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Happy Fall from the New Jersey Local Section of the AIHA (NJAIHA)!

NJAIHA is hosting virtual **Professional Development Courses (PDCs)** on Thursday December 1, 2022, featuring <u>Tom Burgess</u>, CIH, CSP, MS, of T&M Associates, speaking on IH Aspects of Confined Space Entry, and <u>Nancy Orr</u>, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, speaking on Building an Ethical Foundation for Occupational Safety and Health Programs, a PDC that fulfills the BGC/ABIH ethics requirement for CIH. The registration for these PDCs can be found here:

http://www.njaiha.org/event/2022-njaiha-professional-development-courses/

In addition, this year NJAIHA is hosting the in person **Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (NEIHce)** on Friday December 2, 2022, at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ. This is the first in person NEIHce since 2019. We have been working hard on organizing this year's Conference, and are thrilled to host an event featuring NIOSH, regulatory, academic, and private sector OEHS speakers on topics of National AIHA, Washington Policy Updates, a panel discussion of speakers on Heat Stress in the Workplace, the Future of Sensor Technologies, Mental Health in the Workplace, and IH in Construction. **Early registration closes 11/23/22**. So, please see the following link to register and for more details:

https://njaiha.regfox.com/2022-northeast-industrial-hygiene-conference-and-exposition

We have also returned to our monthly tradition of in person technical dinner meetings. We had in person meetings with dynamic speakers September through November, on topics such as the Challenges and Excitement of Industrial Hygiene Consulting, Infectious Diseases in Wastewater Treatment Plant employee exposures, the Psychology of Bad Excuses in Safety and Health, and a statistical tool called Macro to assess Covid-19 risk of illness or death in the workplace when compared to community transmission levels (see photos of the September and October meetings in this issue).

We will have **virtual** meetings during the workday on **January 19, 2023** at 11:00 AM featuring <u>Dr. Mike Jayjock</u> speaking on the Human Health Risk Assessment to Chemicals, and on another workday, **February 16, 2023** at 11:00 AM where we will receive an OSHA Update from <u>Isabel DeOliviera</u>, Compliance Assistance Specialist out of Region 3 Federal OSHA.

Our dinner meetings will continue in March 2023 with a tri-organization meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association (MABSA), the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (NJASSP) and NJAIHA on **March 16, 2023**. Our dinner meetings will continue in April 2023 (Past Presidents' Night), and June 2023, our year-end awards and student scholarships dinner meeting. The announcements and registration for all these events will be posted on our website;

http://www.njaiha.org/events/

Since last year, although we were coming off a winter pandemic surge, four amazing students won NJAIHA scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1500. Hopefully you saw the article on our 2022 scholarship winners in the September issue of the *Examiner*. On a related note, our esteemed Historian Tim Rice recently compiled from readily available documents all of the scholarships NJAIHA has awarded since 1990 to students pursuing degrees and careers in OEHS. Over the last 32 years, NJAIHA has granted at least 91 scholarship recipients a total of \$91,800! Some more digging through the historical records predating 1990 will be sure to show those totals are even higher.

It's not too soon to refer any students you may have in your courses, companies, or network of families, colleagues, and friends, who may be pursuing an industrial hygiene related field. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is May 15, 2023, but we love early applications, so please click on the following NJAIHA scholarship application page to apply:

http://www.njaiha.org/students/scholarships/

Finally, thanks to our Outreach Coordinator Dan Preisler who attended the NJ School Counselor Association's Fall Conference in early October to promote IH careers to middle school and high school students (see related photo in this issue). There was a good turnout this year with much interest from school counselors and may lead to promoting IH in additional upcoming career fairs.

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and conferences.

Marc Vargas, CIH, MPH 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. *This is a valuable benefit of NJAIHA Membership and not to be missed!* Updates for the NJAIHA roster are made quarterly.

The 2022 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 online 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 b2bwoodhull@gmail.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.

<u>Please note! The 2022 program year runs from January 2022 to December 2022. All sessions must be viewed in the online classroom by December 31, 2022 to receive credit.</u>);

AIHA "eLearning" (continued)

AIHA Webinar Recordings:

- AIHA University Webinar: Adapting Your Ergonomics Program to the Hybrid Work Environment
- AIHA University Webinar: ANSI/ASSP Standards Impact on OSH Professionals
- AIHA University Webinar: Assessing Ventilation for COVID-19 Mitigation and Beyond: Proactively Identify Ventilation Vulnerabilities
- AIHA University Webinar: Assessment, Remediation, and Post-Remediation Verification of Mold in Buildings
- AIHA University Webinar: Cleaning Out Your Data Closet.
- AIHA University Webinar: Engineering Techniques to Mitigate Chemical Exposure for O&G Chemical Laboratories
- AIHA University Webinar: Smart Devices and the EHS Professional
- AIHA University Webinar: The Effects of the Pandemic on Physical Activity and Strategies to Prevent MSDs
- AIHA University Webinar: The Noise Manual: Essential Wisdom for Preventing Noise-Induced Hearing
- AIHA University Webinar: The Role of Context and Reason in Ethical Decision-Making for the Industrial Hygienist
- AIHA University Webinar: Welding Field Guide 2nd Edition: Updates and Control Banding Strategies

AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand Recordings:

- All About Leading, Lagging, and Predictive Indicators (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Confined Spaces Flammable Toxic Spray-Painting Precautions (AIHce EXP 2022 OnDemand)
- Ensuring Compliance with the Requirements of NFPA 652 Standard on Combustible Dust, and What's Next (AIHce EXP 2022 OnDemand)
- Implementation, Controls, and Outcomes of COVID-Free Protection Zone Model (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Interesting OSHA Health Cases Facts From the Field, Part 1 (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Interesting OSHA Health Cases Facts From the Field, Part 2 (AIHce EXP 2021 OnDemand)
- Making Accurate Exposure Risk Decisions
- Science and Power of Stories Affects Risk Perceptions (AIHce EXP 2022 OnDemand)
- Top 10 Imperatives for the AIHA Exposure Risk Management Process Presentation Recording
- Unique Hazards in the Agriculture and Maritime Industries' Notable Confined Spaces (AIHce EXP 2022 OnDemand)



Dual Concentration in Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) Environmental and Occupational Health and Justice (EOHJ) 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: https://programfinder.aspph.org/

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

NJAIHA - WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

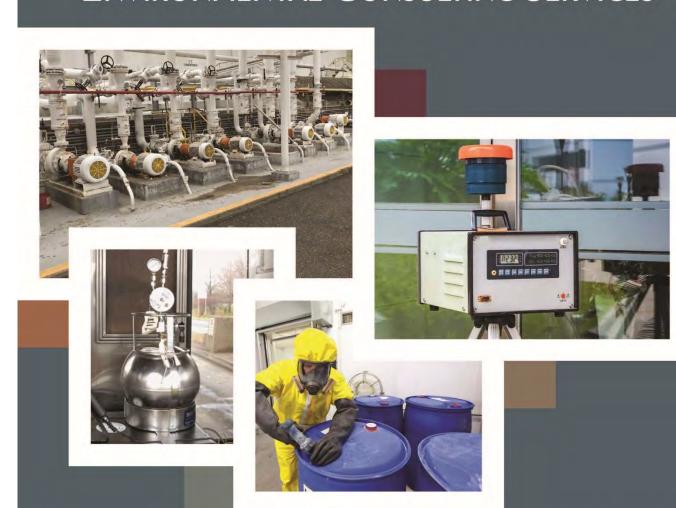
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Publications Director's Note

This month the New England Journal of Medicine published a study of school districts in Massachusetts comparing COVID-19 rates in schools that mandated masking versus schools that did not. Controversial elements of the study include the fact that numerous schools in the mask mandate group did not actually mandate masks, as well as a statement claiming a non-COVID effect on student achievement by race. The study is linked here.

https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2211029?query=featured_home#article_citing_articles

The World Health Organization (WHO) issued technology-based recommendations on Polyfluoroalkanes (PFAS) exposures in drinking water. The paper (based on an assessment by the US Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) does not consider carcinogenicity to be a primary endpoint of exposure;

"The primary effects observed following exposure to PFOS and/or PFOA in animal studies are liver toxicity, developmental toxicity, and immune toxicity (ATSDR, 2021). The potential modes of action for each of these endpoints are discussed below, however as some endpoints have been extensively studied and reported elsewhere, a summary of evidence only is provided here"

https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/wash-documents/wash-chemicals/pfos-pfoagdwq-bd-working-draft-for-public-review-29.9.22.pdf

...and was immediately attacked for this approach, with intimations of conflicts of interest;

"It's concerning that we don't know who wrote the WHO draft," said Linda Birnbaum, a signatory and scientist emeritus and former director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program. "As an authoritative body, WHO should show a high degree of transparency and objectivity. They should therefore identify the names, affiliations, and potential conflict-of-interest of authors and reviewers of this draft and any future WHO documents."

https://phys.org/news/2022-11-scientists-pfas-guidelines.html

After the global Public Health response to COVID-19, most people can agree that transparency is good, and sorely needed when dealing with intergovernmental agencies like the World Health Organization.

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!

The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association



2022 Professional Development Courses

Thursday, December 1st Virtual

http://www.njaiha.org/event/2022-njaiha-professionaldevelopment-courses/

2022 Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (NEIHce)

Friday, December 2

Princeton Marriott at Forrestal 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ

http://www.njaiha.org/event/2022-neihce/

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Please Save the Date!

NJAIHA is pleased to announce that we will be holding our January 2023 meeting virtually via Zoom on <u>January 19</u>, <u>2023</u>, <u>at 11 am</u>.

We are excited about the technical topic slotted for this month, one which we feel all practicing industrial hygienists will find most informative and of practical benefit.

Please join us, won't you?

Date: January 19, 2023

Time: 11 am EST

Topic: Human Health Risk Assessment of Chemicals

Speaker: Dr. Mike Jayjock

Cost: Free!

Note: Registration/Zoom Meeting Information to Follow

Please Check the website and your emails for registration details

http://www.njaiha.org/events/

NJAIHA Members in the News

Recent NJAIHA Activities with Pictures Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



October 2022 NJAIHA Meeting - 10/20/22 Stage House Tavern, Mountainside, NJ





NJAIHA President Vargas talks with attendees between technical presentations in the Stage House Tavern's outdoor, heated tent.

<u>Marc Vargas</u>, NJAIHA President, opens the 2022 October meeting with a welcome to attendees and a few announcements prior to introducing the before-dinner speaker.



Before-dinner Technical Speaker:

Richard A. Lynch, CIH, CIEC, MBA, NJAIHA President-Elect and Founder/CEO, Lynch CIH & IAQ Consultants, LLC, Riverside, NJ

Presentation:

"The Excitement of Industrial Hygiene and Air Quality Consulting"

Rich, thank you from all at NJAIHA for taking time from your new firm to prepare this reflective talk on memorable consulting experiences which helped shape your perspective on the industrial hygiene profession.



After-dinner Technical Speaker:

<u>Thomas Burgess</u>, CIH, CSP, Client Manager, T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ.

Presentation:

"Water Professionals Guide to Infectious Disease Outbreaks"

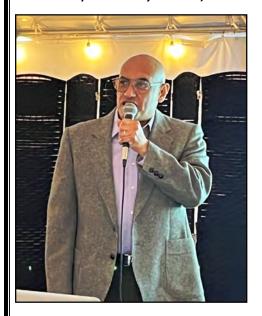
Tom, thanks from all at NJAIHA for sharing with us this interesting talk on assisting the water and wastewater industry in the protection of workers and the public from infectious waterborne disease outbreaks.

September 2022 NJAIHA Meeting - 9/15/22, Stage House Tavern

The New Jersey Section AIHA (NJAIHA) held their first membership meeting (back to on-site!) of the 2022-2023 year at the Stage House Tavern in Mountainside, NJ on September 15, 2022. As Snuffys is no more, this was our second on-site meeting at this venue, and we were again situated in the "Outdoor Tent" (right) as we were for our annual June Year-end meeting.



Below are a few photos from the event: (and thanks to Vince Daliessio, NJAIHA Director of Publications, who snapped these photos in my absence)



(left) Before-dinner Technical Speaker: Marc Vargas, CIH, MPH, Industrial Hygienist, NJAIHA President.

<u>Presentation</u>: "A Personal Journey with Allergens and an OSHA Veterinary Case".

Marc, thank you from all at NJAIHA for sharing with us this personal and extremely interesting presentation.





(top) After-Dinner Technical Speaker:

Reagan Branch, CIH, CSP, MPH, Construction Site Safety Manager, Chief Consultant and President, Pyramid Safety & Health Solutions, Inc.

Presentation: "The Challenges of CIH Consulting"

Reagan, thanks from all at NJAIHA for taking time from your schedule to share with us this eye-opening presentation on the successes and challenges of occupational safety and health consulting.

(left) New NJAIHA President-elect Richard A. Lynch, CIH, CIEC, MBA, Founder/CEO, Lynch CIH & IAQ Consultants, LLC, (left) is accompanied by his father, Dr. Richard M. Lynch, PhD, CIH, FAIHA, President, Environmental Safety Management Corporation, and long-time NJAIHA member and NJAIHA IH Review Course instructor. Here they stand at NJAIHA's "I Am IH NJ" banner.

September 2022 NJAIHA Meeting - 9/15/22, Stage House Tavern (cont.)





Our September 2022 meeting technical speakers, Reagan Branch and Marc Vargas (NJAIHA President), gather and catch up at the NJAIHA "I Am IH NJ" banner.

After-dinner technical speaker Reagan Branch's presentation title

New Jersey School Counselor Association (NJSCA) Fall Conference

October 7, 2022, Pines Manor, Edison, NJ



<u>Dan Preisler</u>, NJAIHA Outreach Coordinator, works the NJAIHA booth at NJSCA's 2022 Fall Conference (10/7) held at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. This was the third year NJAIHA chose to be an exhibitor at the annual NJSCA Fall Conference in an effort to raise the level of awareness of school counselors to the industrial hygiene profession as a potential career field for their students.

Dan stated... "Overall, I think this year was a much better turn out than when I did it in 2019. I feel like I got to speak with a few more High School level counselor's which would be our main target audience for this type of event. There were many more people interested in hearing what exactly Industrial Hygiene is, and what type of education requirements there are for it."

NJAIHA was again able to make use of its developed marketing and branding items aimed at creating interest and awareness among high school and college students and young professionals in the possibility of pursing the industrial hygiene profession as a career choice. Note the use of our retractable table top (or floor-positioned) banner and our table drape prominently displaying our Section logo which we revised a few years back.

Dan, thank you again from all at NJAIHA for taking a day of your time to perform this valuable outreach activity.

NJAIHA Executive Committee (EC) - Elections and Appointments

Our new NJAIHA Executive Committee President-Elect and Summer IH Review Course Coordinator

The results of the recent Executive Committee elections and in and an EC appointment has been made. We are thrilled that two new Industrial Hygiene and Health and Safety Professionals, **Richard A. Lynch**, and **Tom Burgess**, have volunteered their time and expertise to our organization and members.

Richard A. Lynch CIH CEIC MBA, of Lynch CIH & IAQ Consultants, is our New President Elect. Lynch CIH & IAQ Consultants is an institution founded to promote the industry of Certified Industrial Hygiene and Indoor Air Quality through modernized consulting and community educational programs. Mr. Lynch has been working in the EHS field beginning in 2009, in asbestos, designing windmills, green building studies and project management, and safety engineering and energy consulting. He has a B.S. in Physics, an MS in Green



Buildings, and completed his MBA in Wilmington University, and passed the CIH in April 2022. Richard has already given a speech on the excitement of Industrial Hygiene consulting at our October 2022 Dinner meeting, telling the story of how he helped his father in his IH consulting firm, and grew up and into IH doing calibration, sampling, and assessments.

Tom Burgess, CIH, CSP and MS in Industrial Hygiene, has been appointed Summer IH Review Course Coordinator by the EC, and is refilling the position previously held by the late Hank Shotwell. Tom started his industrial hygiene career over 30 years ago in industry, starting as an engineer in a Newark NJ leather tanning company, where he encountered alarming safety and health conditions, and transitioned into safety responsibilities that began his long career in safety and health. He went on to work in Safety and Industrial Hygiene capacities at Bayer, Hugo Neu Corporation,



Arcadis, as Manager of Training Operations and Products at Emilcott Associates, and served in regulation as the EHS Section Chief of NYC DEP Bureau of Wastewater Treatment in Queens, NY. He is currently with T&M Associates, an engineering and environmental consulting company with headquarters in Middletown NJ. With T&M, Tom provides safety and IH consulting services to a variety of clients, primarily industrial and medical services, as well as supporting T&M projects. Tom also recently gave a speech on workers exposure to Infectious Diseases in Wastewater Treatment plants at an NJAIHA Dinner Meeting, and is speaking in NJAIHA's virtual PDC December 1, 2022 on IH Aspects of Confined Space.

Thank you, Richard and Tom, for your service to our members and worker and community safety and public health!

NJAIHA Executive Committee (EC) - Elections and Appointments (continued)

Returning EC Members

We are pleased to announce that **Barbara Woodhull**, CIH, CSP has won re-election as NJAIHA Treasurer. Barbara is now in her 13th consecutive year (since 2010!) as NJAIHA Treasurer, and we recognize her here for her continued, dedicated service to NJAIHA in that role over all those years. In addition, Barb is a repeat member of the NEIHce Planning Committee and is serving as its Chair this year for the 2022 NEIHce which NJAIHA is hosting.



And finally, we take pleasure in announcing that **Vince Daliessio**, CIH, is returning for a second three-year stint as NJAIHA Director of Publications, of which one of his main responsibilities is assembling and publishing all issues of the **NJAIHA Examiner**.



Congratulations, again, to Barb and Vince!

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

AIHA Legislative Connection

Interested in what's going on in the Federal and State Governments? Follow the link below:

Government Relations & Advocacy

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

State & Federal Government Relations Update: November 2022

Federal:

Meeting of NIOSH's Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health in December

On December 8, 2022, NIOSH's Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern.

Here's the draft agenda:

NIOSH Program Update
Department of Labor Program Update
Department of Energy Program Update
SEC Petitions Update
Procedures Review Finalization/Document Approvals
Rocky Flats Plant Work Group Update
Update on Review of SEC-00256 Pinellas Plant Evaluation Report
Board Work Session
Would you like to attend this meeting? Here's how:

The USA toll-free dial-in numbers are: +1-669-254-5252 US (San Jose); and +1-646-828-7666 US (New York). The meeting ID is: 161 949 4327; the Passcode is: 46823450; and the Web conference by Zoom meeting connection is: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327?pwd="https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327">https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327?pwd="https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327">https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327?pwd="https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327">https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1619494327

The combined number of audio conference lines and internet conference accesses is 200.

For additional information, please see the Federal Register notice, which is the source of the above information; here's the link: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/10/31/2022-23645/advisory-board-on-radiation-and-worker-health-abrwh-national-institute-for-occupational-safety-and

NACOSH Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Work Group Meeting in December

On December 13, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern, OSHA's National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Work Group will meet via WebEx.

The full NACOSH will meet on January 10, 2023.

For additional information, including how to attend, please visit https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/11/01/2022-23723/national-advisory-committee-on-occupational-safety-and-health-nacosh-notice-of-meetings

The CDC's Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee will meet on December 8, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., EST.

To attend the virtual meeting, please register at the website of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) at www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining/features/2022-12mshrac.html

or by telephone at (412) 386-4541 at least 5 business days in advance of the meeting. Registrants will receive Zoom web conference access information sent to their provided email address upon successful registration.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on NIOSH mining safety and health research organizational structure, capabilities, projects, and outcomes. The meeting will also include an update from the NIOSH Associate Director for Mining. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Public Participation

Written Public Comment: The public may submit written comments or questions in advance of the meeting, to the contact person above. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting, and questions will be answered during the oral public comment period open to public participation.

Oral Public Comment: This meeting will include time for members of the public to make an oral comment. The public comment session will be held on December 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., EST, or at the conclusion of planned presentations, and conclude following the final call for public comment. Members of the public will be given 5 to 10 minutes each for comments.

Mark Ames AIHA Falls Church VA

Thanks to Volunteers