

**California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)  
September 2010 Update**

**CIHC Conference, December 6-8, 2010, San Diego**—Arrangements for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CIHC Conference have been finalized and registration is now open. This year's conference will be held at the historic Westgate Hotel in San Diego and is titled, "*New Directions in EH&S Practice.*" Key topics at this year's Conference will be Government and Emerging Issues; Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response; General EH&S Practice; and Industrial Hygiene Practice. Some of this year's speakers include, among a host of other California and nationally acclaimed experts, **Dr. John Howard**, NIOSH Chief, **Len Welsh**, Director, Cal-OSHA; **Dr. Barbara Materna**, Chief, Occupational Health Branch, CA Dept of Public Health; **Dr. Charles Geraci**, Senior Scientist and Coordinator, NIOSH Nanotechnology Research Center; **Susan Ripple**, North American IH Manager, Dow Chemical; **Aaron Trippler**, Director, AIHA Governmental Affairs; **Dr. Jim Goltz**, Earthquake & Tsunami Unit Manager, California Emergency Management Agency; **Dr. Michael Sullivan**, California State University Northridge; **Bill Gaylord**, Director R&D EHS at Allergan Pharmaceuticals. Go to [www.cihconline.com](http://www.cihconline.com) for registration, a complete program and exhibitor opportunities.

**CIHC Board Activity** – On September 15 2010, the CIHC held a Board meeting at the Westgate Hotel in San Diego. Highlights include a review of comments from board members and local sections about CIHC's strategic vision, strategy and plan; CIHC's involvement in the ASSE jointly sponsored 2011 CA EH&S Conference; CIHC's involvement in Cal-OSHA committees; a final review of logistics surrounding the December conference; and key regulatory and legislative issues. The ASSE jointly sponsored CA EHS Conference is being spearheaded by the state's ASSE chapters and scheduled for April 13-14, 2011 in Anaheim, CA . CIHC is actively participating in the conference and committed to sponsoring two roundtables. We are hopeful local sections also want to play a role and have invited all local sections to step forward and assume responsibility for hosting a roundtable. To date, Orange County Local Section is sponsoring one roundtable on Prevention through Design. At our meeting, board members also provided updates on the CA Green Chemistry Initiative and working task force to develop guidance on nanomaterials academic research. And finally, CIHC is represented on the national AIHA task force for developing a position paper on federal OSHA's proposal for an Injury and Illness Prevention Program regulation (known as I2P2).

**Regarding legislative activity**, the Governor has until September 30th to sign, veto or allow bills to become law without his signature. During this session (the second half of a two-year session), CIHC tracked 87 bills. Of those 87 bills, 26 made it through the legislative process and were sent to the Governor. CIHC supported four bills including AB 790 (Hernandez, public employees), AB 1652 (Jones, ski resorts) , AB 1805 (Calderon, Cal-EPA) , and SB 183 (Lowenthal, carbon monoxide detectors in homes). The Governor has acted on only one of these, SB 183, which he signed. The balance of the bills (61) failed passage, were held "in suspense" due to limited funding by the appropriations committees, returned to rules or the Secretary because they failed to meet deadlines, or failed on the floor of the Senate or Assembly.

In addition to the bills monitored, we are continuing our effort to introduce a bill into the legislature in 2011 that would, in effect, codify the Cal/OSHA PEL process. Such an effort

would conceivably show support for Cal/OSHA's actions to date, but more importantly, serve to formalize and reinforce one of the nation's best PEL developing processes around.

CIHC's next meeting is scheduled for November as a teleconference to ensure that Conference logistics are in order. Minutes from our September meeting will be available on our website at [www.cihconline.com](http://www.cihconline.com). Feel free to contact us—we need your input!

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