



BHSC NEWS

August-September, 2008

Symposium Abstract Deadline Extended to August 15

The deadline for submitting abstracts to the Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection has been extended to August 15. For further information, visit the symposium web site at <http://dce.unm.edu/Custom/Beryllium/index.cfm>

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

BHSC Web Site Updates (www.sandia.gov/BHSC)

The following is a summary of recent updates to the web site:

- Link to the membership form has been placed on the main page
- Membership form has been updated to allow registration of guests (for those who wish to be added to BHSC distribution lists, but do not wish to be members)
- Information page now contains all three approved white papers.

Draft EPA Toxicology Report (Carcinogenicity) on BHSC Sharepoint Page

The most recent draft update to the EPA toxicology report (carcinogenicity only) for beryllium is posted on the BHSC Sharepoint page (accessible to registered members). The draft assessment says that beryllium “falls along a continuum between ‘likely to be carcinogenic to humans’ and ‘carcinogenic to humans’ by the inhalation route.” This is somewhat at variance from the National Toxicology Program’s 11th Report on Carcinogens characterizing beryllium as a known carcinogen. However, the EPA report does stress that CBD, rather than cancer, is the public health issue to be addressed. (Thanks to David Weitzman and Paul Wambach for this contribution.)

Data Reporting Task Force White Paper #2 Review

The second of three white papers from the Data Reporting Task Force has been posted to the BHSC Sharepoint page for review by BHSC members. The review period is August 1 through August 22. Comments may be entered directly via Sharepoint. This white paper relies on a sampling matrix developed by Gary Whitney of LANL. The matrix is not yet in final form, but the current draft version is posted on the Sharepoint page for benefit of members reviewing the white paper.

Membership Update

As of August 1, there were 54 people that had signed up for BHSC membership via the web site. Individuals may register for membership, or as guests, at any time. Registration through the web site is required to obtain access to the Sharepoint site, which is password protected (the password is sent by FedEx from Sandia National Lab). There is no membership fee, and membership is open to any U.S. citizen and to personnel at the U.K. Atomic Weapons Establishment.



Conference Call Schedule, Aug 1 – Sept 15 (all times Eastern Daylight Time)

Aug 5, noon, Validation Working Group, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
Aug 7, noon, Be by Fluorescence Working Group (Anoop Agrawal, aagrawal@qwest.net)
Aug 12, noon, Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee (Melecita Archuleta, melarch@sandia.gov)
Aug 12, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
Aug 13, noon, Data Reporting Task Force, Mike Brisson, mike.brisson@srs.gov
Aug 14, 3 PM, Research Needs Subcommittee, Mike McCawley, mccawley.mike@comcast.net
Aug 19, noon, BeO/Digestion working group, Tom Oatts, oattstj@y12.doe.gov
Aug 20, noon, BHSC Board (Board members only)
Aug 20, 3 PM, Technical Practices/Standards/Measures Subcommittee, David Weitzman, david.weitzman@hq.doe.gov
Aug 21, noon, Accreditation working group, Diana Decker, ddecker@lanl.gov
Aug 26, noon, Sampling working group, Geoff Braybrooke, geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil
Aug 26, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
Aug 27, noon, Data Reporting Task Force, Mike Brisson, mike.brisson@srs.gov
Aug 28, noon, Risk Communication Subcommittee, Steve Jahn, steven.jahn@srs.gov
Sep 2, noon, Validation Working Group, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
Sep 4, noon, Be by Fluorescence Working Group (Anoop Agrawal, aagrawal@qwest.net)
Sep 9, noon, Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee (Melecita Archuleta, melarch@sandia.gov)
Sep 9, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov
Sep 10, noon, Data Reporting Task Force, Mike Brisson, mike.brisson@srs.gov
Sep 11, 3 PM, Research Needs Subcommittee, Mike McCawley, mccawley.mike@comcast.net

Future BHSC Meetings

November 17-20, 2008, Albuquerque, NM
Nov 17 AM: JOWOG and Board Meetings
Nov 17 PM: Surface Sampling Tutorial
Nov 18-19: Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection
Nov 20: Main BHSC meeting
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.