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Dear NJAIHA Members,

I am excited to remind you of our upcoming events that promise to be both informative and engaging!

Professional Development Courses

Date: December 5, 2024

Location: PSE&G Hadley Road Facility, 4000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ

Registration is now open for our annual Professional Development Courses (PDCs)! Register at <https://www.njaiha.org/event/2024-njaiha-professional-development-courses/>

Topics include:

- AIHA “Focus 4 for Health” and going beyond OSHA standards in Governmental Construction
- Healthcare and HVAC Hygiene
- LEED IAQ Testing and Limitations
- Building an Ethical Foundation for Occupational Safety and Health Programs

Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition

Date: December 6, 2024

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Two Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ

This year, the Philadelphia AIHA is hosting the NEIHce, focusing on Updates and Current Topics in Occupational Safety and Health.

For more information and to register, please visit [Philadelphia AIHA](#).

I encourage all of you to participate in these valuable opportunities to enhance your knowledge and network with fellow professionals. Please visit [NJAIHA.org](https://www.njaiha.org) for more information or to register for upcoming events

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,
Bill Pockels
President, NJAIHA

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Obtain Knowledge and CIH Maintenance Points through AIHA "eLearning"

NJAIHA plans to renew its subscription for the 2025 AIHA eLearning program. If you are an NJAIHA member in good standing, you will have access to the designated AIHA eLearning programs at no charge to you. All NJAIHA members in good standing who choose to participate in the eLearning Program have access to the live presentation as well as the recorded session at a later time.

Updates for the NJAIHA roster are made quarterly. If NJAIHA members are not receiving correspondence from AIHA regarding eLearning offerings, please contact Ronnie Tutty (rtutty@ptd.net) to verify that your correct email address and current membership status are in place.

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.

Here are the action items to take to maximize your participation in the program:

1. Login to the [online classroom](#) and verify that you see a tab to access your group's content. If you do not see this tab, please get in contact with DAssistant@aiha.org so they can research the issue.
2. If you don't know your login credentials, please use the forgot password link on the login page to have them sent to you.
3. Review the information posted on the [eLearning Subscribers page](#). Here you will find information about upcoming live webinars, OnDemand content already added to your classroom, accessing your AIHA transcript and FAQs about using the system. *Bookmark this page in case you need to review it later.*

Webinar Recordings

- AIHA University Webinar: Nanotechnology Health and Safety...
- AIHA University Webinar: Ethical Insights for CIHs and CSPs:...
- AIHA University Webinar: Why Work Rate Matters in Respirator...
- AIHA University Webinar: Maximizing the Effectiveness of Hearing...
- AIHA University 3-Part Occupational Toxicology Webinar Series:...
- AIHA University Webinar: Using the SDM 2.0 to Assess Real-World...
- AIHA University Webinar: Navigating Metrics for Workplace Safety...
- AIHA University Webinar: Keeping Pace With the AI Revolution: The...
- AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to...
- AIHA University Webinar: Safe Use of 3D Printing in Higher...
- AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S...
- AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An...
- Making Accurate Exposure Risk Decisions (2022)

OnDemand sessions

Please note that 44 AIHA OnDemand sessions have been added to your subscription group. Here are some highlights;

- Preventing Vector-Borne Diseases in Workers
- Research Roundup Aerosols and Airborne Particulates
- Research Roundup Hazard Recognition/Exposure Assessment
- The Power of Odor Thresholds in Safety and Health
- A New ANSI/ASSP Construction Heat Stress Standard
- Statistical Cage Match: 70 Percent vs. 95 Percent Confidence
- Navigating Exposure Risks and Fire Hazards in Li-ion Battery Technologies
- Managing New or Updated Chemical Safety Guidance and Regulations
- Elevating Your Presentation and Communication Skills

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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 meetings, 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!

Please address comments or questions to info@njaiha.org.



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NJAIHA - WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Member	Date Joined
Edward Gerdts	2/2024
Vahid Ebadat	3/2024
Jeremiah Mansaray	3/2024
Ellie Hirst	3/2024
Curtis Martin	4/2024
Michael Gelfand	5/2024
Eric Green	5/2024
Dhruti Thaker	6/2024
Leo Greco	7/2024
Marlon Wilson	9/2024
Scott Douglas	9/2024
Julie Mui	10/2024
Jean Cadeau	10/2024

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Protecting New Jersey Worker Health

Publications Director's Note

In This Edition, The US Postal Service is in OSHA's crosshairs, NJ bakery fails to abate amputation hazards, number of mandated worker death investigations are declining.

BREAKING:

Department of Labor petitions federal court to force US Postal Service to comply with subpoenas in employee whistleblower investigation;

The department filed a petition today in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania to enforce its subpoenas issued by its Occupational Safety and Health Administration as part of a whistleblower investigation of the U.S. Postal Service in New Salem, Pennsylvania. OSHA opened the probe in October 2023 after an employee alleged in a whistleblower complaint that she was suspended after reporting safety hazards involving an assigned vehicle and a work-related injury. More here;

<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/osha-news-brief/20241120>

Department of Labor fines New Jersey bakery \$385K after inspectors find workers still exposed to safety hazards at Paterson facility;

PATERSON, NJ – A commercial baker in Paterson faces \$385,221 in federal penalties after a U.S. Department of Labor investigation found the employer failed to correct workplace safety hazards identified in 2023.

The department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration began a follow-up inspection at Valenti's Bakery LLC in May 2024 after the employer failed to prove they had addressed hazards cited by OSHA in a June 2023 inspection. The agency initiated an inspection in 2023 after an employee suffered two partial finger amputations after coming into contact with an automatic blade. More here; <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/new-york-city/20241119>

Department of Labor encouraged by decline in worker death investigations:

Initiatives lead to significant reductions in fatal trench collapses, falls WASHINGTON – Fewer workers are dying from hazards where the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has focused its enforcement resources. Preliminary agency data show a decrease in fatalities the agency is mandated to investigate, including significant reductions in fatal injuries from trench collapses and falls, two of the leading causes of death among construction industry workers.

In fiscal year 2024, federal OSHA investigated 826 worker deaths, an 11 percent reduction from 928 in the previous year. Excluding Covid-related deaths, this is the lowest number of worker fatalities OSHA has been mandated to investigate since FY 2017. More here;

<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/osha-national-news-release/20241104>

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. Email, call or text with your items for inclusion in the next Examiner!

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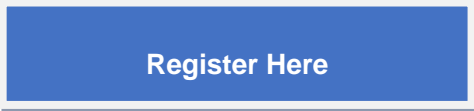
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Professional Development Courses
2024 NJAIHA Professional Development Courses @ PSE&G
4000 Hadley Rd, South Plainfield, Nj 07080
Dec 5 @ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

The NJAIHA will be hosting Professional Development Courses (PDCs) on Thursday, December 5th, the day prior to the Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference (NEIHce). The PDCs will be presented IN-PERSON at the PSE&G facility on Hadley Road in South Plainfield, NJ. Each course is offered at \$150 per course.



Courses Include:

- **Course #1: (8:30am-12:00pm) AIHA “Focus 4 for health” and going beyond OSHA standards in Governmental Construction, presented by Joy Fleming and Chris Ulriksen**
- **Course #2: (8:30am-12:00pm) Healthcare and HVAC Hygiene, presented by Dr. Richard M. Lynch and Tom Peter**
12:00pm-1:00pm: Catered Lunch Included
- **Course #3: (1:00pm-4:30pm) LEED IAQ Testing and LEED Design, presented by Vince Daliessio and Tim Wong**
- **Course #4 (1:00pm-4:30pm): Building an Ethical Foundation for Occupational Safety and Health Programs, presented by Nancy Orr, CIH, CSP, FAIHA**

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

Register online at: <https://www.njaiha.org/event/2024-njaiha-professional-development-courses>

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The Philadelphia AIHA Local Section Presents

The 78th Annual Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition – NEIHce

Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick

Two Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Friday, December 6, 2024 @ 7:15 am – 4:30 pm

Cosponsored By:

New Jersey and Metro NY Local AIHA Sections

The 2024 Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition will be presented on Friday, December 6th at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. This gathering of OEHS professionals from the Mid-Atlantic region (New York, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland), brings together a sizeable audience for a day-long educational and networking event.

The conference brochure, which contains the conference agenda and registration information, can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Conference sponsorships and exhibitor opportunities are also available. For more information, please email us at mail@philaaaha.com, or view the [sponsorship](#) and [exhibitor](#) forms by clicking on these links.

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NJAIHA 2025 Scholarships are Available!

The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (NJAIHA) is pleased to offer scholarships for the study and promotion of industrial hygiene / environmental health and safety for the 2025-2026 school year.

Up to \$7,500 is available for award among the selected candidates.

- Scholarships are available for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students who will be enrolled in the Fall of 2025 in courses leading to a degree in industrial hygiene or allied fields such as occupational/environmental health and safety.
- Recipients must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college in NJ, or be a resident of NJ if enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college outside of NJ.
- Previous recipients are eligible to apply.
- Minimum cumulative GPA is 3.0.

Deadline for application is **May 1, 2025**. The recipients will be invited to attend the June 2024 NJAIHA meeting to accept their award. Applicants must provide the following:

- Completed scholarship application

<https://www.njaiha.org/students/scholarships/>

- A statement on a single sheet of paper of why you should be the recipient of the scholarship;
- A copy or official transcript of records with GPA; and
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or course-related employer, but preferably the student's adviser.

Any questions should be sent to Candice Kowalewski, Director of Membership, at membership@njaiha.org

Don't Wait- Applications are due May 1st 2025!

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Call for Candidates!

Attention All NJAIHA Members:

As we move through the end of the year, it is a very exciting time to recruit new members for the NJAIHA Executive Board. This is a great opportunity to become a part of the team that manages the activities that NJAIHA conducts for its members. Some of those activities include planning and organizing monthly membership meetings, supporting the NJAIHA Summer Course, preparing and distributing Section newsletters, administering the NJAIHA Scholarship Program, planning the NEIHCE every three years, and supporting our members through access to the AIHA eLearning program.

At this point we are looking for candidates for the following open positions to serve starting as of the 2024-2025 Operating Year.

- **President-Elect**
- **Outreach Coordinator**

You will find the position descriptions and duties in this link:
<https://www.njaiha.org/about/officers-directors/>

The President-Elect position is part of a 3-year cycle that includes one year each as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. Elected Local Section officers are required to be AIHA members.

The Board for Global EHS Credentialing (BGC) recognizes Local Section elected officer service by allowing Section officers who are CIHs to claim Certification Maintenance points during the years served.

The NJAIHA Executive Board is seeking candidates for these positions. Serving in this capacity is a great way to serve and support our profession at the local level. Interested candidates please email njaiha@ptd.net and include your contact information and position you are interested in. Please also send a short CV, resume or online profile link containing relevant professional background and experience. You may email or call me or any current EC Board member if you have questions or need additional information. The NJAIHA Executive Committee will provide any guidance and assistance you may need.

Please respond if you are interested.

Regards,
Richard A. Lynch, MBA, CIH, CIEC
NJAIHA Past President

NJAIHA Members in the News

Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



The New Jersey Section AIHA (NJAIHA) held both its first and second membership dinner meetings of the 2024-2025 year at the Stage House Tavern in Somerset, NJ. Following are some photos taken during both evening's activities.



October 2024 NJAIHA Meeting - 10/17/24

Stage House Tavern, Somerset, NJ



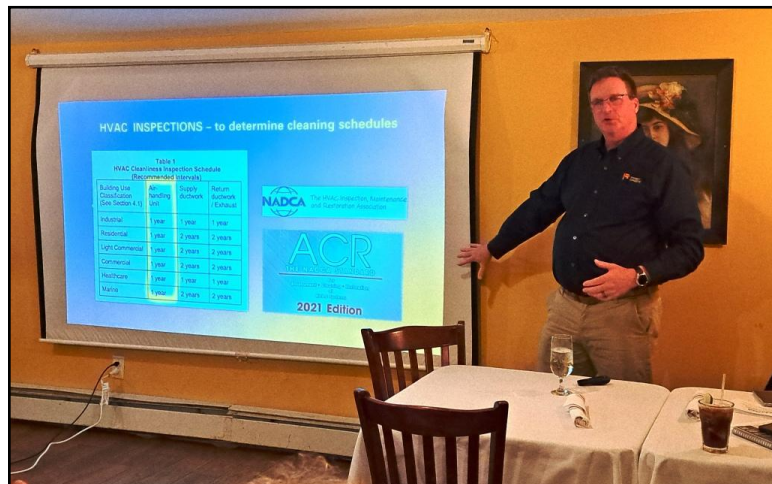
Bill Pockels, NJAIHA President, opens the October 2024 dinner meeting with a welcome to attendees prior to introducing the before-dinner speaker.



Before-dinner Technical Speaker:

Tom Peter, MS, CIH, Senior Vice President, First Onsite Property Restoration

Presentation: "Facility Hygiene HVAC & IAQ"



Tom Peter discusses HVAC system cleanliness inspection scheduling during his informative talk, "Facility Hygiene HVAC & IAQ". Thanks again, Tom, for sharing your expertise in this field with our members!

October 2024 NJAIHA Meeting (cont.)



(below) After-dinner Technical Speaker:

Richard Lynch, Ph.D., CIH, CHFM, FAIHA, President, Environmental Safety Management Corporation

Presentation:

"Industrial Hygiene Aspects of Healthcare Facility Management"

(left) Dr. Lynch provides an overview of his comprehensive talk which included a discussion of healthcare facility types, worker health and safety hazards found in those facilities, patient protection and infection control, pharmaceutical compounding and hazardous drugs, and water management. Thanks again, Dr. Lynch, for sharing with our members your extensive experience in the assessment and control of industrial hygiene hazards in the healthcare industry arena.



September 2024 NJAIHA Meeting - 9/19/24

Stage House Tavern, Somerset, NJ



(left to right) **Bill Pockels**, NJAIHA President, **Sean Walker**, before-dinner technical speaker, and **Richard Lynch**, NJAIHA Past-President, confer and talk with attendees prior to the kickoff of the September 2024 dinner meeting.

September 2024 NJAIHA Meeting (cont.)



(left) Before-dinner Technical Speaker:

Sean Walker, CSP, CIH, Vice President, Senior Risk Control Consultant, Conner Strong & Buckelew

Presentation:

“Respirator Program Elements and Pitfalls”

(below) Sean Walker stresses the importance of effective training of employees on the proper use of respiratory protection during his talk, *“Respirator Program Elements and Pitfalls”*. Thanks, Sean, for sharing your respirator program evaluation experiences with our members in such an engaging and interactive manner.



(right) After-dinner Technical Speaker:

Miriam Koesterich, MS, CIH, CSP, EHS Senior Consultant/Project Manager, BSI EHS America Professional Services, Inc.

Presentation:

“Enhancing Safety Culture: Integrating Human and Organizational Performance (HOP) and/or Behavior-Based Safety (BBS) into Your Management System”

(below) Miriam Koesterich poses the question to attendees whether HOP and BBS, two approaches with the similar objective of improving workplace safety but with different focuses, can co-exist. Miriam, thanks for taking time out of your schedule to present to our members your experiences with implementation of these two safety performance improvement methods within safety management systems.



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/>

<https://philaaiha.com/employment>

AIHA Legislative Connection

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

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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.

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

Legislative Updates from NJAIHA: November, 2024

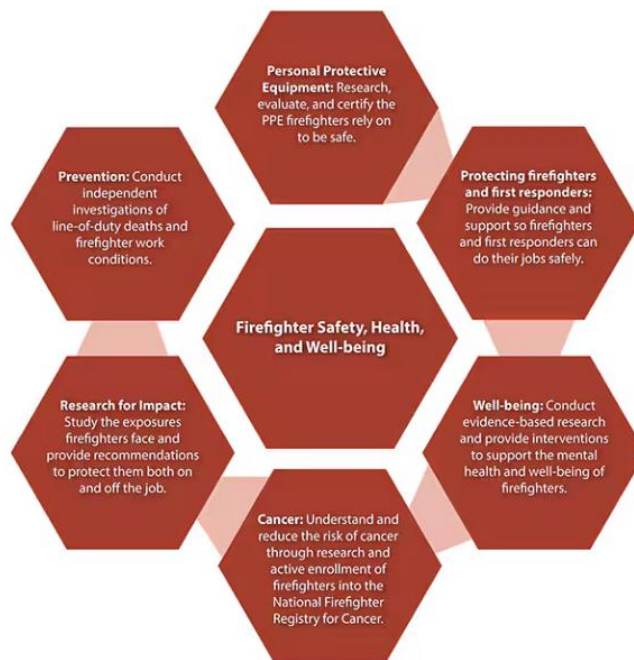
1. Biden-Harris Administration Issues Final Rule Requiring Replacement of Lead Pipes Within 10 Years, Announces \$44M in Funding to New Jersey to Provide Clean Water to Schools and Homes

NEW YORK - On October 8th, the Biden-Harris Administration issued a final rule requiring drinking water systems across the country to identify and replace lead pipes within 10 years. The Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) also require more rigorous testing of drinking water and a lower threshold requiring communities to take action to protect people from lead exposure in water. In addition, the final rule improves communication within communities so that families are better informed about the risk of lead in drinking water, the location of lead pipes, and plans for replacing them (see EPA's new [Lead and Copper Rule Improvements](#)).

2. New NIOSH Center to Centralize Agency's Efforts for Firefighters

NIOSH's new Center for Firefighter Safety, Health, and Well-Being, which launched on Monday, is intended to centralize the agency's research and service related to firefighters. For more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/centers/firefighter-safety-and-health.html>



3. GAO: OSHA Can Do More to Prevent Overexertion in Warehousing and Delivery Sectors

A new report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) offers five recommendations for OSHA to prevent overexertion among workers in the general warehouse and “last mile” delivery sectors. The report notes that injuries have risen among these workers along with the increase in e-commerce retail sales, citing data from 2021 and 2022 that shows overexertion as the most common hazard in the transportation and warehousing sector, which includes general warehousing and last mile delivery. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, transportation and warehousing had the highest serious illness and injury rate among all sectors in 2022, with an estimated 3.8 cases per 100,000 workers.

The recommendations in the GAO report are to add a column for musculoskeletal injuries to OSHA recordkeeping forms, increase training for compliance officers on how to identify and assess ergonomics hazards, clarify existing ergonomics guidance for compliance officers and employers, follow up in a timely manner with employers notified of ergonomics hazards at their facilities, and evaluate the performance of OSHA’s national emphasis program for warehouses and distribution centers.

The GAO report, which includes OSHA’s response, is available on the GAO [website](#).

4. **CDC releases new worksheet intended to help employers protect workers at dairy facilities from highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N1) while working with infected dairy cattle.** For more information see: [CDC Worksheet to Assist Dairy Facilities with Assessing H5N1 Hazards](#)
5. Our partners at ASSP recently published an online article on the recent US Supreme Court Chevron ruling. The court’s decision may have significant implications for health and safety regulations. For more information see: [Supreme Court Ruling Likely Will Limit Agency Actions on Safety and Health](#)