

# California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)

## March 2008 Highlights

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) was founded in 1990 and designated the AIHA State Governmental Affairs Organization in California. It is comprised of 10 official Board members, made up of 2-3 volunteering Directors from each California AIHA Local Section, and supported by the legislative group Sacramento Advocacy.

### **2008 Legislative Activity:**

Several specific items are worth highlighting:

- AB 515, which aims to replace Cal-OSHA's PEL setting process, is presently in an inactive mode. It is expected that activity will resume again sometime latter summer 2008, with a request to CA Local Sections to write their respective legislative representatives. If AB 515 fails in 2008, CIHC will look towards introducing legislation to codify the existing Cal-OSHA PEL standards setting process.
- CIHC is supporting AB 2796, the Good Samaritan Bill, and anticipates sending in a formal letter of support to Sacramento later this year for a version that aligns with that proposed by the National AIHA.
- Diacetyl Bills AB 514 and SB 456 are presently inactive, pending anticipated Cal-OSHA standards setting.
- The CIHC was recently notified of three workshops (to be held by Cal-EPA's OEHHA, in Fresno, Los Angeles and Oakland) to secure public health comment on a chemical selection process. CIHC expects to send a representative.
- New Emergency Planning Initiatives in Sacramento will be followed by CIHC for possible engagement.
- CIHC is represented at the Cal-OSHA Advisory Committee meetings.
- California Sections are encouraged to engage their respective district legislators (ie dinner speaking engagement) in an effort to strengthen the grassroots legislative efforts.

CIHC's 2008 legislative monitoring docket was expanded to include a broader array of EH&S issues (vs traditional IH Bills alone). We ask that you let us know if there are any Bills of specific interest for the CIHC to monitor and possibly weigh in on. 2008 Bills presently monitored include the following:

<b>2008 Bill Number and Title</b>	
AB 1879 Hazardous Materials: Toxic Substances	AB 2729 Hazardous Waste Control: Haz. Substances
AB 1930 Emergency Services: Populations	AB 2733 Real Property Disclosures
AB 1960 Oil Spill Prevention and Response	AB 2793 Professional Engineers
AB 2031 Oil Spill Prevention and Response	AB 2796 Elections: *will be our Good Samaritan Bill
AB 2032 Oil Spill Prevention and Response	AB 2819 First Responder Liability
AB 2065 Invasive Aquatic Species	AB 2851 Protect California Air Act of 2003
AB 2115 Childhood Lead Screening	AB 2868 Environmental Training Programs
AB 2222 Groundwater Quality Monitoring	AB 2905 Adulterated Cosmetics: Lead in Lipsticks
AB 2267 Greenhouse Gas Emissions	AB 2922 Air Pollution: Penalties
AB 2326 Home Improvement Contracts	AB 2935 Oil Spill Prevention and Response
AB 2332 Goods Movement: Emission Reductions	AB 2957 Product Safety: Contaminated Toys
AB 2374 Radiological Technology	AB 2963 State Air Resources Board: Implementation
AB 2375 Health Care Workforce: Master Plan	AB 2965 School Facilities: Water Toxicity Assessment
AB 2387 Bio-sample storage	AB 2990 Hazardous Materials: Risk Mgmt Plan
AB 2431 Air Resources Board: State Implementation Plan	AB 3025 Solid Waste – Polystyrene Packaging
AB 2441 Oil Spill Prevention: Regulations: Tug Boats	AB 3031 Hazardous Materials: Green Chemistry
AB 2505 Hazardous Waste: Toxic Packaging	SB 1058 Health & Care Facilities: Bacterial Infections
AB 2512 Environment: CEQA	SB 1313 Product Safety: PFCs
AB 2536 Hazardous Materials: Metal Plating Facility	SB 1386 Carbon Monoxide
AB 2538 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Consumer Product	SB 1501 Emergency Preparedness
AB 2542 Patient Safety	SB 1517 Environmental Quality Act
AB 2547 Oil Spill Prevention and Response	SB 1537 Emergency Services: CA EM Service Act
AB 2596 Global Warming Solutions Act of '06: Emissions	SB 1636 Statute of Limitations: Toxic Injuries
AB 2632 Global Warming Solutions Act: Compliance	SB 1667 Civil Actions: Asbestos
AB 2639 School Safety Plans	SB 1712 Adulterated Cosmetics
AB 2655 Indoor Air Pollution	SB 1713 Children's Products: Bisphenol & Lead
AB 2694 Children's Product Safety: Lead Poisoning	

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## **2008 CIHC Board—Changing Guard:**

The 2008 CIHC Board is comprised of the following Local Section Directors and legislative advocates:

- Northern California—Joel Cohen & Chris Laszcz-Davis
- Southern California—Jacqueline Luca & Jaime Steedman-Lyde
- Orange County—Howard Spielman & Leo Vortouni
- Sacramento—Mark Cameron & Edward Klinenberg
- San Diego—Denise Daggett & Daphne Thuang; Alternate Ann Graham
- Sacramento Advocacy—Catherine Barankin & Judy Barrett Miller

CIHC Board officers include President Jaime Steedman-Lyde, Vice-President Howard Spielman, Secretary Denise Daggett and Treasurer Joel Cohen. Northern California's Jeff Jones, who recently stepped down as one of its CIHC Directors, was acknowledged for his years of thoughtful and energizing service to the Council.

The CIHC objectives are several:

- Establish a legislative presence in the State Capitol through professional representation
- Keep the industrial hygiene professional intact by opposing any further erosion or limitation of practice by legislation or regulation
- Seek recognition in statute defining, recognizing, and protecting the profession of industrial hygiene
- Provide sound scientific and technological input to the legislative and regulatory process

## **2008 San Diego Conference:**

The 2007 CIHC, held in San Francisco and Co-Chaired by Northern California Directors Joel Cohen and Jeff Jones, was very successful with fine feedback on speakers, venues and group dynamics. This year's CIHC Conference will be held in San Diego December 8-10, 2008. Conference Co-Chairs include the Southern California and Orange County Local Sections, with Northern California CIHC Directors Joel Cohen and Chris Laszcz-Davis coordinating two of the six sessions. More news to follow as 2008 unfolds.

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