



BHSC NEWS

June-July, 2008

BHSC Web Site Now Updated

As announced in a May 29 email, the BHSC web site at www.sandia.gov/BHSC has been updated. The updates include updated information on the BHSC mission, upcoming events, executive officers, approved white papers, links to other beryllium web sites, and an archive of the BHSC newsletters.

On the FAQ page, you will find a link to a membership form. We are asking everyone who wishes to remain a BHSC member, as well as anyone wishing to become a BHSC member, to complete this form. The tangible benefit to you is that you will be sent (by FedEx) a password and directions to a members-only page that is on the collaborate.sandia.gov domain. This page, along with pages for the subcommittees, utilizes the SharePoint software to manage access. Those with access to the members-only page will be able to review pending BHSC white papers as they are posted for three-week review.

The updated subcommittee page has links to the SharePoint pages for each of the subcommittees. Members will have access to those subcommittees that they indicate on the membership form. Guests will have access to the publicly available pages on the main web site but will not have access to the SharePoint pages. You will see that the SharePoint pages have substantial functionality that we haven't had before. Some of the subcommittees have already begun using this functionality.

We are requesting that all who wish to remain or become members complete the form by June 30. After that, the official membership list will be adjusted to those that have registered and meet the membership requirements as outlined on the web site.

Symposium Web Site is now "live"

In a separate announcement on June 11, BHSC members and guests were notified that the web site for the Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection is now "live." Links for the symposium web site can be found on the Events page of the BHSC web site. The main symposium URL is:

<http://dce.unm.edu/Custom/Beryllium/index.cfm>

The site contains information regarding abstract submission, registrations, accommodation, and exhibition and sponsorship opportunities. The preliminary agenda can be found at <http://dce.unm.edu/Custom/Beryllium/Agenda.cfm>



Questions should be directed to Amy Ekechukwu, symposium chair, at +1-803-725-1236 or by email at amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov.

Reminder – Comments on ACGIH NIC Due July 31

Those who wish to comment on the ACGIH 2008 Notice of Intended Change (NIC) for the beryllium TLV and STEL are reminded that such comments are due by July 31. Because the 2008 NIC did not change from the 2007 NIC, the BHSC did not generate any new suggested comments for the NIC. Comments from 2007 can be obtained from David Weitzman, chair of the Technical Standards, Practices, and Measures Subcommittee, at david.weitzman@hq.doe.gov. Note, please, that such suggested comments are provided only for the benefit of individuals who may, at their discretion, wish to make use of them in developing their own comments on the NIC. The BHSC as a committee will not submit comments on the NIC.

PDC on Surface Sampling Well Received

The Professional Development Course on surface sampling at this year's AIHce was well received, with 35 students in attendance. The half-day course was presented by three BHSC members: Geoff Braybrooke, Steve Jahn, and Kevin Ashley. The course will be presented again on the afternoon of November 17 as part of the Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection. It is presently anticipated that the PDC will be offered again at next year's AIHce as well.

Information on AIHce Solicited

If you attended this year's AIHce, we would be interested in a brief summary of any podium sessions, roundtables, or other meetings you attended that would be of interest to the BHSC as a whole. Please send your summary to Mike Brisson by July 15 at mike.brisson@srs.gov. Information will be compiled for the August BHSC newsletter.

Cunniff, Geckle are Headline Speakers for Nov. 20 BHSC Meeting

If you are planning to attend the symposium in Albuquerque, be sure to stay for the BHSC meeting on Thursday, November 20. Speakers include Shannon Cunniff, Director of the Office of Emerging Contaminants within the Department of Defense, and Lori Geckle, a risk communication specialist at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Geckle is part of a roundtable on risk communication that will be held during the BHSC meeting.



Conference Call Schedule, June 16-July 31 (all times Eastern Daylight Time)

- June 17, noon, BeO/Digestion working group, Tom Oatts, oattstj@y12.doe.gov
- June 18, 3 PM, Technical Practices/Standards/Measures Subcommittee, David Weitzman, david.weitzman@hq.doe.gov
- June 19, noon, Accreditation working group, Diana Decker, ddecker@lanl.gov
- June 24, noon, Sampling working group, Geoff Braybrooke, geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil
- June 25, noon, Data Reporting Task Force, Mike Brisson, mike.brisson@srs.gov
(This call is subject to confirmation; DRTF members will be notified.)
- June 26, noon, Risk Communication Subcommittee, Steve Jahn, steven.jahn@srs.gov
- July 1, noon, Validation Working Group, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
- July 1, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
- July 3, noon, Be by Fluorescence Working Group (Anoop Agrawal, aagrawal@qwest.net)
- July 8, noon, Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee (Melecita Archuleta, melarch@sandia.gov)
- July 9, noon, Data Reporting Task Force, Mike Brisson, mike.brisson@srs.gov
- July 10, 3 PM, Research Needs Subcommittee, Mike McCawley, mccawley.mike@comcast.net
- July 15, noon, BeO/Digestion working group, Tom Oatts, oattstj@y12.doe.gov
- July 15, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
- July 16, noon, BHSC Board (Board members only)
- July 16, 3 PM, Technical Practices/Standards/Measures Subcommittee, David Weitzman, david.weitzman@hq.doe.gov
- July 17, noon, Accreditation working group, Diana Decker, ddecker@lanl.gov
- July 22, noon, Sampling working group, Geoff Braybrooke, geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil
- July 23, noon, Data Reporting Task Force, Mike Brisson, mike.brisson@srs.gov
- July 24, noon, Risk Communication Subcommittee, Steve Jahn, steven.jahn@srs.gov
- July 29, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov

Future BHSC Meetings

- November 17-20, 2008, Albuquerque, NM
- Nov 17 AM: JOWOG
 - Nov 17 PM: Surface Sampling Tutorial
 - Nov 18-19: Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection
 - Nov 20: Main BHSC meeting
(Time of Board meeting is TBD)
- March 31-April 2, 2009, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC
- Mar 31: Board and JOWOG
 - Apr 1-2: Main BHSC meeting
- Fall 2009: DOE North Las Vegas office complex (dates TBD)
- Spring 2010, U. K. Atomic Weapons Establishment Aldermaston, Reading, U.K.