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Message from the President – Craig Doolittle

There have been several bills moving around in the NJ state legislature that the NJAIHA Executive Committee is tracking – IAQ for ice rinks and indoor sports, mold and legionella in cooling towers. Not that any of these topics are new, but we will continue to track and engage our membership and AIHA government affairs staff if these bills gain any traction and need input from our profession. (See pages 6 and 9-16 for more information and website links)

Additionally, efforts are ramping up to solicit NJAIHA student scholarship nominees. Our website has had the 2018 program information posted for several months and right now we have had only one applicant. So we'd ask you, our membership to consider students you know who may be looking for some additional financial aid that we have money available and to check out our website for details on how to apply (<http://www.njaiha.org/students/2018-scholarships/>). These are the IH and EHS professionals of the future and we want them to be successful and understand there is an organization like NJAIHA to support them.

Also please don't forget to make an effort to attend our monthly meetings. Every third Thursday at Snuffy's. Please join us for lively discussions and relevant presentation topics.

And finally, just a personal thought for the day relevant to how we strive to keep our workforce safe on the job. My Mom always told me to not walk in the puddles this time of year as I'd get my feet wet. Well, of course she was right. But translate that to what we do, and sometimes it's the simple rules of thumb that help people the most. For example, in a recent write-up I reviewed on exposure control for silica dust, I noticed that there was no mention of the common sense measure of don't walk through or stand in the dust plume – stay up wind. So, I had the author include that. And in industrial settings, literally not stepping in the puddles avoids potentially tracking materials around the plant. So don't forget the importance of the keep it simple principal, people tend to remember them easier.

See you all next week on February 15th at Snuffy's!

Best Regards,

Craig R. Doolittle, PE, CSP
President NJAIHA

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DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2018

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: "Laboratory Analytical Procedures" Presented by Michael J. Beckerich, President, York Analytical Laboratories, and Richard August, Director of Client Services, York Analytical Laboratories, Topic: Michael and Richard will discuss the current applications for TO-15 testing and demonstrate how to use a summa canister and flow controller to collect indoor air quality samples.

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/february-2018-dinner-meeting>

7:15 p.m. After Dinner Session: "Mental Health and Psychosocial Disorders in the Workplace", Presented by: Bernard L. Fontaine, Jr., CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Managing Partner, The Windsor Consulting Group, Inc. Topic: This talk will describe mental health and psychosocial disorders in the workplace.

Please register by **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**, 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 and Website Links

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>

AIHA Legislative Connection

Interested in what's going on in the Federal and State Governments? Follow the link below to the National AIHA Government Relations Action Center:

[Government Relations Action Center](#)

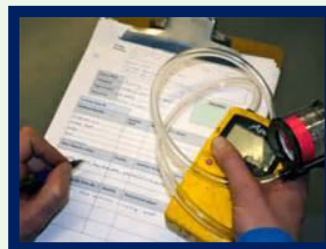
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Roland Jones	Environmental Connection Inc.
Gates, Jasper Gates	Rutgers Student
Brittany Mathewson	Exxon
Erin Zagorski	Infineum



Industrial Hygiene and Safety Review Course

Are you looking to enhance your career? The NJ section of AIHA in collaboration with the NJ chapter of ASSE is offering a comprehensive Industrial Hygiene and Safety Review Course. It is designed to help candidates prepare to take the CIH or CSP certification exam. Basic instruction in critical areas of industrial hygiene and safety will offer tips and exam taking strategies. For those who are just entering the field and those professionals who want to sharpen their skills will find these courses useful. CIHs can obtain as many as 6.0 Certification Maintenance (CM) points (0.167 points per contact hour) and CSPs also can earn credit for Certification Maintenance. Participants are welcome to attend any or all of the lecture sessions. People who need CM points must sign an attendance sheet at each session to receive credit.



Industrial Hygiene and Safety Lecture Topics

Here is what you will learn....History of Industrial Hygiene and OSHA Act Review, IH Management, Epidemiology, Fire Protection, Emergency Response, Indoor Air Quality, Biosafety, Equipment and Facility Safety, Ionizing and Non-Ionizing Radiation, Mathematics, Statistics and Calculator review, Air Pollution, Toxicology, Regulatory and Legal Affairs, Physics & Basic Engineering, Air Sampling - IH Chemistry, Direct Reading Instrumentation, Industrial Noise Evaluation, Industrial Ventilation Design, Ethics and Professional Conduct, Respiratory Protection, PPE **and much, much more!**

IH classes will be held for 12 weeks beginning on the **first Tuesday in June**, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the **Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety Dept., 27 Road 1, Livingston Campus, Piscataway, NJ 08854**. Tel. (732) 445-2550. **Note:** Google maps may not give the correct location! Use Live Maps.

Cost: \$150.00 (includes registration and admission to **ALL IH AND SAFETY CLASSES**)

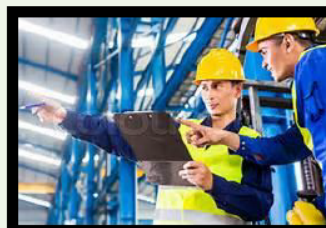
Safety classes are sponsored by the NJ Chapter of ASSE



NJ Chapter of American Society of Safety Engineers

Safety topics have been added to the schedule and included in the price). NJASSE will have guest speakers on certain safety topics to help prepare people for the CSP exam. Safety classes will be held for seven (7) evenings on **Thursdays** (6:00-9:00 PM) beginning June 14, 2018.

For enrollment forms, directions, and schedule, please find the information posted on the NJAIHA web page. www.njaiha.org



Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



January 2018 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 1/18/18 at Snuffy's



(left) Before-dinner speaker Michael Corbett, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA Region 2 Avenel, NJ Area Office, is shown during his presentation, "OSHA Update" during which he reviewed current activities and initiatives at the Administration. Thanks again, Mike, for being a regular presenter at NJAIHA monthly meetings and keeping our members abreast of the latest goings on at OSHA.

(right) NJAIHA members enjoy a lighter moment during the opening of Mike Corbett's before-dinner presentation.



(left) After-dinner speaker David Vaccari, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE, F.ASCE, Professor and Director, Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology, reviews the timeline for the Flint, MI water crisis during his presentation, "Getting to the Source: Lead In Drinking Water". Dr. Vaccari's talk covered the spatial sampling of lead in drinking water as well as lead risk assessment.

AIHA Legislative Updates

(Download list of legislation and regulations [here](#). - See pages 20-27 of the following for NJ specific updates)

From: Mark Ames [<mailto:infonyet@aiha.org>]

Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 1:05 PM

Subject: AIHA State & Federal Government Relations Update: Feb. 9



State and Federal Government Relations Update February 9, 2018

The Week in Review

Illinois Resolution Calls for Action to Protect First Responders & Others from Exposure to Opioids

A [resolution](#) has been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly that all first responders, law enforcement, and public health officials to be educated about the dangers of exposure to fentanyl or its analogues.

Do you have contacts in the Illinois General Assembly? Whether you do or not, if you live or work in Illinois, are you be interested in working with AIHA to support this legislation? While a farther off possibility, we should also keep in mind the opportunity to take the next step of encouraging the introduction of legislation that would create a program and provide funding for activities such as improved data collection on opioid exposure, develop and provide training, and ensure that workers have access to appropriate PPE.

If you're interested in getting involved, either in Illinois or other States, please contact Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org or 703-846-0730.

Occupational Licenses Targeted in Arizona But This Doesn't Necessarily Spell Trouble for CIH's

A bill has been introduced in the Arizona State Senate ([SCR 1037](#)) that would amend the State's constitution to establish a "fundamental right" of Arizonans to engage in an occupation or profession, and prohibit the State from enacting any laws or rules that prohibits or regulates "a person from engaging in any occupation or profession unless the State law or rule is clearly necessary to protect the public health or safety." This last clause likely provides cover for CIH's and OEHS occupations in Arizona that require certification. A related bill ([SB 1404](#)) would prohibit counties, cities, and towns from imposing occupational licensing requirements or fees on professions beyond those licensing requirements and fees that already

exist. However, the bill does not preclude the State from imposing new occupational licensing requirements or fees.

AIHA will submit a letter to the Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee, expressing our support for the title protection in these bills. The Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on both of these bills on Monday, February 12.

MSHA Not Likely to Weaken Respirable Dust Rule

David Zatezalo, MSHA's Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, recently told Members of Congress at [hearing](#) on MSHA's policies and priorities that he had no plans to roll back MSHA's [respirable dust rule](#), despite a [prior indication](#) by the Administration that it may do so. During the hearing, some Members of Congress noted that MSHA's exposure limit for silica is twice as high as OSHA's, and stated that they may introduce legislation to lower MSHA's limit to match OSHA's, after Mr. Zatezalo said that his agency is awaiting the results of a study being conducted by the National Academies of Science on this matter.

Breakthrough in Congressional Funding – Sort Of

This week Congress once again rode the knife's edge, technically shutting down for a very short period of time. Leading up to this near failure of Congress to perform its basic duty of providing the funding lifeblood that allows government agencies to function, members of both Parties supplied their share of spectacle. For instance, U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12) took to the floor for a record eight-hour speech in an attempt to pressure her fellow Members of Congress into an agreement to address immigration issues. In the Senate, former Presidential candidate Rand Paul (R-KY) lambasted Members of Congress from both Parties for what he views as fiscal irresponsibility in the funding deal. The new law increases nondefense domestic and defense by \$300 billion over two years and lifts the debt ceiling until March 2019.

The legislation that effectively serves as the playing field for so many other issues includes \$89.3 billion in emergency funds for disaster response and recovery – of which \$2.5 million could be used by the US Department of Labor for related worker protections. The bill also includes \$20 billion for infrastructure, and provides \$6 billion to fight the opioid epidemic. It's possible that a portion of these funds could be used to help protect first responders and others who are at risk of exposure to opioids at work.

Despite this good news – and it is good news – the deal lasts only through March 2018, setting up yet another round of brinksmanship in just a handful of weeks as the minutes tick by until the mid-term elections. Looking into March and beyond, we're likely to see either a year-long continuing resolution (CR) or an omnibus appropriations bill. Right now, my money is on a year-long CR, if only because it would be easier, providing both sides with essentially level funding and avoiding much of the tit for tat that comes with an omnibus in which some programs receive funding increases while others are cut. Keep in mind too, that President Donald J. Trump will soon release his budget request for the 2019 fiscal year and Members of Congress will be eager to refocus their attention on his proposals.

Check-In: We're Still Waiting for New Leadership at OSHA

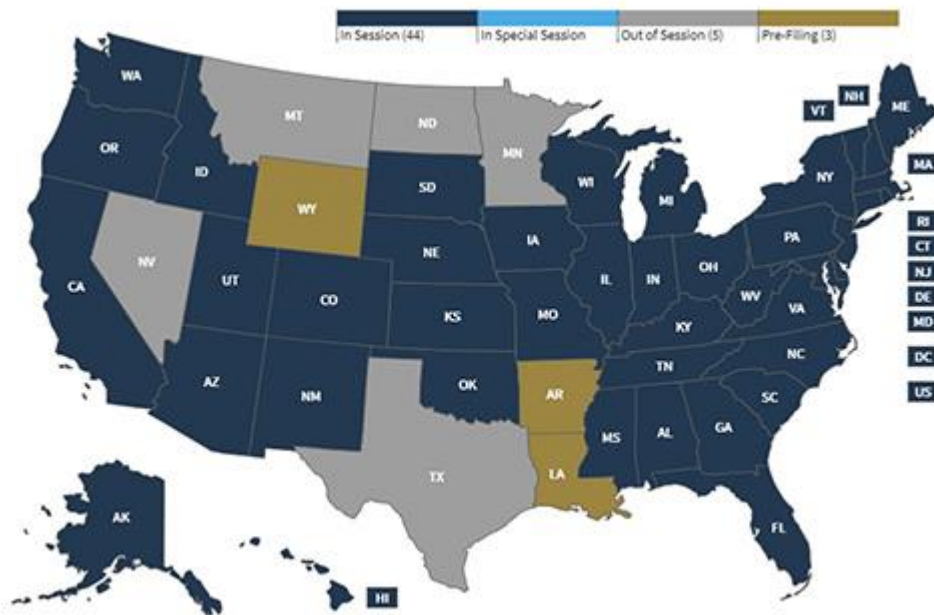
Congress doesn't appear to be in any rush to provide OSHA with new leadership, as we still have no firm

date for the confirmation of Scott Mugno, President Donald J. Trump's nominee to serve as OSHA's Assistant Secretary. While he is expected to eventually be confirmed by the US Senate, he hasn't been strongly embraced by Democrats, and endured tough questions from Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) at this confirmation [hearing](#).

Have a great weekend!

~Mark Ames, Director of Government Relations, AIHA

State Legislative Sessions



Upcoming Hearings

Friday, February 9th, 2018

2:00pm [ME LD 1719 \(Marijuana Legalization Implementation\)](#)

Monday, February 12th, 2018

2:00pm [AZ SB 1404 \(Commerce and Public Safety\)](#)

[AZ SCR 1037 \(Commerce and Public Safety\)](#)

Legislation and Regulations that AIHA Encourages Action Upon

If a State isn't listed, no action on bills or regulations in that State have been identified for action at the time of this writing. If you are aware of a bill or regulation that AIHA should act upon, but isn't listed, please contact Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org.

Download list of legislation and regulations [here](#).

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A mountain stands before us. Terrible and awesome, its weight is something that can be felt. Dreams of ascending its peak fade into the air as the sheer enormity of the task begins to settle in, threatening to overwhelm and paralyze us before we even begin our journey. And yet, we must find a way to press on – because this is what we are called to do.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting started, trying to change public policy can feel like climbing a mountain. As we seek to accomplish our grand and exciting goals, government relations can seem overwhelming. Especially if you're not sure that you have the skills or experience to overcome whatever obstacles you may encounter. Fortunately, there is a simple truth that allows us to transcend all hinderances, found when we turn to those things that unite us – that which calls us to ascend the mountain, to change public policy and create a world that is better for those who will come after us. It is in this unity of purpose that we find our strength. The strength of AIHA is the hope of the world for a workplace free of harm. Standing together, we are a font of infinite potential to accomplish our goals. Standing together as a community of growth, learning, and support we can accomplish anything.

This month we review exciting developments happening this very minute in our nation's capital and the states, and invite you to join in the conversation by participating in the Catalyst community. Thanks, as always, for all you do – your volunteerism inspires my own work!

~Mark Ames, Director of Government Relations



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President Trump Highlights Opioid Epidemic in Historic Address- What's Next for the Commission?

"In 2016, we lost 64,000 Americans to drug overdoses: 174 deaths per day. Seven per hour... My Administration is committed to fighting the drug epidemic and helping get treatment for those in need. The struggle will be long and difficult — but, as Americans always do, we will prevail," said President Donald J. Trump in his [State of the Union Address](#) late last month. Conspicuous in its absence from his speech was any mention of the President's Commission on Combatting Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, which released its [final report](#) last November.

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Mugno, President Donald J. Trump's nominee to serve as OSHA's Assistant Secretary.

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Curious About your Governor's State of the State Address? We've Got a Great Resource for You

Even if you're a government relations professional, keeping track of each Governor's 2018 State of the State Address can be a challenge. Fortunately, our friends at MultiState have created an exceedingly useful [webpage](#) where you can find links to all of the Addresses. Take a moment to check it out! You might be surprised with what you find...

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States Take Action on Indoor Environmental Quality, Cannabis Industry Health, and Safety Legislation

Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, and New York are among the States that have recently begun taking action on a variety of indoor environmental quality (IEQ), and (separately) cannabis issues. The IEQ legislation focuses on Legionella, mold, and related issues.

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