



## **BHSC NEWS**

### **September-October, 2008**

#### **Symposium Early Registration Deadline Extended to October 15**

The deadline for early registration to the Third International Symposium on Beryllium Particulates and Their Detection has been extended from October 3 to October 15. This is intended to facilitate registration for those who need to wait until the start of the new U.S. Government fiscal year to register. The registration cost increases \$50 after October 15. For further information, visit the symposium web site at:

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

Over two dozen presentations are scheduled for the two-day symposium (November 18-19). Concurrent sessions are being avoided so that no one has to miss any of the sessions. Also, on the preceding Monday (November 17), a half-day surface sampling tutorial will be offered at no additional charge. An evening tour of Old Town Albuquerque is available for an additional fee, as is a full-day tour of Santa Fe (for spouses and guests) on November 19.

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

#### **New Materials on BHSC Sharepoint Page**

The items listed below have been posted on the home Sharepoint page and are available to all BHSC members. If you have not applied for BHSC membership, the membership form is available from the home page of the BHSC public-access web site ([www.sandia.gov/BHSC](http://www.sandia.gov/BHSC)).

- A surface sampling matrix, developed by Los Alamos National Laboratory (principally Gary Whitney with input from members of the Data Reporting Task Force).
- The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report on "Managing Health Effects of Beryllium Exposure"
- The EPA draft revision of its Toxicological Review of Beryllium and Compounds in support of its IRIS system, and external reviewer comments of this draft.

#### **Data Reporting Task Force White Paper #2 Update**

The BHSC review of DRTF White Paper #2 is now complete. The white paper will be considered for final approval by the Board in its next conference call on September 17.

#### **BHSC Meeting on November 20**

The BHSC will have a one-day meeting on Thursday, November 20, following the symposium. The meeting will be at the same location (University of New Mexico Continuing Education and Conference Center) as the symposium. An agenda will be posted on the web site closer to the meeting date. The tentative agenda includes the following:

- Presentation from the Office of Emerging Contaminants, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense



- Roundtable on Risk Communication – speakers include Lori Geckle (U.S. Army CHPPM), Tom Ford (Y-12), and Steve Jahn (SRS)
- Presentation on NNSA Beryllium Initiative
- Subcommittee reports
- Review of the symposium
- Election of two at-large Board members (the terms of two current Board members will expire at the November meeting)

(Note that we do not plan to have subcommittee breakout meetings since this is a one-day meeting. Breakout meetings will be held at the two-day spring meeting. Most subcommittees now convene regularly by conference call.)

### **Conference Call Schedule, Sept 16 – Oct 31 (all times Eastern Daylight Time)**

*Note: The following schedule was current as of September 12, 2008, and is subject to change. Call leaders typically notify their regular participants if a call is rescheduled or cancelled. Check with the listed call leader to confirm that the call is being held.*

Sep 16, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, [amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov](mailto:amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov)

Sep 17, noon, BHSC Board (Board members only)

Sep 17, 3 PM, Technical Practices/Standards/Measures Subcommittee, David Weitzman, [david.weitzman@hq.doe.gov](mailto:david.weitzman@hq.doe.gov)

Sep 23, noon, Sampling working group, Geoff Braybrooke, [geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil](mailto:geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil)

Sep 25, noon, Risk Communication Subcommittee, Steve Jahn, [steven.jahn@srs.gov](mailto:steven.jahn@srs.gov)

Oct 2, noon, Be by Fluorescence Working Group (Anoop Agrawal, [agrawal@qwest.net](mailto:agrawal@qwest.net))

Oct 7, noon, Validation Working Group, Amy Ekechukwu, [amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov](mailto:amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov)

Oct 7, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, [amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov](mailto:amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov)

Oct 9, 3 PM, Research Needs Subcommittee, Mike McCawley, [mccawley.mike@comcast.net](mailto:mccawley.mike@comcast.net)

Oct 14, noon, Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee (Melecita Archuleta, [melarch@sandia.gov](mailto:melarch@sandia.gov))

Oct 14, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, [amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov](mailto:amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov)

Oct 15, noon, BHSC Board (Board members only)

Oct 16, noon, Accreditation working group, Diana Decker, [ddecker@lanl.gov](mailto:ddecker@lanl.gov)

Oct 21, noon, BeO/Digestion working group, Tom Oatts, [oattstj@y12.doe.gov](mailto:oattstj@y12.doe.gov)

Oct 21, 3 PM, Symposium Subcommittee, Amy Ekechukwu, [amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov](mailto:amy.ekechukwu@srnl.doe.gov)

Oct 23, noon, Risk Communication Subcommittee, Steve Jahn, [steven.jahn@srs.gov](mailto:steven.jahn@srs.gov)

Oct 28, noon, Sampling working group, Geoff Braybrooke, [geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil](mailto:geoffrey.braybrooke@apg.amedd.army.mil)



## **Future BHSC Meetings**

*Locations for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 meetings are now being solicited. Fall meetings are typically in the western U.S., and spring meetings are typically in the eastern U.S. (or at AWE). Locations typically need to be at a DOE, DoD, or AWE site. If you would be interested in hosting a meeting, please contact Mike Brisson.*

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

Tentative dates: Nov 3-5, 2009

Spring 2010, U. K. Atomic Weapons Establishment Aldermaston, Reading, U.K.

Tentative dates: Apr 13-15, 2010