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Greetings from NJAIHA! As always, I hope this message finds you well.

To kick things off, I wanted to make everyone aware of our upcoming “dinner” meeting. Jeffrey Komrower with Noise Control Engineering will be presenting on the topic off “Quieter is Better: Basic Noise Control Concepts” on Thursday, April 22nd, which happens to also be our Past Presidents’ night.

Due to COVID last April, we were not able to have a past president’s night, but I hope those who have served the NJAIHA in the past will be able to attend this upcoming virtual meeting. With regards to future meetings, if you have an interesting topic you’d like to present on please email Brian Feury (bfeury@langan.com) or myself (dpreisler@kleinfelder.com).

If you are looking for additional contact hours, don’t forget to check out the 2021 eLearning subscription that you as members of NJAIHA have access to. You should be receiving emails from AIHA national (email@communications.aiha.org) when new content is added. Please let us know if you are having any issues.

In addition to the open positions for board members in the roles of Director of Administration and Outreach Coordinator, we are also now looking for candidates for the role of President-Elect. If you or someone you know may be interested or would like to hear more about what these roles entail, please send an email to myself at dpreisler@kleinfelder.com. Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community and continue the traditions of the chapter dating back to 1945.

We are still planning for the potential to return to in-person meetings, and with the former meeting venue (Snuffy’s Pantagis in Scotch Plains) having closed its doors for good we are still soliciting recommendations for meeting locations in the central NJ area. Best wishes and stay safe everyone.

Sincerely,

Daniel Preisler, CIH

President NJAIHA

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Obtain Knowledge and CIH Maintenance Points through AIHA “eLearning”

NJAIHA has renewed its subscription for the AIHA eLearning program. If you are a NJAIHA member in good standing, you will have access to the designated AIHA eLearning programs at no charge to you. Updates for the NJAIHA roster are made quarterly.

The 2021 package will include 10 contact hours of live webinars or the associated archive recordings and 10 contact hours of selected sessions from the AIHceEXP OnDemand. NJAIHA receives two live connections to the designated webinars. If you are not able to participate in a live webinar, the recordings will be made available on line within a few days after the live webinar.

If you would like to use one of the two live connections for an eLearning webinar or to host a group at your location, please contact Barb Woodhull at barb.woodhull@apexc.com to make your reservation. First come, first served and we will try to allow as many people to take advantage of this opportunity as possible.

Go to <https://www.aiha.org/education/elearning>, and click “View Online Classroom” to get started.

Available Sessions (as of 4/13/2021);

- **Welcome to the 2021 AIHA eLearning Subscription**

- **AIHce OnDemand:**

- Hearing Loss Prevention - What Have You Done for the Worker Today?
- Why We Can, Must, and Will Become Better Leaders
- Sampling and Analytical Challenges in Meeting Ever Lower OELs for Metals and Metalloids
- New NIOSH Method Using Evacuated Canisters for Exposure and Indoor Air Quality Monitoring

- **AIHA Webinars:**

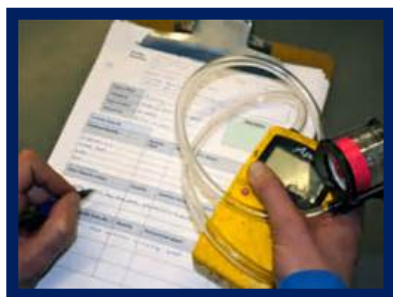
- The Lens of Minority Populations in the Workplace during COVID-19
- The Power of Thought - Critical Thinking for Occupational Health and Safety Professionals
- Lessons Learned from Quantitative Exposure Assessments Conducted Globally
- Metrics That Matter - Building a Balanced Set of Health Metrics
- Communicate Science Effectively by Using Risk Perceptions, Narrative, and Persuasion Theory



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Dual Concentration in Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) Environmental and Occupational Health (ENOH) Department, including Occupational Safety and Health MPH

The MPH concentration in occupational safety and health at Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) has been approved. This is now one of two concentrations within the Department. Please note you can go online and see details at:

<http://sph.rutgers.edu/concentrations/Environmental-Occupational-Health/index.html>

A formal application to the program is done through SOPHAS.

<http://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/index.html>

Please select “occupational health” (and not “environmental health”) among choices under Rutgers SPH, listed at: <http://sophas.org/program-finder/?degree=MPH&institution=997>
Admissions requirements, and deadlines for application submission, are posted at SOPHAS and on main Rutgers SPH website. Contacts: Dr. Derek Shendell (shendedg@sph.rutgers.edu) and Dr. Koshy Koshy (koshyko@sph.rutgers.edu)

OUTREACH UPDATE

We are working hard to continue to build momentum in our Outreach Program and we need your help. We have developed materials, both written and visual, that can be used at conferences, job fairs, presentations at high schools and colleges, etc. and we are looking for NJAIHA members to share your passion and story as to why you became an industrial hygienist. If you weren't already planning to attend our monthly meeting next week, please come and join us so we can gather your testimony and a picture (with your approval of course).

Attracting students and young professionals to become industrial hygienists or pursue other disciplines in the environmental, health and safety field is a need recognized by national AIHA and your Executive Committee has taken this challenge on here in New Jersey. For this to be most successful, these students and young professionals will benefit immensely by being able to connect with you who are actively protecting the health of our workforce.

Please plan on joining us!

Now that Dan Preisler is President, NJAIHA is also seeking excellent candidates for a new Outreach Coordinator. Please address nominations or questions to info@njaiha.org.

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Publications Director's Note

The COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus continues in the news, and will for some time to come. As allied health professionals, we are looked upon by our employers, co-workers, colleagues, friends, family members, and the public as professionals who have something important to say about this situation, and pandemic infections in general.

With the growth and maturation of the internet, and the rapid spreading of information on social media, much of it of uncertain or dubious quality, it is vitally important that we have available solid sources of information on this evolving event.

Recommendation to Pause Use of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

On April 13, 2021, CDC and FDA recommended a pause in the use of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Of the nearly 7 million doses administered so far in the United States, a small number of reports of a rare and severe type of blood clot have been reported in people after receiving the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. All reports occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred six to 13 days after vaccination. As of April 13, 2021, of the more than 180 million doses administered so far of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, no reports matching those associated with the J&J/Janssen vaccine have been received.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/jjupdate.html>

AIHA National continues to update their new website collecting COVID-19 reopening information. It's been endorsed by several high-profile personalities and organizations for its timeliness and scope;

<https://www.backtoworksafely.org/>

The discussion on AIHA Catalyst over the use of masks for controlling COVID-19 infection is quite active to say the least. Here are the CDC's current recommendations, they are puzzlingly inconsistent, particularly regarding masks versus respirators.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/mask-fit-and-filtration.html>

We Need You!

NJAIHA Members are encouraged to submit items for publication in "The Examiner". Interesting items related to Industrial Hygiene, outreach activities, (non-proprietary) things from your work in the field, papers, presentations, and posters from conferences, everyday examples of the importance and power of a healthy environment, or anything you're passionate about in our field that might be of interest to our members. Make it good, make it uplifting, make it valuable, and make my job easier!

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April 2021 – Virtual Meeting - NJAIHA Past Presidents' Meeting

DATE: Apr 22, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

PLACE: Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, NJAIHA is pleased to offer this virtual meeting via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082319121>

Meeting ID: 870 8231 9121

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COST: Free

AGENDA:

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Quieter is Better: Basic Noise Control Concepts

Speaker: Jeffrey Komrower Senior Engineer, Noise Control Engineering

(May Virtual Meeting details soon, check NJAIHA.org for updates)

NJAIHA Members (and Past Members) in the News

A Tribute to Fred Toca

In the November 2020 issue of AIHA's *The Synergist* (pages 10-11) there is a very nice tribute article to **Fred Toca PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA**, written by John Moore, AIHA Local Section Advisory Group President. Fred is a past NJAIHA member and worked with Bob Sheriff at Atlantic Environmental in Dover, NJ. Among the many achievements over his distinguished career, Fred also served as President of National AIHA during the 1989/90 year. If you had not seen this tribute article yet, here is the link to article from the November 2020 issue of *The Synergist*:



Fred Toca, right, with John Moore.

<https://synergist.aiha.org/202011-tribute-to-fred-toca>

Alan Leibowitz, CIH, CSP, FAIHA Named Recipient of the 2021 AIHA Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award

On March 25, 2021, AIHA announced that **Alan Leibowitz, CIH, CSP, FAIHA**, had been named the recipient of the 2021 Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award, an award bestowed on an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the knowledge and practice of the profession of industrial hygiene and been recognized for contributions outside the IH field, such as in environmental health and safety, occupational health, public health, or business. In the earlier years (1980's) of his long and illustrious career, Alan was an active member of the NJAIHA before he moved on almost full-time to international travel in his job. To read more about Alan's receipt of this prestigious award, click on the link below. Congratulations, Alan, from all at NJAIHA!



Alan Leibowitz, CIH, CSP, FAIHA

<https://www.aiha.org/about-aiha/awards-and-opportunities/named-award-winners>

[Alan Leibowitz - 2021 AIHA Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award](#)

NJAIHA Members (and Past Members) in the News (cont'd)

In Memoriam; George R. Stanton, Jr., 1926-2020 NJAIHA President, 1976-1977

It is with great sadness that NJAIHA has learned of and announces the passing of **George R. Stanton, Jr.**, on May 13, 2020 at the age of 93. George was a long-time and dedicated member of NJAIHA and served as its 32nd President during the 1976-1977 year. Many of our personal recollections of George came from his frequent attendances at our annual NJAIHA Past Presidents' Night dinner meetings held each Spring... which George made a point of enthusiastically attending well into his early 90's (George pictured here at the 2017 meeting of Past Presidents).

Below is a link to George's obituary which recounts his long and illustrious career, which began in 1948, and links to a YouTube video tribute to his life. In 1979, he founded American Hazard Control Consultants, Inc. (AHCCI), which provided expert guidance and testimony in hundreds of occupational injury cases over the course of over 30 years. George published numerous articles on health and safety, including studies of hazardous chemicals and toxic substances, and was the first Borough Chemical Engineer of both Lodi and Lyndhurst (New Jersey), working closely with industrial plant operators and town officials to assure compliance with safety and health regulations.



In 1977, George became one of the first instructors in New York University's Center for Occupational Health and Safety program, teaching graduate courses on industrial hygiene and other topics until 1984. He was also an instructor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) for nearly 20 years and spoke as a guest lecturer at many universities. On a related educational note, the long-standing NJAIHA Summer Industrial Hygiene Refresher Course was organized and began operation during George's presidency.

We will certainly miss George. He was great friend of NJAIHA and its members, and we send our belated thoughts and prayers to all of George's family.

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/caldwells/late-caldwell-expert-helped-safeguard-nj-workplaces>

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.assp.org/current-openings/>

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

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:

[Government Relations & Advocacy](#)

State & Federal Government Relations Update:

April 2021

OSHA ETS on COVID Halted Until Latest Science Can Be Incorporated

Not much of a surprise at this point, but heads-up: OSHA's emergency temporary standard (ETS) on occupational exposure to COVID-19 has been halted until the standard can incorporate the latest science on the virus. When exactly it will be issued remains unclear at this point. The ETS is now more than three weeks past the deadline set by President Biden. Here's a link to an article with additional information:

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/labor-chief-walsh-puts-hold-on-osha-virus-rule-for-more-analysis>

President Biden has announced that Doug Parker is his nominee to lead OSHA.

Doug "previously served in the Obama Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy in the Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration, and was a member of the Biden-Harris transition team focused on worker health and safety issues. He also held positions as a senior policy advisor and special assistant at the Department of Labor. He currently serves as chief of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA)". Here's the link to the White House press release:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/09/president-biden-announces-his-intent-to-nominate-key-members-for-the-department-of-veterans-affairs-department-of-labor-department-of-energy-and-department-of-transportation/>

ASTM Standards & COVID-19 - Organizational Updates

In light of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and ongoing safety concerns for members and staff, changes to meetings, standards development, training, and more, have been announced.

No-Cost Standards

ASTM International is providing no-cost public access to important ASTM standards used in the production and testing of personal protective equipment - including face masks, medical gowns, gloves, and hand sanitizers - to support manufacturers, test labs, health care professionals, and the public, as they respond to the global COVID-19 public health emergency. This includes the new F3502-21 Barrier Face Covering standard. Click "Access" below, register if you are a new user to our reading room, and then you may access and download a PDF of the standards relevant to the global health pandemic. Reference to copy and paste into browser: <https://www.astm.org/COVID-19/>

Mark Ames
AIHA
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Weekly State & Federal Government Relations

Update: April 2021 (cont'd)

Interesting policy position on employer-required vaccines from NJ.gov;

NEW: Can my employer require me to get the COVID-19 vaccine in order to enter my workplace?

Yes. An employer can require that an employee receive the COVID-19 vaccine in order to return to the workplace, unless the employee cannot get the vaccine because of a disability, because their doctor has advised them not to get the vaccine while pregnant or breastfeeding, or because of a sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance.

If an employee has a disability that precludes them from getting a COVID-19 vaccine, has been specifically advised by their doctor not to get the COVID-19 vaccine while pregnant or breastfeeding, or has a sincerely held religious belief, practice or observance that precludes them from getting a COVID-19 vaccine, their employer must provide a reasonable accommodation from their mandatory vaccine policy, unless doing so would impose an undue burden on their operations.

...A reasonable accommodation may include allowing the employee to continue to work remotely, or otherwise to work in a manner that would reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to other employees or to the public. A reasonable accommodation may also include providing the employee with personal protective equipment that sufficiently mitigates the employee's risk of COVID-19 transmission and exposure.

Under the LAD, if there is no reasonable accommodation that your employer can provide that would mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission to its employees and customers, then your employer can enforce its policy of excluding unvaccinated employees from the physical workplace, even if you are unvaccinated because of a disability, pregnancy, or breastfeeding, or a sincerely held religious belief. However, that does not mean that your employer can automatically discipline you if you cannot get vaccinated, as the employer may be precluded from doing so by other laws, regulations, or policies.

For employers with a unionized workforce, the applicable collective bargaining agreement already may vest the employer with the management right to unilaterally develop and implement a vaccine program.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights enforce these laws, not the New Jersey Department of Labor. See question K.2-K.7 of [What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](#) for more information on protections from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and see <https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/covid-19-faqs/> for more information on protections enforced by the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights.

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/worker-protections/myworkrights/covidprotections.shtml>