

CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL



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Assemblyman Cameron Smyth
State Capitol, Room 4098
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 1489 (SMYTH)

On behalf of the California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) I am writing to inform you of our support for your AB 1489 related to methamphetamine laboratories.

As directed by the legislature, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has completed a comprehensive scientific risk analysis of human exposure to methamphetamine contamination and developed the first "risk based" cleanup value in the nation. CIHC supports and commends OEHHA's scientific research on this matter and providing leadership in this controversial area of methamphetamine contamination cleanup. The fact that the cleanup level was raised demonstrates the importance of doing a scientific risk assessment unbiased by stakeholders or other interested parties. CIHC hopes this method will continue to be used in the future as various Green Chemistry initiatives are proposed for other chemicals in commerce.

The CIHC was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in California representing the Industrial Hygiene profession, and is affiliated with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), a 12,000 member organization. The field of Industrial Hygiene is dedicated to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of occupational and environmental health hazards. CIHC represents the five Local Sections of AIHA in California and its mission is to bring good science to the legislative and/or regulatory table which impacts the health of workers and the public.

Sincerely,

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