EHSCP Industrial Hygiene Committee Update

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Industrial Hygiene (IH) issues have been around a long time



- AIHA was formed in 1939
- First exposure limits established in 1945
- ABIH formed in 1959
- The first CIH exam was held in 1963
- OSHA formed in 1970
- OSHA PELs established in 1971
- EHSCP establishes IH Committee in 2011



History

- Industrial Hygiene Committee formed based on success of the EHSCP Environmental Committee
- EHSCP members approved formation at 2010 EHSICC Conference
- EHSCP Industrial Hygiene Committee Formed early 2011
- EHSCP Committee members solicited their companies for IH committee members



IH Committee Purpose

 This committee was formed to provide a forum among Environmental, Health & Safety Communications Panel (EHSCP) member companies to identify industrial hygiene concerns and issues in the communications industry, and assist member companies in addressing those concerns through shared experience and knowledge.



Objectives

- Sharing of resources and solutions to promote environmental, health and safety
- Benchmarking concerning technical processes, procedures and equipment used in industrial hygiene
- Preparation of responses to proposed regulations relating to industrial hygiene on behalf of the EHSCP



Topics include:

- EH&S Proposed Regulations
- Hazard Communication (GHS)
- Manhole Entry Gas Monitors
- Lead Safety (cable & battery straps, OSP cable)
- Asbestos
- Hearing Conservation
- Distributed Antenna Systems RF Concerns
- Indoor Air Quality
- Chemical Exposures
- Communicable Diseases
- Other topics of concern to the industry



Membership

- Membership open to EHSCP member companies
- EHSCP member companies select representatives from their company to serve on this committee.
- Rotation of committee members will occur on an as-needed basis
- More members are welcome and encouraged!



Accomplishments

- Successfully identified an Oregon proposed regulation that would have required confined space entry procedures for all telecommunications manholes and unvented vaults
- Provided feedback during comment period and had exception (similar to 1910.268) for telecom manholes and vaults maintained



Accomplishments (continued)

- Exchanged information and methods of compliance on smoking, perfume, smokeless tobacco, and perfume issues
- Discussed implementation of the new GHS Hazard Communications Standard



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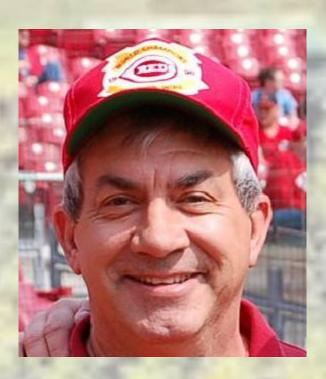


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Please contact a member or the Chair, John Malone at jm7842@att.com if you:

- Are interested in participating on the Committee, or
- You have topics that would like to see the Committee address.



THANK YOU!

