

Pamela Murcell, MS, CIH

President and Principal Consultant, KWA Safety & HazMat Consultants, Inc.

EDUCATION

B.S., Environmental and Occupational Health, California State University, Northridge, 1980

M.S., Occupational Health, California State University, Northridge, 1982

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified Industrial Hygienist, #3237 CP, American Board of Industrial Hygiene, 1986

MEMBERSHIPS

American Board of Industrial Hygiene

American Industrial Hygiene Association

American Industrial Hygiene Association, Sacramento Valley Section

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)

American Society of Safety Professionals

American Society of Safety Professionals, Sacramento Chapter

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AIHA and LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA-National), Member since 1980

1995 and 1996 AIHCE, “Developing Site-Specific Safety and Health Plans for Hazardous Waste Operations”, PDC developer and instructor

Engineering Industry Special Interest Group, Member since 2002

Safety Committee, Member since 2013

2016 AIHCE, student poster judge, cross-over sessions judge, session moderator

2015 AIHCE, session arranger and moderator (Fall Protection Roundtable), session moderator, cross-over sessions judge

2014 AIHCE, session moderator, cross-over sessions judge

AIHA-Sacramento Valley Section (SVS), Member since 1982

Secretary, 2018-present

Director, 2013-2017

Director, 1995-1997

President-elect, President, Past President, 1986-1989

Secretary, 1984-1985

2017 SVS/CIHC IH Summit Co-Chair, March 1, 2017

2018 SVS/CIHC IH Summit Co-Chair, March 14, 2018

2019 SVS/CIHC IH Summit Co-Chair, March 13, 2019

2020 SVS/CIHC IH Summit Co-Chair, March 12, 2020

California Industrial Hygiene Council

CIHC Board President, 2017-present

CIHC Board Vice President, 2015-2016

Representative for AIHA-SVS 2012-present

Alternate for AIHA-SVS, 2012-2014

2014 CIHC Conference Co-Chair (Program lead), December 3-5, 2014

2015 CIHC Conference Co-Chair (Program lead), December 7-9, 2015

2016 CIHC Conference Co-Chair (Program lead), December 7-9, 2016

2017 CIHC Conference Co-Chair (Program lead), December 4-6, 2017

Promoting support for National AIHA initiatives and task groups: Teen Worker Safety, Disaster Response, Cannabis Industry.

Support for AIHA Government Affairs by responding to requests for information on CA legislation and member of the Government Relations Committee.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Through the CIHC and as CIHC President, participate or direct participation in Cal/OSHA Standards Board meetings and Cal/OSHA Program Advisory Committee.

Through the CIHC and as CIHC President, participate or direct participation in legislation tracking and CIHC positions on pending legislation relevant to the EHS profession.

As CIHC President, led the effort to write and submit a petition to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board for their consideration of recommended amendments to the Cal/OSHA Injury and Illness Prevention Program regulation.

Convened and chaired an independent task group of 10 multi-disciplinary professionals to write and submit a petition to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board for their consideration of recommended amendments to the Cal/OSHA Asbestos in Construction regulation to address naturally-occurring asbestos (NOA). This petition was granted by the Standards Board and the Advisory Committee is scheduled to convene in 2019.

Through the CIHC and as CIHC President, participate or direct participation in Cal/OSHA Advisory Committees such as:

- Health Effects Advisory Committee (HEAC)
- Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Work Environments
- Employee Access to Injury and Illness Prevention Program
- Marijuana/Cannabis Industry
- Surgical Plume and Smoke
- Lead in Construction and General Industry
- Workplace Violence in General Industry

Through the CIHC and as CIHC President, act as a resource for California legislative activities or direct participation in legislative activities, including response to requests for technical/scientific information from legislators and their staffs, union representatives and others by writing letters and attending meetings

Awarded the Governor's Employee Safety Commendation for outstanding achievement and dedication toward a safer working environment, June 1986.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION

Consumnes River College, Los Rios Community College District

Basics of Toxicology (EnvT 30A), 12 meetings, January 20 – April 14, 1998

Basics of Industrial Hygiene (EnvT 30B), 6 meetings, April 21 – May 26, 1998; Ms. Murcell prepared the course manual.

Sampling and Analysis Methods for Human Health and Safety, including lab (EnvT 45B), 8 meetings, October 26 – December 14, 1998; Ms. Murcell prepared the course manual.

University of California at Davis Extension Program

Industrial Hygiene Class, July 10-12, 2007

Industrial Hygiene Class, April 28-30, 2008

UCLA Southern California Education and Research Center

Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene (CIH) Review Class, March 18, 2013 in Los Alamitos.

American Society of Safety Professionals

Safety Management Systems Exam 3-day Preparation Course: assisted with course development; course instructor during SeminarFest 2018 (Feb. 6-8), SeminarFest 2019 (Jan. 26-28), and SafetyFOCUS 2020 (Feb. 18-20).

COURSES/PRESENTATIONS

“Developing Site-Specific Safety and Health Plans for Hazardous Waste Operations”, 8-hour professional development course (PDC), developed course and presented course at the May 1995 and May 1996 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition.

“Selecting, Utilizing and Maintaining Personal Protective Equipment”, presented at the October 1989 Fall Conference, California-Nevada American Water Works Association.

“Occupational Health Monitoring Programs”, presented at the October 1990 Fall Conference, California-Nevada American Water Works Association.

“The Development and Implementation of a HAZMAT Employee Health and Safety Program”, presented at the June 1989 Annual Educational Conference, National Environmental Health Association, and at the April 1991 Hazmacon '91.

“The UST Project that Wouldn't Die”, presented at the November 1991 Fall Conference, HWAC, and at the September 1992 Underground Storage Tank Conference, State Water Resources Control Board.

“Permit-Required Confined Spaces”, presented at the March 1994 Underground Storage Tank Conference, State Water Resources Control Board.

“Corporate Safety: Liabilities and Responsibilities”, arranged and moderated for the June 1995 Annual Meeting, HWAC of the American Consulting Engineers Council.

“OSHA Update -- Maintaining Compliance”, presented at the February 2001 Tri-Association Conference, California Inland Association of Occupational Health Nurses.

“Cal/OSHA Requirements & Training for Water & Wastewater Professionals: An Overview”, presented at the May 2003 Annual Meeting, California Water Environment Association, Northern Sacramento Valley Section.

“Heat Stress Prevention and Regulatory Compliance”, presented at the May 2011 Annual Safety Day conference, May 2011, California Water Environment Association, Sierra Section.

“Permit-Required Confined Spaces – Compliance Revisited”, presented at the December 2012 Annual CIHC Conference, San Diego.

“Hearing Conservation”, presented at the April 2014 Regional Builders Exchange Safety Expo, Sacramento.

“Silica Exposures in the 21st Century including Hydraulic Fracturing”, presented at the October 2014 ASSE/AIHA Safety & Health Summit, Sacramento.

“Silica Exposures in the 21st Century including Hydraulic Fracturing”, presented at the March 2015 ASSE Bakersfield PDC.

“Hazard Communication and Respiratory Protection Train-the-Trainer”, presented at the April 2015 Regional Builders Exchange Safety Expo, Sacramento.

“Lockout-Tagout”, presented at the April 2017 Regional Builders Exchange Safety Expo, Sacramento.

“Silica Compliance”, presented at the CWEA Sierra Section Safety Day, May 2018.

“Naturally-Occurring Asbestos: A regulations update”, presented at the Stanislaus County Safety Council meeting, September 2018.

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

American Board of Industrial Hygiene, Diplomate since 1986

American Consulting Engineers Council, Hazardous Waste Action Coalition (HWAC)

Health and Safety Subcommittee: Member, 1989-1997; Vice-chair, 1992-1994; Chairperson, 1994-1996

American Society of Safety Professionals (Engineers) (National and Local Chapter), Member since 2001

ASSE/AIHA Sacramento Local Sections Safety and Health Summit Planning Committee and IH session moderator, 2014 through 2019.

ASSE/AIHA Sacramento Local Sections Safety and Health Summit Planning Committee 2020 and 2021

Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, 1997-present

Ambassador, 2000-2003

CAREER EXPERIENCE

KWA Safety & HazMat Consultants, Inc. (1996-Present); President and Principal Consultant (Formerly Keith Walsh and Associates, Inc.)

Responsibilities include: managing the corporation; business development; principal consultant for occupational health and safety consulting; and instructor for training services.

Consulting projects include developing and implementing comprehensive health and safety programs with policies and procedures; developing, reviewing and implementing on-site safety plans for hazardous field work projects such as hazardous waste, construction and industrial services; providing consultation on chemical exposures, physical hazards and related health effects, including conducting air sampling and noise surveys; performing audits to evaluate regulatory compliance; interacting with regulatory agencies.

Training experience includes programs for hazard recognition, monitoring and assessing potential exposures; developing and implementing site safety and health plans; injury and illness prevention plans; hazard communication; use of personal protective equipment and respirators, including fit-testing; confined space entry procedures; construction safety, including OSHA 10-hour and 30-hour construction safety classes and OSHA 10-hour and 30-hour general industry classes as an OSHA-authorized instructor; and all aspects of hazardous waste operations and emergency response (HAZWOPER).

Brown and Caldwell (1988-1996); Corporate Health and Safety Director

Responsibilities included: planning, implementing, and managing the company's health and safety program for 1,200 employees, including budgeting, staffing and coordinating health and safety activities for 20 offices throughout the U.S., and directly managing a staff of 7 health and safety professionals; developing, reviewing, and implementing safety plans for hazardous field work projects such as construction, hazardous waste, and industrial services; providing consultation on chemical exposures, physical hazards, and related health effects; assisting with the preparation of risk assessments; interacting with regulatory agencies and tracking OSHA and state OSHA health and safety regulations; developing and implementing health and safety programs with policies and procedures and training courses for Brown and Caldwell employees and clients; and selecting and managing subconsultants for projects and health and safety program activities.

State of California, Department of Health Services, Toxic Substances Control Division (1983-1988); Associate Industrial Hygienist

Shared responsibility with a Senior Industrial Hygienist for developing and implementing a comprehensive employee health and safety program, including written policies and procedures and training courses.

Provided planning and implementation of site safety plans and procedures for hazardous materials workers, including evaluation and control of potential exposures and safety hazards. Provided project support and consultation for health and safety aspects of numerous site investigations, initial removal actions, and cleanups. Specific projects included:

Asbestos contamination – South Bay Asbestos Area (Alviso); Union Pacific

Pesticide contamination – Brown and Bryant, Inc. (Arvin and Shafter); Frontier Fertilizer

Surplus and resale operations (multiple contaminants) – Lague Sales; Little Property; Turlock Sales Co.; Capri Pumping Service; Jibboom Junkyard

PCB contamination – Golden Gate Hop Ranch; Sutter Bypass; Strawberry Manor; Naval Communications Station

Wood treatment operations – J.H. Baxter Co.; Jensen Lumber Co.; Koppers Co., Oroville; McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Co.

Petroleum products/refining contamination – McColl; Purity Oil Sales; PG&E, Sacramento; Del Amo Boulevard

Metals and/or solvents contamination – A-1 Plating Co.; Aerojet General Corp.; Chico Scrap Metal Yard; Chromalloy/General Radiator; Court Galvanizing; Folsom Prison; Gallo Glass, Raffle; McClellan AFB; Sacramento Army Depot; Stringfellow

Participated in contracting process by writing requests for proposals, evaluating proposals, and interviewing prospective contractors for emergency response, laboratory services, remedial investigations, site cleanups, and regional support services. Provided training programs and presentations on health and safety aspects of hazardous materials activities and site safety plans.

State of California, Cal/OSHA Program (1980 - 1983); Junior, Assistant & Associate Industrial Hygienist

Conducted occupational health inspections and evaluations of worker exposures at a variety of workplaces. Determined compliance with applicable safety and health regulations and standards. Prepared reports on findings and conclusions. Conducted meetings with management and labor representatives. Conducted research on health hazard identification and assessment, and technological feasibility of controls. Participated in advisory committees and public hearings regarding Cal/OSHA health standards. This experience covered increasing level of responsibilities and difficulty of inspections and assignments as job classification was upgraded from junior to assistant to associate.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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