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The Synergist Weekly has a new look! Please email your questions and feedback to [Synergist staff](#).

Weekly Feature From *The Synergist*

From Best Practice to Policy

While vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 provide cause for optimism, their incomplete efficacy, missteps in mass vaccination efforts, and the virus's rapid mutation mean that approaches to infection control not reliant on vaccination remain necessary. Developing and implementing a strong infection control plan has never been more urgent, as a matter of best practice and regulatory compliance. [FULL STORY](#)

NewsWatch

CDC Updates Information on Ventilation in Buildings

CDC has updated its webpage on building ventilation strategies to mitigate occupants' exposure to and the transmission of SARS-CoV-2. [READ](#)

Union, OSHA Raise Awareness of Counterfeit Respirators in Healthcare

A new guide created by the Health Professionals and Allied Employees (HPAE) union is intended to help health workers identify counterfeit N95 respirators. [READ](#)

Registration Opens for Silica in the Oilfield Summit 2.0

Registration is now open for the second Silica in the Oilfield Summit, a free virtual event organized by the National Occupational Research Agenda's Oil and Gas Extraction Council. [READ](#)

NIOSH Updates ErgoMine App

A new version of an app for ergonomics audits in the mining industry is available. ErgoMine 2.0 is intended to help health and safety professionals identify, record, and track ergonomics and safety hazards at work sites. [READ](#)

Low Flow Air Sampling Pump for Vapors & Gases



Casella's VAPex range has been designed particularly for low flow sampling of vapors and gases in working environments. Its intrinsically safe design and remote operation via the Airwave App make it ideal for modern day sampling requirements. With its Bluetooth technology, it can be monitored remotely to maintain social distancing!

Community

AIHA NAMES THREE NEW DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS

AIHA has announced the names of three members who have been designated as Fellows. The Fellow designation recognizes extraordinary contributions to the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety professions. [READ MORE](#)

JOEH PUBLISHES SPANISH TRANSLATIONS OF NINE PAPERS

A digital supplement to the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* released this month includes Spanish translations of nine previously published papers relevant to scientists addressing the occupational health and safety aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The supplement includes Spanish versions of papers on N95 filtering facepiece respirator performance, using surgical masks as source control, the PPE doffing practices of healthcare workers, and other topics. [READ MORE](#)



Synergist Product Demos are short presentations of practical tips for using a specific product. The next Product Demo will be held on Tuesday, April 20, when the director of ergonomics at VelocityEHS | Humantech will present "[How Smart Companies Build World-Class Ergonomics Processes.](#)" **Registration is free.**

NEW FROM SYNERGISTNOW: "CHEMICAL RELEASE MODELING: THE MUST-HAVE TOOL IN YOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE KIT"

Dave Wagner of Industrial Scientific writes: "Despite the significant strides in safety taken by the OEHS profession over the last few decades, the danger of working with chemicals means emergencies will happen, regardless of our best efforts. This is why it pays to include proactive strategies in your chemical emergency response plan." [READ MORE](#)

JOIN AIHA'S CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION TASK FORCE

AIHA seeks members with experience or familiarity in addressing climate change issues to join a new Climate Change Adaptation Task Force. The task force is intended to serve as a strategic advisor to the AIHA Board of Directors in defining how the association and the OEHS and product stewardship professions should approach their role in the realm of climate change adaptation. **Apply to join the task force by next Friday, April 16.** [LEARN MORE](#)



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NEW TASK FORCE TO FOCUS ON HUMAN CAPITAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

AIHA is establishing a new task force to advise the AIHA Board of Directors in defining how the association and the occupational and environmental health and safety profession should approach ongoing dialogue pertaining to the human capital/ESG space. “ESG” refers to environmental, social, and governance considerations—three key factors for measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a company. **AIHA members are encouraged to apply to join the task force by next Friday, April 16.** [LEARN MORE](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: “THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING AT AIHA”

Gouhar Nayeem, AIHA’s membership marketing specialist, writes: “Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteer activity has increased significantly. AIHA volunteers have worked tirelessly to protect the health and safety of workers and the general public by contributing to webinars, conference presentations, and public guidelines; partnering with allied organizations; and participating in government relations efforts.” [READ MORE](#)



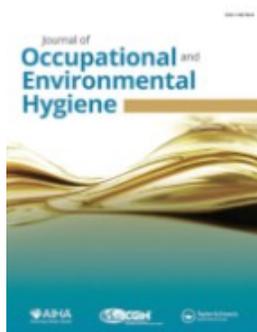
AIHA University May 2021 Webinar Lineup

Improve occupational health and safety outcomes for workers and businesses alike with two new forward-thinking webinars designed to help you promote a culture of health and successfully navigate today’s multi-generational workplace. [LEARN MORE.](#)

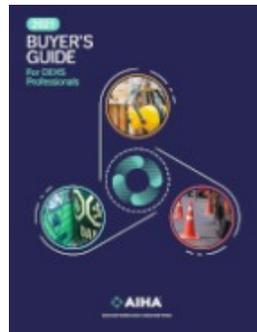
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