



BHSC NEWS

Fall 2013 BHSC Webinar November 6

The Fall 2013 BHSC meeting will be a Webinar that will be available to all who register for the meeting, similar to the webinars that have been offered as part of the in-person semi-annual meetings. The format has changed for this meeting due to some potential issues, such as many needing more than 3 months notice to travel and attend meetings, costs and budgeting for travel, and the NOPR timing. There are other topics that would be beneficial to discuss even if the NOPR has not yet been issued and based on history, the NOPR may be delayed again, even until the Spring. A Fall meeting is still needed to maintain cohesiveness and motivate for the committee to continue working on current projects.

To Register for the Webinar, select the link below (or paste into your browser) and follow the instructions:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/709634872>

Chairman’s Corner—From the outgoing BHSC Chair

In the six years I have been the BHSC Chair, I’ve had the privilege to meet and interact with a great many folk that otherwise I likely would never have met, and visit many facilities I might not otherwise have seen. It has been a lot of work, to be sure, but the opportunity to work with all of the dedicated people who make up the BHSC has made it all worthwhile. I plan to continue to be involved as Chair of the Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee and as a Board member.

The committee has come quite a ways over the last six years, as we discussed at the Oak Ridge meeting (presentation is posted on the web site), including the following:

- Membership has increased from 63 to 105
- Improved formality of operations
- Improved web sites for

public access and “members only”

- Participation in development of several ASTM International standards
- Two symposia (2008 and 2012), 13 peer-reviewed journal articles, and one book
- Three approved white papers, with several others in progress now

With upcoming revisions to both the DOE beryllium rule (10 CFR 850) and the OSHA PEL expected to be published later this calendar year, the BHSC will have lots to talk about. We also have opportunities with international outreach, given the level of interest in beryllium issues in both Germany and France. Finalizing the white papers in progress and getting them posted on our web site, as well as the Frequently Asked Questions that our Risk Communication Sub-

committee is working on, will increase the value of our web site as a resource for everyone.

There are, of course, challenges the BHSC will face, not the least of which will be continued travel and funding limitations. Issues such as wall deposits, medical ethics, and the efficacy of the BeLPT are subjects that won’t go away.

It is fortunate for the BHSC to have Dan Field as my successor. He is well-positioned to keep things moving forward, and I’m confident he will do so. Please give him the same kind of support that you have given to me.

Thanks,
Mike Brisson,
Outgoing BHSC Chair

Note: the Chairman’s Corner does not necessarily reflect the views of the BHSC, U.S. Department of Energy, or any of its contractors.

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Hanford Site updated Beryllium Documentation

The Hanford Site has updated the following documents:

[Beryllium Work Permit and Hazard Assessment Procedure](#), June 6, 2013

[Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program](#), Updated July 30, 2012

Beryllium Worker Training Online

There are several fantastic resources for online training sessions and information that can be incorporated into your site Beryllium Worker Training. There are videos from Los Alamos that give visual training opportunities that we are not able to do with just the PowerPoint presentations and hands on training.

<http://www.lanl.gov/safety/videos/beryllium/>

National Jewish sponsored an [OSHA Beryllium training module](#)

https://www.osha.gov/dte/grant_materials/fy10/sh-20996-10.html

Abstracts Needed

Abstracts are being solicited for our upcoming BHSC Webinar Meeting on November 6th, Presentations length will be approximately 30 minutes and will be given via webinar. No travel is required. We are interested in topics from all fields related to beryllium.

Please submit abstracts by **September 30th**.

Notifications of acceptance will be given by **October 15h**.

Please contact Linda Youmans-McDonald
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MEETING LOCATIONS

Locations for the Spring 2014 and Fall 2014 meetings are now being solicited. Locations typically need to be at a DOE, DoD, or AWE site.

If you would be interested in hosting a meeting, please contact
 Linda Youmans-McDonald

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BHSC Dates to Remember

Fall 2013

SEPTEMBER

2	Labor Day	
3	Technical Standards Subcommittee Call	Steven Lee
5	Emerging Technical Topics Conference Call	Mike Brisson
11	Sampling/Analysis Subcommittee Call	Mike Brisson
12	Risk Communication Subcommittee Call	Sandy Rock
17	BHSC Board Call	Dan Field
18	Data Quality Objectives Call	Mike Brisson
19	Medical/Epidemiological Subcommittee Call	Kathleen Noonan
22	Autumn Begins	
25	Research Needs	Mike McCawley
26	Meeting/Symposia Subcommittee Call	Linda Youmans

NOVEMBER

1	Items for Winter Quarter Newsletter Due	All
5	Technical Standards Subcommittee Call	Steven Lee
6	BHSC Fall Webinar	---
13	Sampling/Analysis Subcommittee Call	Mike Brisson
14	Risk Communication Subcommittee Call	Sandy Rock
19	BHSC Board Call	Dan Field
21	Medical/Epidemiological Subcommittee Call	Kathleen Noonan
27	Research Needs Subcommittee Call	Mike McCawley
28	Meeting/Symposia Subcommittee Call	Linda Youmans
28	Thanksgiving	

OCTOBER

1	Technical Standards Subcommittee Call	Steven Lee
3	Emerging Technical Topics Conference Call	TBD
9	Sampling/Analysis Subcommittee Call	Mike Brisson
10	Risk Communication Subcommittee Call	Sandy Rock
15	BHSC Board Call	Dan Field
16	Data Quality Objectives Call	Mike Brisson
17	Medical/Epidemiological Subcommittee Call	Kathleen Noonan
23	Research Needs	Mike McCawley
24	Meeting/Symposia Subcommittee Call	Linda Youmans
31	Halloween	

DECEMBER

3	Technical Standards Subcommittee Call	Steven Lee
5	Emerging Technical Topics Conference Call	Mike Brisson
11	Sampling/Analysis Subcommittee Call	Mike Brisson
12	Risk Communication Subcommittee Call	Sandy Rock
16	BHSC Newsletter Published, Winter Quarter	Tania Reynolds
17	BHSC Board Call	Dan Field
19	Medical/Epidemiological Subcommittee Call	Kathleen Noonan
21	Winter Begins	
24	Christmas Eve	
25	Research Needs Subcommittee Call	Mike McCawley
25	Christmas Day	
26	Meeting/Symposia Subcommittee Call	Linda Youmans
31	New Year's Eve	

Conference calls may be rescheduled or cancelled as necessary. Contact the subcommittee chair/lead for updates.

Conference Call Instructions: Call-In Number: 877-401-5229 (US) or +1-509-376-3622 (outside the US), then dial specific ID, followed by pound sign: Tech Stds: 208906, Emerging Technical Topics WG: 8804562, SAS: 1460128, Risk Comm.: 151372, Board: 464562, Med/Epi: 9359017, Research Needs: 2359017, Meetings/Symposia: 6804566
Data Quality Objectives: 4915673

The **Beryllium Health and Safety Committee (BHSC)** promotes activities/efforts that help people better understand and prevent beryllium-induced conditions and illnesses, including Beryllium Sensitization (BeS) and Chronic Beryllium Disease (CBD). Such illnesses may be caused or exacerbated by workplace exposure to beryllium.

The BHSC mission is primarily educational in nature, and is accomplished through generation, collection and dissemination of information to members and other interested parties:

- Promoting the safe use of beryllium
- Obtaining a better understanding of exposure risks
- Improving exposure monitoring
- Fostering improved controls
- Accumulating and disseminating information concerning beryllium process best work practices, as well as, data from health studies concerning the hazards associated with beryllium
- Training / mentoring of beryllium health professionals
- Identifying and promoting research that has the potential to enhance or improve our worker safety programs

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