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California Industrial Hygiene Council Overview and Update

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California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)

CIHC Profile

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- Founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in Sacramento
- Volunteer organization supported by the 5 California AIHA* local sections
 - Northern California
 - Sacramento Valley
 - Southern California
 - Orange County
 - San Diego

*Pacific Region





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CIHC Mission

The CIHC will provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative process and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol through professional representation.



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What we do

The activities of the CIHC include the following:

- Review, comment and participate in applicable California legislative and regulatory actions, providing scientific and technological expertise.
- Propose legislation promoting and supporting good industrial/occupational hygiene practice in California.
- Promote professional development through an annual conference, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.
- Hold nine Board meetings each year (3 in-person, 6 teleconf); minutes are posted on the CIHC website.



Through the years

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- Industrial Hygienist Definition and Registration Act
- Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act
- Toxic Mold
- Trauma Scene Waste Management
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Workers Compensation – Self Insurance
- Injury and Illness Prevention Programs



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2017 Activities Communication

- New CIHC website – launched Aug. 2, 2017; includes a contact form – *take advantage of this mechanism to provide your comments, suggestions and feedback*
- Newsletters – Spring, Summer, and Fall (March, August, October 2017) – *posted online*
- Email blasts on –
 - *Bills of Interest*
 - *Occ. Hygiene Training Assoc. (OHTA) survey*
 - *May is “Safe Jobs 4 Youth Month”*
 - *Newsletters (3)*
 - *Silica Rule Update*
 - *New Website Live*
 - *CIHC events (PDS & IH Summit)*
 - *Employer Support for NIOSH ERC’s*
 - *HEAC meetings in Sept. and Dec. 2017*
 - *CA Wildfires Resources & Support*
 - *EPA TSCA meetings in Dec. 2017*
 - *The Stephen C. Davis Future Leadership Institute Memorial Grant*

Publicized through peer to peer communication.



2017 Activities

Legislative

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- With the help of CIHC's Legislative Advocate, Cathy Barankin, we screened several hundred new bills introduced into the first half of the legislature's 2017-2018 session.
- The Board reviewed and tracked nearly 55 bills that could have an impact on the Industrial Hygiene profession and the issues we monitor. There were new bills related to Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Global Warming Solutions, Hazardous Waste Facilities and Permits, Childhood Lead Poisoning, School Drinking Water, Hazardous Substances, Occupational Safety & Health issues and dozens of other topics.
 - Actively involved with AB402, AB708, AB978, AB1575, SB18, SB210, SB258, SB377, SB617, SB774
- Comments with National AIHA on SB774 in April 2017

CIHC can always use your technical expertise!



2017 Activities

Regulatory

- Health Effects Advisory Committee
- Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee
- Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Work Environments Advisory Committee
- Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction Advisory Committee
- Adult Film Industry Advisory Committee
- Housekeeping in the Hotel and Hospitality Industry Advisory Committee
- Lead in Construction and General Industry Advisory Committee

NOTE: New in 2018 – Marijuana/Cannabis Industry Advisory Committee

Inactive – Occ. Exposure to Antineoplastic Drugs

Progress is reported during CIHC Board meetings.



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2017 Activities Continue

- Signed Friends of NIOSH letter to support continuing funding
- Young Workers Safety & Health Initiative with UCB LOHP and other partners, such as Worksafe, DIR; ongoing meetings and collaboration
- With UCB LOHP, CA Senate resolution in May 2017 declaring May as “Safe Jobs for Youth Month”; thank you to Senator Pan
- Coordination with National AIHA in Oct. 2017 to provide a letter to Gov. Brown regarding resources for wildfire cleanup and offer of assistance and recommendations
- Commentary on Fed-OSHA Recordkeeping Issue published in the Cal-OSHA Reporter in March 2017
- March 1, 2017 IH Summit with the Sacramento Valley Section

Publicized through peer to peer communication.



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CIHC Bill

Proposes changes to Section 6401.7 (Injury and Illness Prevention Program) of the CA Labor Code

- Would require identification of a competent person or persons responsible for implementing the program
- In cases where an employee suffers a harmful exposure to a hazardous chemical or substance, a serious injury, or death in connection with his or her employment, would add a requirement for the employer to consult a qualified professional to determine what corrective measures are appropriate.

We will need your support to get this passed into law!



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Enjoy the seminar!