



Newsletter



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Message from the President – Craig Doolittle

Greetings:

Lately, I have begun to spend more and more time in thought about how we, as “experienced” EHS professionals can ignite passion, mentor and work to develop the next generation of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics or STEM students, to go into IH and EHS career paths so that we can pass the torch as our time comes to do that. At our summer Executive Committee (EC) planning meeting this past August, we identified increased student outreach and an accelerated student scholarship initiative as two of our top priorities for the coming year. **We see this as an imperative that we must better connect with high school, community college and our larger colleges and universities offering STEM curriculums and EHS degrees!**

To that end, I am asking your help on a couple aspects of advancing this effort:

- Our 2018 scholarship program has already been launched and posted on our website (<http://www.njaiha.org/students/2018-scholarships/>). We are asking ALL our members to help in promoting this effort. Over the last couple of years, our scholarship budget has continued to be increased in the hopes that we will be able to recognize more students – and help to better connect them to this great program and our NJAIHA section;
- If you are interested or already active in teaching, presenting, mentoring of students who are interested in EHS degrees and careers, we would like to start a more formalized speaker’s bureau to promote and educate students about what we do; and
- Ultimately, our goal would be to ignite enough interest to start a student chapter of AIHA here in NJ. How cool would that be?

If you know a student who might qualify for a NJAIHA scholarship, please have them fill out and submit the application on our website or reach out to Candice Kowalewski, our Director of Membership, Brian Feury, our Director of Administration, or any other EC member you may know to show your interest and/or ideas.

Each one of us chose an IH, safety or environmental career path because we had a passion to do so – and most likely, because we saw an opportunity to make a difference. We need to pass this passion on to our young people, those STEM students who will follow in our footsteps and continue to protect our workers and our communities.

I hope that each and every one of our members sees this as truly one of our greatest mandates and if we are successful – this would be a truly great lasting legacy we could all be

very proud of. I hope you will join in and share your enthusiasm for this with us on the EC and lend your shoulder to the wheel.

Thanks and we look forward to your help on this important effort.

I hope to see you at the November Meeting.

Best Regards,



Craig R. Doolittle, PE, CSP
President NJAIHA

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November 16, 2017 – Dinner Meeting

Joint meeting of NJAIHA and MABSA

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DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2017

PLACE: Snuffy's Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22 East, Scotch Plains, NJ 908-322-7726

AGENDA:

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

5:00 p.m. Registration/Networking/Cash Bar

5:50 p.m. Before Dinner Session: **Health Effects of World Trade Center Exposure**, Presented by **Dr. Iris Udasin, MD, Professor, Medical Director EOHSI Clinical Center, Rutgers University-School of Public Health.** Topic: Dr. Udasin will speak about chronic health problems associated with exposure to the toxins at the world trade center disaster site.

6:30 p.m. Dinner – Members \$30, Guests \$40.

Students and unemployed are free (subsidized 100% for dinner meetings). Online registration is now available at: <http://www.njaiha.org/event/november-2017-dinner-meeting>.

7:15 p.m. After Dinner Session: **Public Health Emergencies: Threats and Responses**, Presented by **Brendan McCluskey, Director, Emergency Management, New Jersey Department of Health.** Topic: The presentation will provide information on the current threat landscape from the perspective of public health emergency management, as well as some of the capabilities in place and in development to counter these threats and provide for a prepared, ready, and resilient state.

Please register by Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 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. In case of inclement weather, please call Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144.

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.

Coming from Staten Island - Go over the Goethels Bridge and exit to the NJ Turnpike NORTH. Take the Turnpike to Exit #14 to Route 22 WEST and follow common directions above.

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 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 3rd 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

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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:

<http://nj.asse.org/current-openings/>

<http://www.philaaiha.com/Employment.htm>

<https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/LocalSections/MetroNewYork/Resources/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx>

Visit NJAIHA On-line

NJAIHA is continuously posting relevant information on industrial hygiene principles and practice on these webpages. Feel free to find out current events which may affect your business or industry and continue the conversation on a regional, national, and international level.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/njaiha/>.

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3675325>

2018 Industrial Hygiene and Safety Review Course

2017 COURSE ATTENDANCE WAS LOW AND THE COST WAS ABSORBED BY THE SECTION

THE 2018 COURSE IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR JUNE. HOWEVER, WE ARE LOOKING FOR INPUT FROM MEMBERS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE.

Please see the following and feel free to provide suggestions:

The course is held at the Rutgers University REHS Building as the facilities are donated by Rutgers free of charge.

The course is presented Tuesdays (IH portion) and Thursdays (Safety portion).

The following are the topics presented:

Industrial Hygiene & Safety Lecture Topics

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

The classes are held from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

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

(Please contact Mark Ostapczuk mostapczuk@hetiservices.com with your suggestions)

2017 Professional Development Courses (PDC) Final brochure (page 1)



PHILADELPHIA SECTION,
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2017 Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference Professional Development Courses (PDCs)

**Thursday,
November 30, 2017**

**PSEG Hadley Road Facility
4000 Hadley Road
South Plainfield, NJ 07080**

The NEIH Conference and Exposition (NEIHce) will be held on Friday, 12/1/2017 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. This year it is proudly presented by the Metro New York AIHA and co-sponsored by New Jersey and Philadelphia sections. Please plan to attend both events.

Each PDC accounts for 3.5 Technical Contact Hours and may be eligible for ABIH CM credit. Course fees include continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.

For questions, contact: **Bernie Fontaine, Jr., CIH, CSP, FAIHA** - PDC Chair by email at: windsgroup@aol.com or call (732) 221-5687

Morning courses will begin at 8:30 a.m.
Please sign-in between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

Afternoon courses will begin at 1:00 p.m.
Please sign-in between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: PDC's will be held at the PSE&G facility (South Plainfield, NJ) but the 2017 NEIHce will held at the Westin Forrestal Center in Princeton, NJ.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS TO PSE&G

From North NJ/NY Area - Take N.J. Turnpike to **Exit 10**. Follow signs for **I-287 North** and take **Exit 4** for **Durham Avenue/South Plainfield**. Go down the ramp and bear left. Go one block to light and make a right onto Hadley Road. Go past the first light. The PSE&G building is on the right-hand side, which is about 200 yards past the light. Look for the PSE&G sign.

From West (PA) - Take **PA Turnpike East** until the end and follow onto **NJ Turnpike North**. Follow the same directions as North NJ/NY area

From South NJ - Follow the same directions as North NJ/NY Area

From Route 287 (South) - Take **Exit 5** and make a right onto **Stelton Road**. Make first left that is **Hadley Road**. Go past the two lights. The building is on the left-hand side. Look for the PSE&G sign on left.

**ALL PRE-REGISTRATIONS SHOULD
BE COMPLETED THROUGH THE ON
LINE REGISTRATION LINK BELOW**

Registrations without payments **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Fee per each **PDC \$125 if received by 11/15/2017 -- \$150 afterwards**.

PLEASE REGISTER by **11/15/2017** to avoid late fees.

There are three payment options:

- Credit card via RegOnline
- PayPal through RegOnline
- Check payable to NJAIHA

Mail-In Registration Form (print clearly):

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Course #'s: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Mail registration with check to:
NJAIHA**

**c/o Ronnie Tutty
910 Potters Road, Newton, NJ 07860
Telephone: (973) 300-0144**

Register online at –

<https://www.regonline.com/NEIHC2017PDC>

2017 Professional Development Course (PDC)

Final brochure (page 2)

Course Fees (each):

\$125 if received by 11/15/2017

\$150 if received after 11/15/2017

Course #1: Ethical Fitness- A Method for Resolving Complex Dilemmas*

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Course Instructor:

**Nancy Orr, CIH, CSP, FAIHA
Becton Dickinson**

This PDC on Ethical Fitness helps participants develop an increased awareness of the ethical issues and how they arise. Participants will learn to:

- Understand the nature of personal values and their role in guiding conduct
- Apply tools and skills to analyze ethical dilemmas
- Learn to identify and resolve potential 'conflict of interest' situations
- Make higher quality ethical decisions

Participants in this course will acquire essential skills necessary to make higher quality ethical decisions. This skill – building process begins by developing an awareness of ethical issues and how they arise. The role of personal values and their application to decision – making is then examined. Participants practice using analytical techniques to explore right vs. wrong situations as distinct from right vs. right dilemmas, where values conflict. Explore how to resolve situations where truth conflicts with loyalty; justice and mercy; set both short-term and long-term goals, and understand self-interest conflicts with the community's interest. Finally, participants will apply several resolution approaches to dilemmas in search of "the higher right."

****This course fulfills the ABIH ethics requirement for CIH recertification maintenance credit.***

Course #2: Value Strategy to Invest and Promote Health, Safety and Environmental Interventions

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Course Instructor:

**Bernard D. Silverstein, CIH, FAIHA
TVS Associates, LLC**

Developing a value proposition, (e.g., the sum total of the costs and benefits of interventions), allows the Industrial Hygienist to advance employee health and safety using classical business methods. The AIHA value strategy is a unique and comprehensive process where the Industrial Hygienist aligns risk management with business objectives, promoting stakeholder values. Utilizing the Value Strategy process, promoting health and safety interventions thought business alignment, stakeholder value, and financial analysis the Industrial Hygienist will be able to compete for limited resources and advance worker health and safety. Upon course completion, the participants will be able to:

- Align key business objectives with health and safety interventions for decision making
- Identify financial and non-financial value factors used to support business decisions
- Understand the key components of financial and non-financial analysis
- Use software supporting the Value Strategy processes

Course # 3: NJ P.L. 2017, Chapter 69. Hazardous Drug Safety Act and USP <800> and <797> - Impact in Hospitals, Health-care, Compounding, and Manufacture

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Course Instructors:

**Martha Polovich, Ph.D., RN, AOCN
Georgia Tech University
Michael Berg, Ph.D.
EMLab P&K**

The NJ Hazardous Drug Safe Handling Act was passed in May 2017. It is designed to protect at-risk healthcare personnel who handle hazardous drugs (HDs). HDs include cytotoxic agents and reproductive hazards and other chemical and biological agents including: analgesics, antibiotics, beta-blockers, antineoplastics, and perfluorinated compounds.

This PDC will provide an overview of the adverse effects of the HD exposure, review the requirements of the Act, and list strategies that the industrial hygiene community can implement to support this endeavor. Emphasis will be placed on the containment strategies and work practices outlined by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), which are required by the Act, and the United States Pharmacopeia Convention (USP) standards for HD handling in healthcare settings and pharmaceutical compounding and manufacture.

Course # 4: Advancements in Gas Detection: The Proper Use, Care and Selection of Portable Gas Monitors

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Course Instructors:

**Bob Vigdor, and Paul Truncellito, QSSP
Premier Safety & Service**

Gas sensors have traditionally been limited to industrial leak detection but a new wave of miniaturization and cost reduction in the chemical gas sensor industry has emerged. Air quality is becoming a major concern, and real-time gas sensors are increasingly attracting interest. It is important to understand the type of health hazard and limitations of the instrumentation to provide an accurate risk assessment. Participants will learn to:

- Selection of the correct air monitoring instrument for the proper application
- Understand differences in sensor technology between catalytic bead, infrared, photo- and flame ionizing detectors, and electrochemical devices
- Benefits, accuracy, difference, and frequency between automatic instrument calibrations and bump testing
- Inherent problems with using gas detection equipment in industrial/environmental settings.

The course provides "hands-on" demonstration of different gas detection equipment and allows time for technologists and seasoned industrial hygienists to get a feel for these instruments. Participants will leave the course confident about their correct field application.

Register online at –

<https://www.regonline.com/NEIHC2017PDC>

Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



September 2017 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 9/21/17 at Snuffy's



Craig Doolittle, NJAIHA President, served as the emcee for the first dinner meeting of the 2017-2018 year at Snuffy's Pantagis Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ, and is shown here reviewing upcoming events and activities with NJAIHA members and guests.



There was one piece of business left over from the 2016-2017 year taken care of at the September meeting, and that was to recognize Jack Zybura's completion of a three year term as NJAIHA Director of Administration. Here, Jack (right) receives a service recognition plaque from Mark Ostapczuk, NJAIHA Director of Publications. Jack, by the way, will still continue on in his role as NJAIHA Webmaster. Congratulations from all, Jack!



(left) Before-dinner speaker, Michael Tumulty, P.E., Vice President, STV Incorporated, is shown here discussing historical NYC tide records during his presentation, *"Design Considerations for Protection of Critical Infrastructure from Coastal Floods"*. Mr. Tumulty reviewed cutting edge technologies and provided examples of how different countries, and locally NYC, deal with the threat of flooding and storm surge.

September 2017 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 9/21/17 at Snuffy's (continued)



Unfortunately, our scheduled before-dinner speaker had to cancel at the last minute, so NJAIHA President-Elect, Doug Glorie, graciously agreed to fill in the void. Thank you, Doug! Here Doug makes an opening point during his presentation, "Industrial Hygiene Implications of Phase I ESA's". Using New York City Transit's (NYCT) Coney Island Yard as a case study, Doug reviewed the industrial hygiene implications derived from the findings of Phase 1 of an Environment Site Assessment (ESA) performed at the Yard, including the required use of PPE and performance of industrial hygiene air monitoring during the completion of the remaining phases of the ESA.



Our September 2017 dinner meeting was sponsored by STV Incorporated. STV is a professional firm providing a range of planning, engineering, architectural, environmental and construction management services to transportation, infrastructure, design-build, institutional, commercial, industrial, and military clients. STV, thanks for your sponsorship!



NJAIHA members and guests take in Doug Glorie's after-dinner technical presentation.

October 2017 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 10/19/17 at Snuffy's



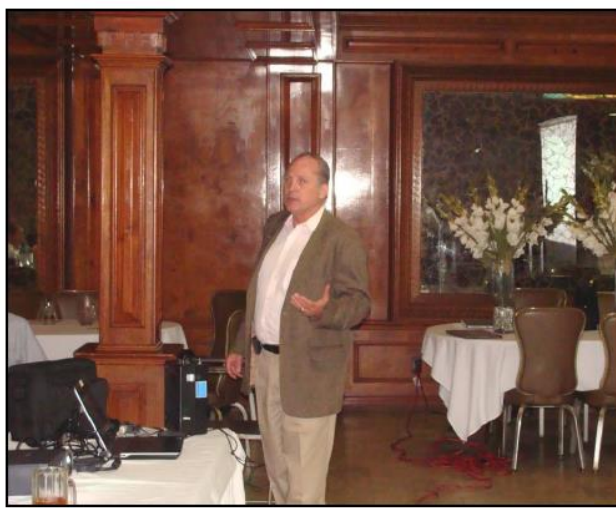
Doug Glorie, NJAIHA President-Elect, welcomes attendees to the October 2017 dinner meeting and begins his introduction of the before-dinner technical presentation and speaker.



Before-dinner speaker dinner, John Iannotti, Technical Sales Representative, Pine Environmental Services, Windsor, NJ, reviews modem selection considerations during his talk, "*Remote Monitoring Made Real Time*". John introduced attendees to Pine's Global Telemetry Solutions (GTS™) customizable environmental monitoring platforms/systems engineered to suit remote, real-time monitoring applications. The GTS™ systems utilize GSM cellular modem technology, GPS, and select data gathering instrumentation, to stream information to PCs, tablets, or smart phones.



Here, John Iannotti describes the individual components and configuration of one of Pine's GTS™ environmental monitoring systems.



After-dinner speaker, Don Ewert, IH, RJ Lee Group, Monroeville, PA, makes a point during his presentation, "*GHS Classification Shock: Scientific Approaches to Hazard Inversion*". Don reviewed technical methods used to characterize products containing crystalline silica, and led a compelling discussion on the impact that GHS and OSHA HazCom 2012 rules and exemptions can have on the classification and/or reclassification ("hazard inversion") of products containing respirable crystalline silica (RCS).



State and Federal Government Relations Update

November 10, 2017

Heads-up that it's family vacation time for your Director of Government Relations, which means a two-week hiatus from the State and Federal Government Relations Update. The next edition will come out on Friday, December 1, so let me take this moment to wish all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

A call to action on teen workplace safety legislation, upcoming hearing for OSHA-nominee Scott Mugno, a draft strategic plan for US DOL, and policymaking education opportunities in VA and NJ are all on docket for this week. Enjoy!

As always, please send intel, tips, and trivia my way at mames@aiha.org.

The Week in Review

Make Those Calls to Your State Legislators! Let's Get Teen Workplace Safety Legislation Introduced Across the Nation!

If you were thinking about calling your State legislator to encourage them to introduce teen workplace safety training legislation, then wait no longer! Several States have already begun what's known in legislative parlance as the "Pre-Filing Period" – which just means a time during which legislators provide notice to their Legislature of their intent to file/introduce legislation on a given topic, such as teen workplace safety training.

Several legislatures actually limit the number of bills a legislator can introduce in a given year, so regardless of whether your State is pre-filing or not, now really is a great time to contact your State legislators, ask for a meeting, and talk about the importance of teen workplace safety training in schools. It bears noting that taking a few minutes to research your State legislators before you call them goes a long way.

We have everything you need to get started and prepare for your meeting. While you can certainly send an email, phone calls are generally better as they help to cut through the mass of messages policymakers receive (even though you may be asked to submit your meeting requests via email after the initial call).

- Identify, research, and contact your State legislators at <http://cqrcengage.com/caiha/app/lookup?1&m=299426>
- Learn about the need to protect teens at work, view legislation that we've helped enact in Texas and Oklahoma, and watch videos from our members who have been involved in these issues to

gain insights for holding your own meetings at <https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/SafetyMattersCenter/Pages/default.aspx>

OSHA Nominee Hearing Likely During Last Week of November, Early December

The latest word from Capitol Hill is that Scott A. Mugno, President Donald J. Trump's nominee to serve as the head of OSHA will likely receive a confirmation hearing during the last week of November or sometime in early December. The Assistant Secretary position requires Senate approval. Depending on how things go, this could mean that OSHA will have new leadership by the beginning of 2018.

As a reminder from last week, according to the White House's [announcement](#), Mr. Mugno is currently the Vice President for Safety, Sustainability and Vehicle Maintenance at FedEx Ground. He has a long history of work with health and safety issues, and has [previously signaled](#) an openness to regulatory reform at OSHA. While such proclivities call for vigilance, they also present opportunities to engage discussions that may result in real reforms that benefit workers, employers, and all of society.

US Department of Labor Seeks Feedback on Draft Strategic Plan for 2018 - 2022

"Safe and Fair Workplaces for All Americans" is Goal 2 under the US Department of Labor's draft Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2022, which is currently [out for public comment](#) until Thursday, December 7. A few things to point out under the draft plan that DOL identifies as priorities:

- OSHA
 - Maintain a strong worker safety enforcement program
 - Help employers attain workplace safety and health excellence
- MSHA
 - Prevent fatalities, disease, and injury from mining and secure safe and healthful working conditions for America's miners.
 - Strong Mine Act enforcement
 - Protect the rights of miners
 - Provide outreach, education, and training

Overall, As DOL Secretary R. Alexander Acosta notes in the preamble, the Department's Strategic Plan reflects President Donald J. Trump's top priorities: "jobs, more jobs, and even more jobs". Enforcing safe and healthy workplaces, bringing commonsense to regulations, and the use of resources efficiently and effectively form the contours of the Department's draft Plan, which can be found [here](#).

AIHA intends to submit comments on the Department's plan.

Elections in Virginia, New Jersey Present New Opportunities to Educate Policymakers on AIHA's Top Issues

While learning and relationship-building are never-ending, ongoing processes, elections present natural opportunities for AIHA members to connect with new and returning elected officials. Whether you live in Virginia, New Jersey, or another State, now is a great time to work with your fellow Local Section members (or individually if you prefer) and make plans to meet up with your elected, appointed, and

other officials at the local, State, and Federal levels. You can identify, research, and find out how to connect with your officials at <http://cqcengage.com/caiha/app/lookup?0&m=299426> (Please note that the names and contact info of your officials will be updated shortly after their installation, where applicable.)

State Digest

Alabama

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Alaska

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Arizona

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Arkansas

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

California

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations:

- A rule has been proposed that you might be interested in concerning hazardous waste. The proposed rule (Department Reference Number: R-2017-02 / CA 24839 2017) would amend rules to provide flexibility for DTSC to use enforceable documents such as agreements or orders at facilities with hazardous waste left in place that need or already have a hazardous waste post-closure facility permit. **Interested in learning more? Contact me at mames@aiha.org.**

Colorado

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Connecticut

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Delaware

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Florida

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Georgia

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Hawaii

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Idaho

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Illinois

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Indiana

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Iowa

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Kansas

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Kentucky

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Louisiana

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Maine

State Legislature: **In**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Maryland

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Massachusetts

State Legislature: In
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations: None of interest

Michigan

State Legislature: In
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations: None of interest

Minnesota

State Legislature: Out
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations: None of interest

Mississippi

State Legislature: Out
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations: None of interest

Missouri

State Legislature: Out
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations: None of interest

Montana

State Legislature: Out
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations: None of interest

Nebraska

State Legislature: Out
New Bills Filed: None
Hearings: None of interest
Regulations:

- A rule was recently partially adopted concerning solid waste, waste management requirements, and the requirements for public involvement in environmental decision making (Title 128 NAC Chapter

1-3, 5, 10-15, 20, 25, Appendix V / NE 2344 2016). **Interested in learning more? Contact me at mames@aiha.org.**

Nevada

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

New Hampshire

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

New Jersey

State Legislature: **In**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

New Mexico

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

New York

State Legislature: **In**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

North Carolina

State Legislature: **In**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

North Dakota

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Ohio

State Legislature: **In**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Oklahoma

State Legislature: **In**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Oregon

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Pennsylvania

State Legislature: **In**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Rhode Island

State Legislature: **In**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations:

- A regulation has been proposed that would seek to protect the public from exposure to pathogens that may be contained within regulated medical waste (250-RICR-140-15-1 / RI 6546 2017).

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South Carolina

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

South Dakota

State Legislature: **Out**

New Bills Filed: **None**

Hearings: **None of interest**

Regulations: **None of interest**

Tennessee

State Legislature: In

New Bills Filed: None

Hearings: None of interest

Regulations: None of interest

Texas

State Legislature: Out

New Bills Filed: None

Hearings: None of interest

Regulations: None of interest

Utah

State Legislature: Out

New Bills Filed: None

Hearings:

- 11/15/17:
 - BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM
 - LOCATION: 210 Senate Building
 - AGENDA: *Note: Although Utah's legislature is out, I highly encourage members of our Utah Local Section to attend this hearing if possible, as it will discuss draft legislation related to occupational and professional licensing. There is no word as of yet that such legislation would affect IHs/CIHs, but it may be worthwhile to have a presence.*
 1. Committee Business
 - Section Call to order
 - Section Approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2017, meeting
 - Section Status of required reports
 - Section Status of committee bills
 2. Draft Legislation "Occupational and Professional Licensing Amendments"
 - The committee will consider draft legislation that addresses modifications to Title 58, Occupations and Professions.
 - Section Rep. James A. Dunnigan
 - Section Mark B. Steinagel, Director, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
 - Section Committee discussion/action

Regulations: None of interest

Vermont

State Legislature: Out

New Bills Filed: None

Hearings: None of interest

Regulations: None of interest

Virginia

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Washington

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

West Virginia

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Wisconsin

State Legislature: **In**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

Wyoming

State Legislature: **Out**
New Bills Filed: **None**
Hearings: **None of interest**
Regulations: **None of interest**

US Federal Government – Congress and the Agencies

As noted above...

US Department of Labor Seeks Feedback on Draft Strategic Plan for 2018 - 2022

“Safe and Fair Workplaces for All Americans” is Goal 2 under the US Department of Labor’s draft Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2022, which is currently [out for public comment](#) until Thursday, December 7. A few things to point out under the draft plan that DOL identifies as priorities:

- OSHA
 - Maintain a strong worker safety enforcement program
 - Help employers attain workplace safety and health excellence
- MSHA
 - Prevent fatalities, disease, and injury from mining and secure safe and healthful working conditions for America’s miners.

- Strong Mine Act enforcement
- Protect the rights of miners
- Provide outreach, education, and training

Overall, As DOL Secretary R. Alexander Acosta notes in the preamble, the Department's Strategic Plan reflects President Donald J. Trump's top priorities: "jobs, more jobs, and even more jobs". Enforcing safe and healthy workplaces, bringing commonsense to regulations, and the use of resources efficiently and effectively form the contours of the Department's draft Plan, which can be found [here](#).

AIHA intends to submit comments on the Department's plan.

Have a great weekend!

~Mark Ames, Director of Government Relations, AIHA