



Pacific Northwest
LOCAL SECTION

2026 PNS-AIHA Spring Symposium

Program Details

Event Dates: May 4, 2026; 8:30 am – 4 pm PT

The Pacific Northwest Section - AIHA is pleased to announce its Spring Symposium with the theme of “The Safety Awakens: A Force against Heat and Radiation Hazards.” Speakers at this symposium feature prominent experts in industrial hygiene who are prepared to lecture on recent methods, equipment, research, and new developments and topics of interest that affect workplace safety and the environment. This program will discuss topics related to heat/thermal stress, radiation, and risk. To offer more flexibility, we are offering a hybrid-virtual format, and those who can’t attend in-person may attend virtually. In-person attendance is strongly encouraged, and a grand prize will be offered to those in attendance: Free attendance to NOHC in Bothell, Washington, in October 2026. Lunch, coffee, and light snacks will also be provided. We hope to see you there!

AGENDA

- 8:00 - 8:30 - PNS Board Updates
- 8:30 - 9:30 - (Virtual) *"Laboring safely in the heat- considerations for yourself, your staff, and those you educate"* - Robert Huggins, PhD, ATC, President of Occupational Safety and Athlete Performance - Korey Stringer Institute
- 9:30 - 10:30 - "Operation Tomodachi, The Fallout Saga" - Jeff McClellan, CIH, CSP, SEA, EIT, Assistant Vice President - WSP USA Inc; Richard Riley, PhD, CSP, PMP - Head, EHS, Security and Facilities - Direct Photo Inc.; Masuhiro Shinozaki, Bioenvironmental Engineering JN, USAF
- 10:30 - 11:00 - DOSH/LNI Updates - Craig Blackwood, Assistant Director - DOSH
- 11:00 - 11:30 - (Virtual) *Oregon-OSHA Updates* - Craig Hamelund/TBD
- 11:30 - 12:30 - Lunch: (The Lucky Lunchbox)
- 12:30 - 13:00 - Gold Sponsor Presentation 1 - SKC
- 13:00 - 13:30 - Gold Sponsor Presentation 2 - TBD
- 13:30 - 14:30 - "Beyond Exposure Limits: Understanding Risk in Complex Systems" Brian Hughes, President and Co-founder at Sologic, LLC

- 14:30 - 15:00 - "Comparison of Shade Materials for Agricultural Worker Heat Exposure Mitigation" - Carolyn Whitaker, MS, CIH, Principle Investigator - WA State LNI
- 15:00 - 15:30 - "The Effect of a Superficial Biochar Layer on Soil Radon Exhalation: A Preliminary Investigation into a Passive Residential Radon Mitigation Strategy" - Nicholas Nelson, MS Candidate, Industrial Hygiene - Montana Tech
- 15:30 - 16:30 - Round Table/Trivia
 - (Drawing) Grand Prize for in-person attendees includes: 1 free ticket to NOHC 2026
- 16:30 - 17:30 - Optional - Tour of DOSH Lab (**can accommodate 6/7 people**)

Additional Information

Lacey Community Center AND Virtual

6759 Pacific Ave SE

Lacey, WA 98503

Spring Symposium: May 4, 2026 (7.5 contact hours/0.# CEUs) Event Prices:

IN PERSON

PNS AIHA Member: \$100 | Non Member: \$` 125 | Student/Retired: \$25

VIRTUAL

PNS AIHA Member**:** \$50 | Non-Member: \$75 | Student/Retired: \$10