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## Decarbonization and Indoor Air Quality Improvements

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, various organizations have recommended upgrading filtration on HVAC systems and increasing the amount of outdoor air brought into buildings. However, the impact of such interventions on energy usage is often a major consideration for companies and institutions looking to reduce their carbon footprint. **FULL STORY**

## NewsWatch

### Fatal Work Injuries Increased Nearly 9 Percent in 2021, Report Finds

The number of deaths caused by injuries in U.S. workplaces in 2021 represented an 8.9 percent increase from 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. [READ](#)

### NPPTL Evaluates SCBA Involved in a Firefighter Fatality at a Structure Fire

A report published in November by NIOSH's National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory describes the laboratory's evaluation of an SCBA that was worn by a firefighter who died at a structure fire. [READ](#)

### CSB Chair: Frigid Temperatures Led to "Unprecedented" Increase in Chemical Incidents

The December plunge in temperatures across much of the U.S. contributed to an "unprecedented" increase in the number of chemical incidents reported to the CSB. [READ](#)

### New Reports Describe Findings from CSB Investigations of Three Incidents

New reports finalized by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board in December detail the agency's findings from investigations into three incidents: two that occurred in 2018 and one from 2019. [READ](#)



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## Community

### JOIN AIHA'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR A GLOBAL TOWN HALL

On Jan. 19, join the AIHA International Affairs Committee for a global town hall. Laurence Svirchey, MA, BSc, CIH, and AIHA Ambassadors Custodio Muianga (Mozambique), Armando Chamorro, CIH (Argentina), and Tuan Nguyen, MSPH, CIH, CSP (Vietnam) will share insights on how the AIHA membership can support you and the OEHS community in your country, how OEHS professionals in developing countries can obtain discounted membership, how AIHA's Ambassador Program is working to enhance outreach and support meaningful global projects, and how to access educational and technical resources. [REGISTER TODAY](#)

### AIHA ISSUES NEW PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

AIHA today announced three new public policy priorities that will guide and focus the association's activities in 2023 and beyond. The priorities have to do with hazardous noise exposure, thermal stress, and strengthening the OEHS professional pathway and improving the learning and working conditions of schools. [READ MORE](#)



### **[FREE WEBINAR] The Role of Site Noise Surveys in OSHA Compliance**

Join *The Synergist* and Larson Davis at 2 p.m. ET on Jan. 24 to learn a simple approach to assessing the risk of workplace-related noise-induced hearing loss. [LEARN MORE.](#)

## **AIHA WEBSITE COLLECTS RESOURCES ON PROTECTING WORKERS IN THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY**

Resources added to AIHA's WorkerHealthSafety.org website include support for trucking industry operators in reducing health risks associated with trucking. The resources include fact sheets, articles, and studies that focus on ways OEHS professionals can help mitigate occupational health risks faced by truck drivers. [READ MORE](#)

## **NEW FROM SYNERGISTNOW: "ROCKETS AND RISK COMMUNICATION: INFLUENCING SAFETY AT A NATIONAL LABORATORY"**

*Abby Roberts, The Synergist's editorial assistant, writes:* "In 2008, three people were injured in an industrial accident at Sandia National Laboratories, a federally funded research and development center for the U.S. Department of Energy. Luckily, no one was killed—but the incident galvanized Sandia to reevaluate its approach to investigating and preventing accidents." [READ MORE](#)



### **Make an Impact in Just 25 Minutes**

Add public speaking to your list of skills by presenting a pop-up education session at AIHce EXP 2023. The deadline for pop-up session proposals is Wednesday, Jan. 18. [SUBMIT NOW.](#)

## **AIHA VOLUNTEERS: WORKING IN CONCERT**

Over the past several years, AIHA has seen a proliferation of new national-level advisory groups and project teams that provide the strategic guidance needed to advance the many priorities under the AIHA strategic plan. In a new blog post, AIHA CEO Larry Sloan provides examples that illustrate how some of AIHA's advisory groups, project teams, committees, and volunteer groups are working together. [READ MORE](#)

## **REMINDER: AIHA FINANCE COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 3**

The AIHA Finance Committee's advice and oversight keep the Board of Directors current on association financial matters, ensuring that AIHA management cultivates the necessary financial resources to support AIHA's mission. AIHA is accepting applications for new Finance Committee members until Feb. 3. [LEARN MORE](#)

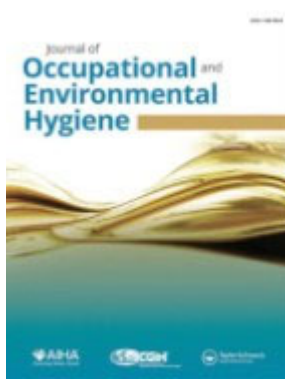


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