJAIHA, monthly dinner meetings, PDCs and the CIH summer review program.