



Volunteer Group Mission Statement

The committee provides a forum for exchanging ideas and information on controlling exposure to toxic and irritating substances and oxygen-deficient atmospheres through the use of respiratory protection to prevent occupational disease and injury.

Goals and Objectives

- **Membership Diversity**
Achieve and maintain an active membership encompassing a broad range of expertise in respiratory protection, representing manufacturers, users, regulators, and investigators.
- **Advocacy and Influence**
Establish and maintain a formal relationship with targeted standard-setting, research, and regulatory organizations, including NIOSH, OSHA, MSHA, ANSI, ASTM, NFPA, ISO, and ISRP. Monitor and report on rule-making activities. Participate in guideline development. Develop positions for the AIHA Board. Participate in national and international consensus standards for respiratory protection.
- **Outreach**
Initiate and sustain activities to encourage new and existing health and safety professionals to develop skills, expertise, and interest in respiratory protection. Provide guidance to respirator users who lack direct access to industrial hygiene training by publishing fact sheets, brochures, and other outreach communications appropriately targeted to a specific audience.
- **Operational Excellence**

Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 23
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (MT)
Laveen B Room
Phoenix Sheraton

Tri-Monthly Meeting (Virtual)

2nd Thursday of the Month
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (ET)

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Respiratory Protection
Committee

<http://aiha.info/respiratory-protectioncommittee>

Evaluate, and disseminate information on respiratory protection devices and on the management of respiratory protection programs.

Track and report on identified respiratory protection issues. Respond to AIHA Board requests, and publish needed information. Solicit papers & organize sessions for AIHce. Review recommendations and practices. Present PDCs and continuing education courses. Identify and respond to respiratory protection device and management issues. Review and comment on proposed legislation, regulations. Participate in consensus standards.

Current Projects

- John M. White Award

Awards/Recognition

- The John M. White Award was established by the AIHA Respiratory Protection Committee to encourage scientific and application-oriented research in respiratory protection. This year's award is presented to William G. Lindsley, Donald H. Beezhold, Jayme Coyle, Raymond C. Derk, Francoise M. Blachere, Theresa Boots, Jeffrey S. Reynolds, Walter G. McKinney, Erik Sinsel, and John D. Noti, for the article Efficacy of Universal Masking for Source Control and Personal Protection from Simulated Cough and Exhaled Aerosols in a Room published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene, volume 18, 2021, issue 8, pages 409-422, published online: 21 July 2021.
- Jack was a founding member of the ACGIH's Respiratory Protection Committee. This committee had become inactive by the late 1970's. He joined the AIHA's Respiratory Protection Committee in the early 1980's. He was a combination of a respirator "Guru" and a mentor to newer members. He had retired from his activities at the Chalk River Nuclear facility by then, but continued to come to our semiannual respiratory protection committee at his own expense. He participated in our various discussions and activities at a time when the Respiratory Protection committee was extremely active in sponsoring and publishing a Respiratory Protection Manual, a Respiratory Protection Monograph and the Compilation of Odor and Taste Thresholds Values Data books.

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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