



Environmental Issues COMMITTEE



Volunteer Group Mission Statement

To assemble, evaluate and disseminate to Occupational and Environmental professionals, information and training on protecting community health and the environment, on developing environmental management systems, and on complying with environmental regulations.

Scope of Work

Identifies and pursues numerous projects with specific goals in order to achieve our vision. These goals drive our projects to ensure successful completion.

Goals and Objectives

- **Membership Diversity:** Achieve and maintain an active membership encompassing a broad range of industries, education, certifications, and experience reflective of environmental protection and compliance.
- **Outreach:** Establish and maintain relationships with like-minded professionals, committees, and organizations.
- **Advocacy and Influence:** Initiate and sustain activities to encourage new and existing environmental, health, and safety professionals to develop skills, expertise, and interest at the nexus of environmental issues and public health.
- **Operational Excellence:** Achieve and maintain excellence in committee operations through judicious use of volunteer resources, active engagement with all related AIHA volunteer groups and staff, and formalized mentoring and development of members.

Annual Business Meeting

TBA

Monthly Meeting (Virtual)

3ND Tuesday of the Month
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (ET)

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<http://aiha.info/environmentalissuescommittee>

Current Projects

EIC/USDA research in South Dakota found that wildfire smoke contained a fibrous asbestos-like material in the surrounding communities, containing Erionite, similar to research in a Turkish village. He stated that he is working on a USDA presentation on this subject.

Products Produced by the Group

1. Outside collaboration; IICRC voting membership.
2. Building coalitions an indoor environment coalition with ASHRAE and IAQEA; working a new case development guide for practitioners.

3. Working on a theory whereby wildfire smoke is now being recognized as ambient smoke; thus, providing a body of evidence going from an acute occupational exposure (i.e. firefighters) to a chronic community issue (public health).
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Awards

Rachel Carson Award is presented to individuals or companies who have achieved outstanding success in their EHS business, profession, or life's work, especially towards advancing the public's awareness of environmental safety and health issues, problems and solutions that adversely affect the community and the environment.

Collaboration Efforts

- Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) authorized the Consensus Body for IICRC S760 Standard for Professional Restoration of Structures and Items Damaged by Wildfire Smoke;
- An indoor environment coalition with ASHRAE and IAQEA; working on a new case development guide for practitioners;
- Working with USDA to study wildfire smoke and its effects on surrounding communities.

Qualifications to Join

Members must be an AIHA member in good standing. If you are interested in learning more about membership, please visit <https://www.aiha.org/membership>.

Already an AIHA member and interested in joining this committee? **Click JOIN NOW below!**

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