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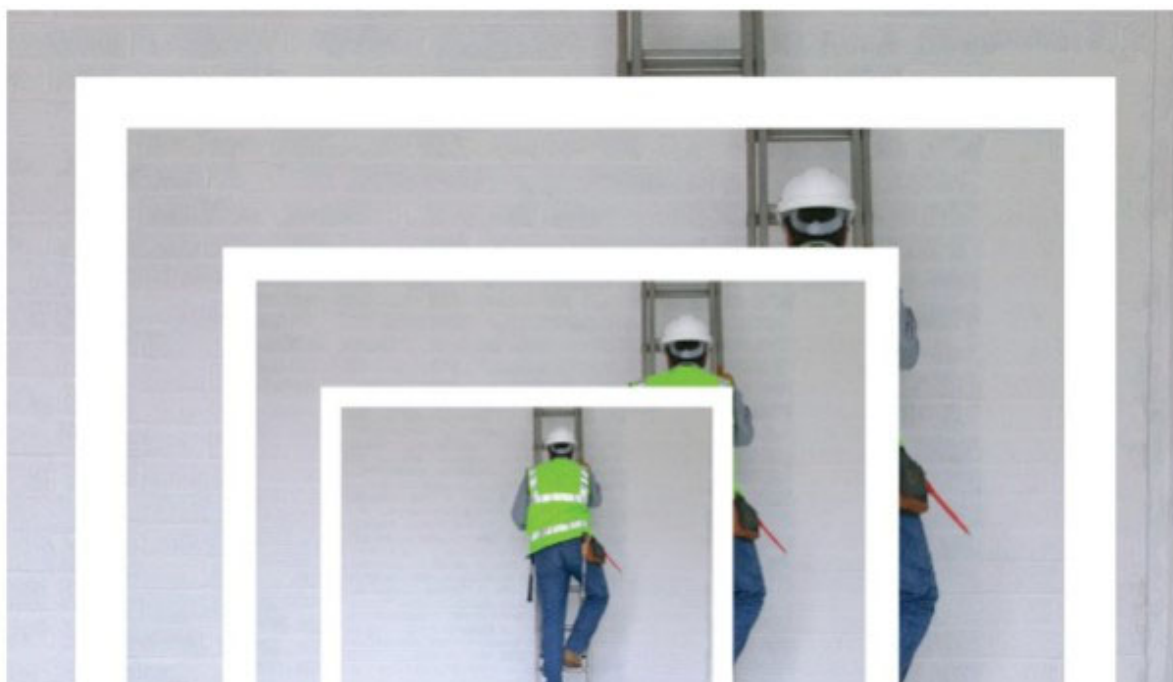
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## Déjà Vu: Why Are OSHA's Top Ten Citations Almost Always the Same?

The ball has dropped, the champagne is gone, and new calendars are going up everywhere.

A common sentiment this time of year is "the more things change, the more they stay the same." This adage seems especially appropriate for the annual report of OSHA's ten most cited violations. **FULL STORY**

## NewsWatch

### **CDC Delays Publication of Infection Control Guidance**

CDC has requested more information from the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee on its draft of revised guidelines for isolation precautions in healthcare facilities.

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### **Two Final Tox Profiles Plus Two Drafts Newly Available from ATSDR**

Final toxicological profiles for the substances vinyl chloride and nitrobenzene and draft tox profiles for chloroethane and chloroform are now available from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). [READ](#)

### **NIOSH Recommends Removal of Two Drugs from Hazardous Drugs List**

NIOSH is considering removing the drugs liraglutide and pertuzumab from its List of Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings. [READ](#)

### **CSB Determines Faulty "Bubbler" Tube Cause of Fatal Liquid Nitrogen Release**

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) has released its final report on a deadly liquid nitrogen release that occurred on Jan. 28, 2021, at a poultry processing plant in Gainesville, Georgia. [READ](#)



Raise awareness and exchange ideas with a proposal for the 2024 Occupational and Environmental Exposure of the Skin to Chemicals conference! Contribute the latest knowledge, best practices, and scientific research in dermal exposure by Feb. 13. [LEARN MORE.](#)

## Community

### **ONE WEEK LEFT TO APPLY FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE**

A task force is forming to develop the strategic plan that will guide AIHA from 2025 through 2027. Members are needed to fill four at-large positions, which will also include four members from the Board of Directors and two staff. Members who are selected for the task force will have an opportunity to contribute to the future of AIHA. Applications are being accepted through Feb. 1. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **DECEMBER JOEH NOW AVAILABLE**

Articles from the December 2023 issue of the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* are now available on the website of JOEH publisher Taylor & Francis. To access JOEH, AIHA members must first [sign in](#) to the AIHA website. [Instructions](#) are available online.



### Early Bird Contest Ends Jan. 31

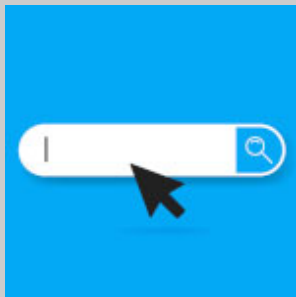
Register for AIHA Connect by next Wednesday to be entered to win either a travel reimbursement (up to \$500) or a pair of noise-canceling headphones. [Visit the conference website for details](#) and register today!

## AIHA CONNECT KEYNOTE TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDEES TO EMBRACE THEIR "PECULIARITIES" AS SCIENTISTS, COMMUNICATORS

Entomologist Samuel Ramsey, PhD, is known for achievements that seem far outside the purview of occupational and environmental health and safety—in February, he'll head to Southeast Asia to study bee parasites in partnership with National Geographic. But as a science communicator as well as a scientist, he encounters challenges that OEHS professionals will relate to. Ramsey's science communication work is the reason AIHA selected him to deliver the opening keynote at AIHA Connect in May 2024. *The Synergist's* Abby Roberts recently interviewed Ramsey for *SynergistNOW*. [READ MORE](#)

## AIHA'S CEO OUTLINES NEW RESEARCH FOR A NEW YEAR

In a new blog post, AIHA CEO Larry Sloan previews upcoming AIHA research and development, including initiatives related to advancing OEHS science and practice, identifying and addressing gaps between current and state-of-the-art OEHS practice, improving exposure judgments, assessing education needs, and developing approaches for sampling accreditation. Funding has also been allocated to develop a new heat stress app and to conduct a study related to sensor technology feasibility. [READ MORE](#)



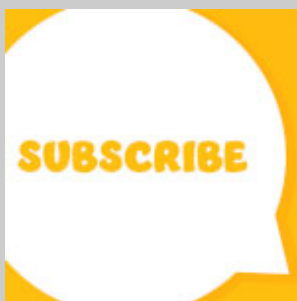
Need products or services related to **OHS management systems, auditing, or compliance**? Visit AIHA's online [Vendor Directory](#) for resources in these and other categories.

## STUDENTS: AIHF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 12

The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) is accepting scholarship applications for the 2024–2025 academic year. Students are evaluated on academic record, extracurricular activities, future goals as an industrial hygienist, and potential for leadership in the industrial hygiene profession. All application materials must be submitted by Feb. 12. [LEARN MORE](#)

## AIHA CONNECT: STUDENT POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS DUE MARCH 13

Submissions for student presentations and student posters for AIHA Connect 2024 are being accepted through March 13. Presenting at AIHA Connect allows speakers to advance the OEHS profession by introducing attendees to the latest information, trends, technology, and best practices. AIHA Connect will be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 20–22. [LEARN MORE](#)



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## ENROLL IN AIHA'S MENTORING INSTITUTE

AIHA's Mentoring Institute is a six-month program that connects experienced mentors with enthusiastic mentees. Mentors can earn up to 5 CM points for their contributions, and mentees gain vital professional development as well as the opportunity to earn badges that showcase their accomplishments. [LEARN MORE](#)

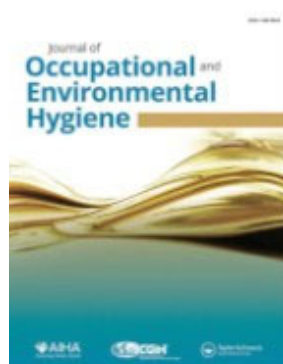
## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON AIHA EDUCATION

As part of a new research project, members are invited to participate in a survey about their professional development needs. A personalized survey link was emailed to members by Vault Consulting, an independent firm that specializes in association research. Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey and help shape AIHA's future educational offerings.

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