

President's Message – July 2026

This past year has flown by in the blink of an eye. Having the opportunity to serve as NJAIHA President during the 2025-2026 operating year has been an honor and a privilege. It was especially special to serve as President during our 80th Anniversary year as we celebrate our chartering on December 18, 1945.

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to our entire NJAIHA Executive Board for their hard work and dedication to our organization, and for working so diligently to make this past year a successful and profitable year for NJAIHA. This is certainly a dedicated group of professionals!

Thank you to NJAIHA organization members for helping to make serving as President a rewarding experience for me both personally and professionally. We had a great year filled with knowledgeable speakers, interesting meeting topics and a successful Professional Development Conference.

Also, it was NJAIHA's turn to plan and host the 2025 Northeast Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition. A huge thank you to those who served on the Planning Committee for this event held at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. Feedback indicates that it was a highly successful event, was well attended and supported by new and returning exhibitors. Our turn to plan and host this event will come around again in 2028! Please consider serving on the 2028 Planning Committee as a very rewarding experience!!

Joining NJAIHA is an excellent way to network with a host of industry professionals, obtain access to quality educational opportunities at member meetings and through AIHA University offerings, as well as meet new friends and establish professional connections, all while continuing to grow industrial hygiene knowledge and professional credentials.

Thanks to the many of you who have made it a priority to join NJAIHA and participate in the activities of our Local Section. If you know of colleagues who have not joined NJAIHA or are members but do not attend Local Section events, please encourage their participation! Also, please consider volunteering to serve on the Executive Board as positions become open for election or appointment.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as NJAIHA President and to have the opportunity to work with professionals who are committed to doing the best they can to make NJAIHA a vital and important organization. I send best wishes to our next President Jill Asch, and President-Elect Jack Zybura for successful operating years to come as we move into the future.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Woodhull, CIH, CSP

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Obtain Knowledge and CIH Maintenance Points through AIHA "eLearning"

NJAIHA has renewed its subscription for the 2026 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. The eLearning program is an outstanding benefit of your NJAIHA and AIHA membership and every member should take full advantage of it. 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 later.

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 cannot 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 contact 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.*

AIHA University Webinars – Live:

- Modern Noise Dosimetry: Limits, Misreads, and Better Solutions (Wednesday, August 5, 1:00-3:00 pm ET)
- Chemical Protective Clothing Performance, Selection, and Program Management (Wednesday, September 30, 1:00-2:00 pm ET)
- OEHS Ethics in the Age of AI and Skeptical Stakeholders (Wednesday, November 4, 1:00-3:00pm ET)
- An Updated Toolbox for Modeling Exposures (Wednesday, November 18, 1:00-2:00 pm ET)

AIHA University Webinars – Recorded:

- Controlling Silica Exposure in Stone Countertop Fabrication & Installation
- Engaging the Workforce to Control SIF Risk Applying AI, Safeguard Conversations, and the NSC SIF Prevention Model Using SafeWorkPlanAI
- Hazard Recognition and Control for the Emerging North American Cannabis Industry
- Making Practical Sense of Enormous Data Logs
- PPE Risk Assessments Practical Considerations for Industrial Hygiene Exposures
- Psychosocial Hazards 101 What Every OEHS Professional Should Know
- The New Safety Standard Mental Health as a Core Workplace Value

AIHA Connect On Demand ESUBs;

- Managing Roof Hazards on a Multi-Campus Healthcare Organization (AIHA Connect 2025 OnDemand)
- Objective Quality Evidence and Robust Records (AIHA Connect 2025 OnDemand)
- ToxShorts: Occupational Exposure Banding Basics & ToxShorts: Respiratory Anatomy, Physiology, and Toxicology (AIHA Connect 2025 OnDemand)
- Upton Sinclair Lecture Protecting Miners - Insights Into Black Lung Disease and Regulatory Challenges (AIHA Connect 2025 OnDemand)
- Welding Fume Exposure Factors (AIHA Connect 2025 OnDemand)

Access to the above will expire on 01/01/2027. Please be sure to check for a renewed eLearning subscription for 2027!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to AIHA at DLAssistant@aiha.org if you have any questions or need any assistance.



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2026 NJAIHA Officer Election Results

The results of the 2026 NJAIHA Officer elections are in. Congratulations go out to **Jack Zybura**, P.E., INCE Bd. Cert. who will be continuing as a member of the NJAIHA Executive Committee, now for a one-year term as **NJAIHA President-elect**.



Jack, who is Associate Principal with Lewis S. Goodfriend & Associates will also continue on with his responsibilities as NJAIHA Webmaster, a position he has held continuously since 2011. Jack will serve under NJAIHA President **Jill Asch** who assumed that title on July 1, 2026, from now Past President, **Babara Woodhull**.

As president-elect, Jack will be responsible for, among other duties, coordinating NJAIHA monthly meetings, which includes selecting technical topics for on-site and virtual meetings, obtaining presenters, and reserving meeting venues. He has been a member of NJAIHA since 2009, and in addition to serving as Webmaster, he has served on the Executive Committee as Director of Administration from 2010 to 2017 and as Secretary from 2020 to 2025.

All of us at NJAIHA thank Jack for volunteering his time continuously since 2010 to serve on our Executive Committee and helping NJAIHA achieve its mission and maintain its stature as a most successful local section of AIHA.

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.aspgh.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 accepted the challenge 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 to join us!

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

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NJAIHA - WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Member	Date Joined
Cynthia Callaghan	3/2026
Jayanti Chatterjee	3/2026
Brandon Hall	3/2026
Marianne Santarelli	3/2026
Brynmor Anderson	4/2026
Uday Singh	5/2026
Tara Ornstein	5/2026
Emmanuel Oyedapo	5/2026
Mike Dudek	6/2026
Natalie Hass	7/2026

Publication Director's Note

Rutgers Researchers Partner with New Jersey Communities to Tackle Environmental Health Challenges

Source: Rutgers School of Public Health

Link: [Read the article \[sph.rutgers.edu\]](#)

Three Key Takeaways

- Researchers from Rutgers Health's Center for Environmental Exposure and Disease (CEED) are working directly with New Jersey communities to address air pollution, contaminated water, soil contamination, and other environmental health concerns. [\[sph.rutgers.edu\]](#)
- In Elizabeth, NJ, community air monitoring and truck traffic studies helped support restrictions on heavy-duty truck traffic near schools and residential areas, reducing children's exposure to air pollutants associated with asthma and other health effects. [\[sph.rutgers.edu\]](#)
- CEED is also collaborating with communities such as East Trenton to address childhood lead exposure associated with contaminated water, soil, and dust from historic industrial activities. [\[sph.rutgers.edu\]](#)

New Jersey Expands Digital Access to Childhood Lead Test Results

Source: New Jersey Department of Health

Link: [Read the article \[nj.gov\]](#)

Three Key Takeaways

- The NJ Department of Health added childhood blood lead test results to the Docket® app and myHealthNJ.com portal, improving access for families. [\[nj.gov\]](#)
- Officials emphasized that there is no safe level of lead exposure and that early detection is critical to protecting children. [\[nj.gov\]](#)
- New Jersey law requires lead screening at 12 and 24 months of age to identify and address childhood lead exposure. [\[nj.gov\]](#)

Readers are encouraged to submit EHS articles of interest for publication in the Examiner. Please send articles and links to info@njaiha.org

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The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association



Protecting New Jersey Worker Health

September 2026 Dinner Meeting

Date: September 17th, 2026, 5:00pm

Location: Somerville Elks Lodge

375 Union Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ

Cost: \$45

Please register in advance to reserve your spot!

[September Meeting
Registration](#)

Agenda:

5:00 p.m. Networking/Cash Bar

5:30 p.m. Before Dinner Session:

Speaker: Robert A Jennings SMS-CHST-CUSP

Topic: New Jersey traffic issues with an emphasis on School Zone and Work Zone safety

6:30 p.m. \$45 – Buffet Dinner

7:15 p.m. After Dinner Session:

Speaker: Mike Dudek

Topic: Electrical safety

Preregistration is appreciated so we can give an accurate headcount to the venue.

Walk-ins are also welcome. You may register at <https://njaiha.org/etn/september-2026-dinner-meeting/> or via email to Ronnie Tutty at njaiha@ptd.net.

NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



April 2026 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents' Night 4/16/26 at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, Bridgewater, NJ

On April 16, 2026, the New Jersey Section AIHA (NJAIHA) held their annual Past Presidents' Night at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068 in Bridgewater, NJ, an event at which the service of its Section's Past Presidents is duly recognized and honored. Among NJAIHA members and guests joining in the festivities that night were **twelve** Section Past Presidents whose terms dated as far back as 1989-90. Each Past President had a chance to introduce themselves, indicate their year of service as President, share any personal recollections or experiences they had during their years on the NJAIHA Executive Committee, and provide guidance to any current members considering running for the office of NJAIHA President. Another great night for the NJAIHA!



2026 NJAIHA Past Presidents' Night - April 16, 2026 Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, Bridgewater, NJ

Left to right (period in office): Mike Mancini (2007-08), Gary Schwartz (1997-98), Therese Perrette (2006-07), Joe Kapp (2008-09), Pat Mulrooney (2002-03), Tim Rice (1989-90), Brian Feury (2021-22), Elsie Tai (1992-93), Bill Pockels (2024-25), Scott VanEtten (2019-20), Doug Glorie (2018-19), Marc Vargas (2022-23).

April 2026 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents' Night (cont.)



NJAIHA Past Presidents, members and guest take in one of the evening's technical presentations.

(center, right) What a nice surprise! In recognition of the efforts of all Past Presidents to keep NJAIHA strong and vibrant over the years, President Barbara Woodhull and the NJAIHA Executive Committee (EC) had this beautiful thank you cake made for all to enjoy for dessert. It was indeed delicious! Thank you to Barb and the NJAIHA EC.



(above) **Barbara Woodhull**, NJAIHA President, opens the dinner meeting with a welcoming message and a few announcements prior to introducing our before-dinner technical speaker, Past President Mark Vargas.



(right) NJAIHA Past President **Elsie Tai** (1992-93) (standing) shares with attendees a few personal recollections and experiences from her term as President. A number of other Past Presidents reflected on their year in service as NJAIHA President during the meeting, and photos of them can be found here on the NJAIHA website: [April 2026 Past Presidents' Night Dinner Meeting - 4/16/26 | Flickr](#)



April 2026 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents' Night (cont.)



Before-dinner Technical Speaker:

Marc Vargas, CIH, MPH, Industrial Hygienist, OSHA National Office, Directorate of Enforcement Programs

Presentation:

"OSHA Overview"

Marc, thank you providing us with this up-to-date, informative presentation on current activities and initiatives at OSHA including, but not limited to, Workers Memorial Day observations, ergonomics enforcement activity,



After-dinner Technical Speaker:

Dr. Spencer Pizzani, CIH, Global Occupational Health Program Manager, PepsiCo; Director, AIHA Board of Directors; Registered Specialist: Exposure Decision Analysis

Presentation:

"Improving Exposure Judgements (IEJ) Update for NJAIHA"

Spencer, thank you for sharing with NJAIHA members and guests this engaging and interactive presentation providing an overview of improving exposure judgement (IEJ) efforts by AIHA and ACGIH, including a review of some of the IEJ tools available to IH practitioners, and use of a few of these tools using real data to engage attendees in decision making and the IEJ process.

March 2026 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting **3/19/26 at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, Bridgewater, NJ**

On March 19, 2026, NJAIHA held its traditional annual dinner meeting with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professional (NJASSP) and the Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association (MABSA). This year we were back at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068 located in Bridgewater, NJ. Following are some photos taken during the evening's activities.



Attendees have a chance to network and reconnect with their peers prior to start of two technical presentations and a delicious buffet dinner in between the presentations.



(left) **Barbara Woodhull**, NJAIHA President, welcomes attendees to the March 2026 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting.



(above) **Sarah Capasso**, MABSA President-Elect, takes a few moments to address the assembled group and provide updates on MABSA activities and events.

March 2026 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting (cont.)



Attendees take in the before-dinner technical talk which was co-presented by Rachel



Before-Dinner Technical Speakers:

Rachel Thompson, PhD, MS, Public Health Researcher, City University of New York, Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy (CUNY SPH)

Mike Lerardi, PhD, MES, MS, CIH, CSP, Research Assistant, City University of New York, Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy (CUNY SPH)

Presentation: *"Enhancing worker health in NYC nail salons: Integrating low-cost monitoring into exposure control and risk assessment"*

Rachel and Mike, thank you so much for sharing with NJAIHA, NJASSP, and MABSA members and guests this enlightening presentation describing efforts to assess health risks and reduce airborne chemical exposures among nail salon workers through the deployment and validation of low-cost air quality sensors.



March 2026 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting (cont.)

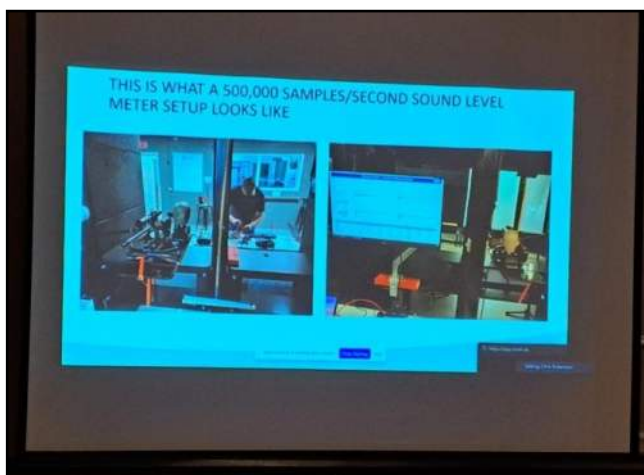


After-Dinner Technical Speaker (virtual):

Christopher Robertson, MSPH, CIH, CSP, President & CEO, Technical Environmental Services, Inc. (TES)

Presentation: "Noise Dose Physics, Use of Dosimeters, Limitations of Dosimeters"

Christopher, thank you so much for sharing virtually with NJAIHA, NJASSP, and MABSA members and guests this informative presentation discussing, among other things, noise dosimetry techniques, limitations of noise dosimeters, the provision of solutions for extended work shift noise OELs, and the derating of hearing protection.



During the evening activities, attendees from all the organizations found time to gather for a group photo, which seems like it has now become a tradition at our annual March dinner meeting. We will hopefully see everybody back and maybe even more for the March 2027 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA dinner meeting!

February 2026 NJAIHA Meeting (Virtual) - 2/19/26

(*alas, since the meeting was virtual, “screenshots” instead of “pictures/photos”)



Common Settings and Client Types for Weird Stuff

Usual Culprits:

- Retail spaces
- Residential locations
- Research and development facilities
- During renovations
- Insurance claims

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Alanna Garrison

On Thursday, 2/19/26, NJAIHA held a virtual membership meeting with Alanna Garrison, CIH, CSP, CHPM, Senior Consultant, Strategic Safety Lead, Antea Group USA, as our technical speaker.

(Above) After being introduced by NJAIHA President-Elect Jill Asch, Alanna identifies common settings and client types for some of her company’s most curious technical challenges during her entertaining presentation entitled, *“Weird and Wacky Industrial Hygiene Support Requests”*.

(Below) Alanna provides the details of a most intriguing case study in the healthcare industry.

We had a good turnout for our February 2026 virtual meeting with up to 34 attendees listening in and viewing Alanna’s presentation. Thank you, Alanna, from all at NJAIHA for being our technical speaker and sharing your time with us at our February 2026 meeting!



Case Study – Health Care

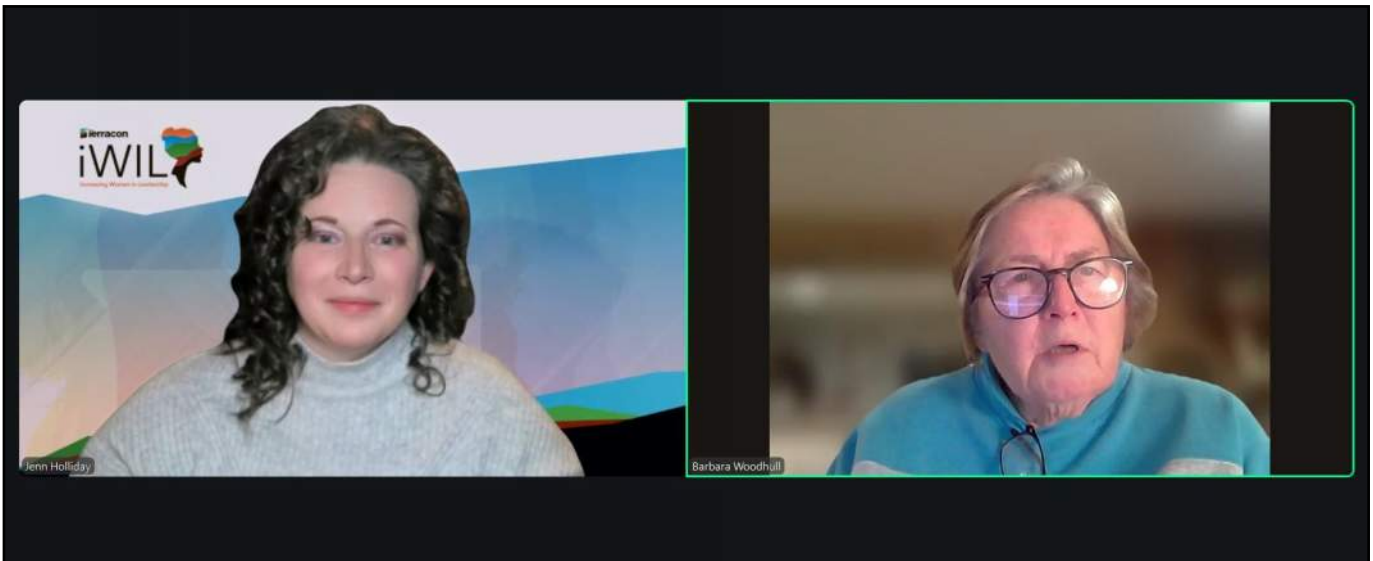
“We get woozy then we smell donuts”

- At a hospital nurses’ station across from an OR, employees reported occasional lightheadedness, fatigue and disorientation that became worse when they smelled Krispy Kreme donuts.
- Multiple tests indicated no OR controls failures that would result in a release to the nurses’ station, or any kind of chemical use that would result in donut odors.
- Low-cost smoke tube testing was employed for all the treatment rooms along that same corridor.

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Alanna Garrison

January 2026 NJAIHA Meeting (Virtual) - 1/15/26



On Thursday, 1/15/26, NJAIHA held a virtual membership meeting with Jennifer Holliday, CIH, Project Manager and Senior Industrial Hygienist, Terracon Consulting, serving as our technical speaker.

(Above) Barbara Woodhull, NJAIHA President, (right) introduces speaker Holliday to attendees at the January 2026 virtual meeting.

(Below) Jennifer Holliday introduces the components to developing a roadmap to successful pursuit of one's dreams during her encouraging presentation *"Empowering Women to Pursue Dreams Despite Societal Norms: Developing Roadmaps to Success"*.



GOALS OF OUR SESSION

Develop Roadmap to Success:

1. Purpose vs. Passion
2. Excuses to let go of
3. Behaviors to adopt
4. Skills to acquire



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2026 NJAIHA Outreach Activities



At two recent industrial hygiene/OEHS outreach activities NJAIHA members volunteered their time to help raise the level of awareness of students, school guidance counselors, and others to the industrial hygiene profession and the occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) profession as potential career field choices.

(Top) Mike Mancini, NJAIHA Treasurer, and Barbara Woodhull, NJAIHA President, staff the NJAIHA booth at the Ocean County College 4th Annual Environmental Science Technical Conference held on March 26, 2026 at the college in Toms River, NJ.

(Bottom) Barbara Woodhull, Bill Pockels, NJAIHA Past President, and Vince Daleisso, NJAIHA Director of Publications, staff the NJAIHA booth at the New Jersey School Counselors Association (NJSCA) Spring 2026 Professional Development Day held on April 17, 2026 at Kean University in Union, NJ.



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://philaaaiha.com/employment>

AIHA Legislative Connection

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

[Government Relations & Advocacy](#)

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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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/njaiha/>.

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