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President's Message

by Pamela Murcell, MS, CIH



Pamela Murcell, CIHC President

The weather is changing, schools are back in session, and the 2017 State legislative session is in the books. There were some interesting EHS issues raised in bills this year; however, only a few made it through to the Governor. Our legislative advocate, Cathy Barankin, has prepared a summary for this newsletter, and it's worth reviewing to find out what may be on tap for your to-do list in 2018!

We are in the final stages of planning for this year's Annual Professional Development Seminar (The Conference)!! The program is promising to provide an excellent look at "EHS Practice Evolving for 21st Century Issues". I hope you will join us this year for another outstanding line up of speakers! We will be in San Francisco on December 4-6, at the JW Marriott Union Square. Please visit www.cihconline.com for the complete program, to register, and for hotel information. Your registration this year for either the entire 3-day event, or for the one day on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, includes a 2-hour Ethics session that will qualify for the ethics requirement for your CIH certification maintenance. Attendance on Monday, Dec. 4th, also includes the keynote luncheon and social networking event. We look forward to welcoming Dr. John Howard, NIOSH Director, as our keynote speaker!

We are in the planning stages, with the AIHA-Sacramento Valley Section, for the 2nd annual "Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene Summit" in Sacramento on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. This is shaping up to be another excellent one-day opportunity to hear an outstanding line up of technical speakers on cutting edge topics as well as a preview of the 2018 State legislative session.

If you weren't able to join the annual "Joint Technical Symposium" on October 18th, think about this one-day opportunity in SoCal for October 2018. This one-day symposium is a partnership between Orange County AIHA, SCAIHA, OCASSE and the Long Beach ASSE.

Our new CIHC website project has been completed! We had a seamless rollout of the new

site in August. We hope you have had an opportunity to visit the CIHC website to check out the new look, and we welcome your feedback (pro or con) as well as suggestions for content. Hopefully, you will agree that the new site is easy to navigate whether by computer or smart phone. I am very appreciative to the webmaster and CIHC task force, all of whom played a critical role in bringing the project to fruition.

The CIHC Board can always use assistance. Please consider getting involved, or at least send an email with your thoughts and concerns. The Board is actively seeking technical advisors. The Board consults with technical advisors to gather information and details on specific issues that will assist the Board in commenting on proposed legislative bills and draft regulations. Technical advisors could also represent CIHC on Cal/OSHA Advisory Committees. What area of expertise is your professional passion? Contact your local CIHC Board member or me (530-622-7196) to let us know. All of our contact information is located on the CIHC website, www.cihconline.com.

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco during December 4th - 6th.

**CIHC's 27th Annual
Professional Development
Seminar
JW Marriott, Union Square
San Francisco
Dec. 4 - 6, 2017**

Click [here](#) for info. and to register!

CIHC and the California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety

On Wednesday, September 20, CIHC representatives Richard Hirsh, Cathy Barankin, and CIHC technical advisor Chris Laszcz-Davis participated in a California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety meeting in Oakland. Attendees included representatives from the Dept of Industrial Relations, Workability, Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP), Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, Teens Lead at Work (TL@W), Commission on Health and Safety and Worker Compensation, the Employment Development

Department, Worksafe, State Compensation Insurance Fund, CA Department of Public Health, SIATech Charter Schools, EHS Inc. and the CA Department of Education.

The partnership is exploring ways to promote the Young Worker Bill of Rights, which lists the rights the Partnership believes all young workers should have. Some of the rights listed are currently in law. SB18 Legislation proposed by Senator Pan earlier this year focuses on the rights of children and youth. However, the bill has not left the senate and is likely going to be divided into smaller segments to be addressed by a number of working groups during 2018. Senator Pan also introduced the Safe Jobs for Youth Month Resolution to the California Senate floor in May 2017. This Resolution shows the Senate's support for May as Safe Jobs for Youth Month and the Young Worker Bill of Rights. Partnership members and youth attended the Senate Floor Ceremony when the Resolution was introduced and passed.

The partnership will be reaching out to Senator Pan's Chief of Staff for updates. The group is also exploring ways to move forward without legislation, including better connections with government agencies that have a stake in young worker health and safety and educating youth. Also, the California Association of Work Experience Educators expressed interest in collaborating with LOHP to better integrate health and safety into educational curricula.

LOHP is planning to develop a tool that showcases the work of the Partnership and plans to update injury statistics and create an impact statement. Available statistics data sources include the Bureau of Labor Statistics, FACE reports, and the NIOSH Young Worker Fatality Report. LOHP has been in touch with KidsData.org asking them to include young worker data on their website.

The Young Worker Leadership Academy groups completed their Safe Jobs for Youth month Projects by May 2017. Poster/Video Contest winners were announced and are viewable on the website www.youngworkers.org. A Safe Jobs for Youth Month webinar was held. Respondents had positive feedback and liked the three tools shared on the activities guide. In the future the webinar will be scheduled at an optimum time for teachers. The recorded webinar is available at <http://youngworkers.org/safe-jobs-month/resource-kit/>.

Plans are underway for Safe Jobs for



2017 First Place Poster created by Kacey Kim, Los Angeles, CA

Youth Month 2018, which will continue to include both Poster and Video Contests. One proposal is to leverage existing month-long creative social media contests such as Inktober and National Photo Month. Social media contests are advantageous because they improve social media outreach by tapping into existing social networks such as www.youngworkers.org website.

Presentations were also given by the CA Labor Workforce Development Agency on "The Lay of the Land: Relevant Departments". Another presentation was provided on Workforce Development- Youth Programs. EDD conducts employment related work, provides peer-to-peer services and other support services. The Youth Employment Opportunities Program (YEOP) is a program of the EDD. Youth must qualify as at-risk and age 15-25 to be eligible for the program. YEOP hires youth specialists to conduct outreach and assist the youth by one-on-one assistance, access to resources, and help them set and reach educational and employment goals. On average, each YEOP Youth Specialist has contact with at least 6-12 youth per week, sometimes as many as 100 depending on the event. YEOP has a Youth Specialist Conference during the second week of June each year. They are now interested in exploring the possibility of conducting health and safety workshops for young workers.

SiaTech has a Career Path trust grant and is trying to find ways to expand the number of students being served. SiaTech had a Youth Leadership Summit on October 5, 2017 and was planning on integrating a H&S workshop. Another event was held in the bay area on October 3rd and another will be held in LA. A Policy Forum will be held in San Diego on November 15-17. This forum will bring together schools that serve at risk youth. WorkSafe is working on a temporary worker project, with a youth focus. They are having a conference on November 2nd. The next partnership

meeting will be held in 2018.

CIHC has continued to assist and support the Partnership. At the Dept. of Industrial Relation's request, Chris-Lazcz-Davis placed them in touch with the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) statewide coordinator for Tech Trek (STEM programs for middle school girls). The LOHP has now connected with them and is exploring training/leadership development opportunities which might be of mutual interest. CIHC is also in process of setting up a meeting between the Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento, and LOHP's Diane Bush (who leads the Young Worker Initiative) to raise the Chamber's awareness of the Partnership and hopefully secure feedback as to what an employer would deem helpful from a practical standpoint.



2017 Second (left) and Third (right) Place Posters created by Emily Muntean and Amy Smith, respectively, both from Brea, CA

Bill of Interest: AB708

by Joel Berman, OCAIHA

As part of the duties of all CIHC Board members, we track various bills introduced in the California State Legislature to ensure that they do not impede our ability to perform our profession in the state and to ensure that good science is used when crafting a legislative act.

At times, we work to amend bills to deal with issues that are currently affecting our profession and/or employers in the state. CIHC is working to change California law by amending a current assembly bill, AB 708 (Quirk-Silva).

Currently, in California, if a worker requires inpatient hospitalization for a period in excess of 24 hours due to a work-related injury, Cal/OSHA must be notified (Title 8, section 330 defines a serious injury and section 342 requires the notification to Cal/OSHA within 24 hours). However, if surgery is required at a subsequent date (i.e. replacement of an occupationally in-

jured knee six months after the injury) under current regulation, when the worker is admitted to the hospital for this surgery, Cal/OSHA is to be notified within 24 hours of admittance. This requires employers to potentially track workers for an extended period of time, perhaps years, to ensure compliance with current law and regulation. CIHC is working to amend AB 708 to close this loophole. The current text of AB 708 is included below in *italics*.

An act to amend Section 6409.2 of the Labor Code, relating to employment. LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 708, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Occupational safety and health: accidents: responding agency notifications.

The California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 requires a state, county, or local fire or police agency that is called to an accident involving an employee covered by the act in which a serious injury or illness, or death occurs to immediately notify the nearest office of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health by telephone. Existing law authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty against an employer or physician if a pattern or practice of violations or a willful violation of these or other specified provisions is found, as specified.

This bill would revise that immediate notification requirement to apply to accidents in which death or loss of limb occurs and would instead require a responding agency called to an accident in which a serious injury or illness, other than death or loss of limb, occurs, to notify the nearest office of the division by telephone or electronic means within 24 hours. If a responding agency fails to notify the division of an accident, the bill would require the division to allow the agency to file an amended notification and would prohibit the citing or assessment of fines against an agency that files an amended notification, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6409.2 of the Labor Code is amended to read:

(a) Whenever a state, county, or local fire or police agency is called to an accident involving an employee covered by this part in which death or loss of limb occurs, the responding agency shall immediately notify the nearest office of the division by the telephone.

(b) Whenever a state, county, or local fire or police agency is called to an accident in which a serious injury or illness, other than death or loss of limb, occurs, the responding agency shall notify the nearest office of the division by telephone or electronic means, including, but not limited to, email, within 24 hours.

(c) After receiving a report pursuant to this section, the division shall immediately notify

the appropriate prosecuting authority of the accident.

(d) If a state, county, or local fire or police agency fails to notify the division of an accident pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b), the division shall give notice to the state, county, or local fire or police agency and allow that agency to file an amended notification with the division. If the state, county, or local fire or police agency files an amended notification, the state, county, or local fire or police agency shall not be cited or assessed any fines for a violation of this section.

CIHC is in discussions with the office of Assembly member Quirk-Silva to add language to AB 708 that will specify that an employer will not be in violation of the notification requirements specified in regulation if the injury occurred well before the hospitalization.

NIOSH Board of Scientific Counsellors (BSC)

By Chris Laszcz-Davis, Board Member, NIOSH BSC

NIOSH Board of Scientific Counsellors—What Is It? The NIOSH Board of Scientific Counsellors (BSC) is a federal advisory committee established by NIOSH to provide advice and guidance to the Director of NIOSH. The primary activity of the Committee is to provide advice on NIOSH's occupational safety and health research and prevention programs. The BSC also advises on standards of scientific excellence, current needs in the field of occupational safety and health, and the applicability and dissemination of research findings. Board membership (a total of 15 nationally) in the BSC is governed by the rules of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in terms of geographic, ethnic, gender, and stakeholder diversity. The focus of the NIOSH BSC is solely on NIOSH research and programs. Chris Laszcz-Davis, former CIHC president, was appointed to the BSC in 2016.

Recent Highlights—September 26, 2017 Meeting, Washington DC: The meeting agenda included a host of presenters, including, amongst others, Chair Dr. Bonnie Rogers, Dr. John Howard, Dr. Susan Moore (stockpiled surgical gowns and respirators), Dawn Castillo (NIOSH's response to increased use and complexity of robotics), Angela Weber (NIOSH Disaster Science Responder Research Program), and Jennifer Hornsby-Myers (Fentanyl Exposures to Emergency responders).

Some Highlights of NIOSH activities include the following:

- NIOSH is supporting the federal government's response to both Hurricane Harvey and Irma by staffing the CDC Occupational Health Task Force, coordinating with OSHA, responding to requests for information from stakeholders, and pushing worker safety & health messaging through their normal communication channels. NIOSH has deployed 13 staff members to support the federal government's response.

- NIOSH is a partner in work on the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA). The new publication, [National Occupational Research Agenda, Second Decade in Review: 2006-2016](#), is a report on the activities, effectiveness, outcomes and impacts of a decade of NORA work by NIOSH and many others.

- A report was published in the July 2017 [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) documenting U.S. Silicosis deaths among young adults.

- The Surveillance Branch completed the spirometry training video [Learning Curves: Technical Procedures for Spirometry Training in Occupational Settings](#).

- NIOSH released two new health hazard evaluation reports—[vape shops](#) and [cannabis farming](#). Identified were potential exposures that place employees at risk.

- The NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods published a new guidance chapter titled [Analysis of Carbon Nanotubes and Nanofibers on Mixed Cellulose Ester Fibers by Transmission Electron Microscopy](#).

- The next [National Occupational Injury Research Symposium \(NOIRS\)](#) will take place October 16-18, 2018 in Morgantown, West Virginia.

- The Division of Safety Research celebrated its 40th anniversary on June 14, 2017. See the NIOSH Science blog, [40 Years of Safety Research](#).

- NIOSH is conducting a cross-Institute research effort on workplace exposures to peracetic acid.

- AIHA, through its partnership with NIOSH, is using [Safety Matters](#), a joint NIOSH-AIHA program to raise awareness among young people about workplace safety & health. As part of this effort, AIHA was contacted by the Office of Research Services, National Institute of Health stating their interest in having Safety Matters delivered by the USPHS

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Commissioned Corps Environmental Health Officer's as part of the Surgeon General national Prevention Strategy -Prevention through Active Community Engagement Program.

- NIOSH research results in changes to industry standard test methods for PPE. This impacts both the **Standard Test Method for Resistance of Materials used in Protective Clothing to Penetration by Synthetic Blood (ASTM)** and the **Standard Test Method for Resistance of Medical Face Masks to Penetration by Synthetic Blood (ASTM)**.

News from Local Sections

[Northern California Section](#)

Announcing the **2017 AIHA-NCS Symposium - Dangers on the Horizon - Are We Ready?** November 2, 2017, South San Francisco Conference Center. Speakers & Topics included: **Public Health & Medical Response to a Nuclear Detonation** by John F. Koener, MPH, CIH, US Department of Health & Human Services; **An Introduction to Weapons of Mass Destruction** by Todd Paintedosi, Federal Bureau of Investigation, WMD Coordinator, Special Agent; **Overview of Laboratory Chemical Response Network (LRN-C) in California: Its Activation and Testing** by Sauda Yerabati, California Department of Public Health; **Sampling and Analysis for Emerging Infectious Agents** by Suzanne Blevins, B.S., SM (ASCP), Aerobiology; **NCRIC Terrorism Awareness** by George Karawanny, Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC); **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Planning** by Lisa Pelletier, CEM, Stanford University, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity Officer. Click [here](#) for Registration & Further Information.

[San Diego Section](#)

November 2017: Hot Topics Event entitled: *"Myth Busters: Chemical Exposure Can Damage Your Hearing"*, Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 7:30 - 9:00 am, Admiral Baker Clubhouse; 2400 Admiral Baker Rd. San Diego, CA 92120, 1.5 Contact Hours for IH and EHS Professional.

December 2017: AIHA Ethics Webinar Course at the SDG&E Energy Innovation Center San Diego, date TBD, 2 - 4 pm, 2 contact hours (ABIH approved training)

For more information please send an email to SDAIHA@gmail.com

News: On Friday, September 15th, San Diego AIHA hosted its 2017 Professional Development Symposium entitled, "Let's Get Physical: Exploring Physical Hazards in the Workplace, at the SDG&E Energy Innovation Center in San Diego, CA. The blend-

ed symposium included both virtual presenters from AIHce 2017 Seattle and local presenters discussing industry best practice for noise, radiation, and whole body/hand vibration. The agenda included: **"Nanomaterials: Testing and Regulatory Overview"** by Adrienne Black, Ph.D., DABT, Regulatory Authoring Analyst/Toxicologist Hans Plugge, Senior Toxicologist, 3E Company; **"Noise Exposure Among Workers Utilizing Two-Way Radios"** by Lynn Gilbertson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI; **"Hearing Loss from Metal, Solvents, and Noise"** by LCDR Cody Schaal, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, CHMM Director, MSPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics, United States Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD; **"A Medical Epidemiology Perspective on Whole Body Vibration Issues"** by Frederick Fung, MD, Sharp Hospital, San Diego, CA; **"Whole Body and Hand-Arm Vibration Instrumentation and Measurements"** by Lt. Andrew H. Jiang, MSC, MPH, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, San Diego, CA; **"Workplace Radiation Hazards and Best Practices"** by Ron Yonemitsu, Senior Health Physicist, County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health Radiological Health.

[Sacramento Valley Section](#) submitted by David Payette, CIH, CSP

Sacramento Valley Section had a social event scheduled for September 27 at a microbrewery in Sacramento. Our annual joint summit with the Sacramento Chapter of ASSE was on October 3.

[Southern California Section](#) Look for upcoming events on our webpage.

[Orange County Section](#) Look for upcoming events on our webpage.

Notes from National AIHA

November 1: [AIHF Scholarship](#) online application opens

November 2-4: [Product Stewardship 2017](#)

Call for Nominations: 2018 Fellows Award Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious **2018 Fellows Award**. Each AIHA Local Section, Volunteer Group, Special Interest Group, or another formal AIHA entity may nominate one individual. The deadline to submit a nomination is **December 31, 2017**.

Call for Nominations: AIHA Named Awards Being a recipient of an [AIHA Named Award](#) is a highly regarded honor. Recipients serve as a powerful and positive example to those aspiring to reach the next pinnacle in their career through their contributions and service to the profession, the practice of industrial hygiene, and the Association. The deadline to submit a nomination is **December 5, 2017**.

AIHA Government Relations Working Group Interested in [taking an active role](#) with policymakers at all levels of government to advance AIHA's Mission and Vision? For more information, contact [Mark Ames](#).

#IAMIH Leadership Challenge The #IAMIH Leadership Challenge is still on! Running through 2017, this challenge is designed to help you promote the profession within your community, connect with your peers, and grow your network by getting to know new IH/OH professionals in this venerable career path. For more information on how you can help your region and section rise up the ranks and take the win, check out the [#IAMIH webpage](#).

5th Cal/OSHA HEAC Meeting

December 12, 2017

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Harris State Building 1515 Clay St., 13th floor, Room 1304, Oakland, CA

This 5th HEAC meeting is an open public forum to be attended by HEAC members along with any affected stakeholders or interested parties. The agenda and related handouts will be posted prior to meeting and the following substances are planned for discussion:

- [Aluminum](#)
- [Peracetic acid](#)
- [Hydrogen sulfide](#)
- [2-butoxyethyl acetate](#) and 2-butoxyethanol
- [Manganese](#)
- Methyl isobutyl ketone

Click here for more details: [HEAC Agenda](#)

News from the State Capitol

by Catherine Barankin, CIHC Legislative Advocate

The Legislature adjourned for the first half of the 2017-2018 session on September 15th, meeting into the wee hours of the morning to finish taking final floor action on hundreds of bills. The Governor had until October 15th to sign, veto or allow bills to become law without his signature.

Members are now back in their districts where they will spend the next two months meeting with constituents and attending local events. As I'm sure you've noticed by reading the news, those interested in run-

ning for statewide office have already started campaigning and raising money. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, a democrat, told a room full of us that he is about to make a decision about his intention of running for Governor, which could give Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, the current leader according to polls, some real competition. It remains to be seen just how many more candidates we see jump into this race, while Governor Brown is planning for his retirement next year.

This session CIHC reviewed hundreds of bills, and monitored around 50 of those. Sixteen of the bills on our radar have gone to the Governor for action. A final Legisla-

tive Report, which has been cut down to reflect only the bills that have gone to the Governor is below for your review. Each of these bills were assigned to CIHC board members who reviewed and monitored the actions taken, changes to language (amendments) and advised the board about a possible change of position or other actions needed.

When the Legislature reconvenes in January, the bill introduction process will begin again, and the board will be reviewing new bills in early March. If you would like to be a resource person on a particular topic, please let your CIHC board representative know of your interest.

California Industrial Hygiene Council Legislative Report

AB 55 AUTHOR: Thurmond [D]

TITLE: Hazardous Materials Management: Stationary Sources. Requires a worker to have completed at least a certain number of hours of an approved advanced safety training to qualify as a skilled journeyperson for the purposes of being contracted to perform work at a stationary source. Provides that the redacted copy of a contract for work at a stationary source is a public record and specifies that the unredacted copy is not a public record.

AB 245 AUTHOR: Quirk [D]

TITLE: Hazardous Waste: Enforcement Amends existing law which permits the DTSC or a unified program agency, to enforce the Hazardous Waste Control Law and to issue an order that requires a violation to be corrected. Increases administrative and civil penalties for violation of issued orders.

AB 246 AUTHOR: Santiago [D]

TITLE: Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Amends the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act which authorizes the Governor to certify projects that are certified as LEED silver or better, achieve a certain standard for transportation efficiency, and creates high wage, highly skilled jobs. Increases the certification of the project to LEED gold or better. Increases the transportation efficiency standard. Requires compliance with commercial and organic waste recycling. Requires judicial review.

AB 247 AUTHOR: Garcia [D]

TITLE: Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning: Task Force Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to convene a Lead Advisory Task Force to review and advise regarding policies and procedures to reduce childhood lead poisoning in the state. Requires the Task Force to publish on the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Internet Web site a recommended regulatory agenda that would identify sources of lead and ensure that regulatory standards are protective of health in the state.

AB 402 AUTHOR: Thurmond [D]

TITLE: Occupational Safety and Health Standards: Plume Requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to convene an advisory committee to develop a regulation that requires a health facility to evacuate or remove plume through the use of a plume scavenging system in all settings that employ techniques that involve the creation of plume and would authorize certain entities and people to be on the advisory committee, including, practicing physicians and surgeons from affected specialties.

AB 474 AUTHOR: Garcia E [D]

TITLE: Hazardous Waste: Spent Brine Solutions Exempts spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater to meet California drinking water standards from Hazardous Waste Control Law requirements if certain conditions are met. Requests

surface impoundments used for the treatment of spent brine solutions to maintain financial assurances consistent with requirements of the Hazardous Waste Control Law.

AB 978 AUTHOR: Limon [D]

TITLE: Employment Safety: Injury and Illness Prevention Requires an employer who receives a written request for a paper or electronic copy of the written injury prevention program from a current employee, or his or her authorized representative, to comply with the request as soon as practicable. Requires the employer to provide the copy of the written injury prevention program.

AB 1029 AUTHOR: Weber [D]

TITLE: Comprehensive School Safety Plans Requires a specified comprehensive school safety plan to be aligned with the school climate state priority and the local control and accountability plan. Adds to the list of members on the school safety planning committee one or more individuals with expertise in the social-emotional health of children and youth. Requires comprehensive school safety plans to include certain guidelines and strategies and adds community schools among a plan's priorities.

AB 1120 AUTHOR: Cooper [D]

TITLE: Controlled Substances: Butane Requires a person or entity that sells any quantity of nonodorized butane to record specified information about the transaction, including the identity of the customer and to maintain that information for a certain period of time. Requires the Department of Justice to create a database of butane purchases. Makes it unlawful to sell more than a certain amount of nonodorized butane to any one customer in a certain period. Authorizes a civil penalty for violation.

AB 1179 AUTHOR: Kalra [D]

TITLE: Hazardous Waste Facilities: Inspections Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations establishing inspection frequencies for permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities, hazardous waste generators, and hazardous waste transporters. Requires the inspection frequency for a hazardous waste land disposal facility and any other permitted hazardous waste treatment to be no less than a certain frequency.

AB 1197 AUTHOR: Limon [D]

TITLE: Oil Spill Contingency Plans: Spill Management Amends Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, which requires owners or operators of specified facilities and owners or operators of vessels to prepare and implement an oil spill contingency plan. Authorizes a spill management team to apply for a classification of that SMT's response capabilities. Requires the establishment of levels for classifying a SMT based on a SMT's capacity to respond to spills and manage spills effectively.

AB 1316 AUTHOR: Quirk [D]

TITLE: Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning: Prevention Changes the definition of lead poisoning to include concentrations of lead in arterial or cord blood. Requires that regulations establishing a standard of care include the determination of risk factors for whether a child is at risk for lead poisoning. Requires a report to be prepared and posted on an Internet Web site that evaluates progress in identifying risk factors. Adds screening for blood lead levels in children who are at risk for lead poisoning to benefits covered by group disability insurers.

AB 1583 AUTHOR: Chau [D]

TITLE: Proposition 65: Enforcement: Certificate of Merit Relates to actions for violations of the warning requirement of Proposition 65. Requires the Attorney General to serve a letter to the noticing party and the alleged violator stating the Attorney General believes there is not merit to the action, if there is no merit to the action after reviewing the factual information sufficient to establish the basis for the certificate of merit. Requires informational materials relating to a business's obligation under Proposition 65 be posted on the agency website.

AB 1646 AUTHOR: Muratsuchi [D]

TITLE: Hazardous Materials: Unified Program Agency: Alerting Requires each local implementing agency to develop an integrated alerting and notification system, in coordination with local emergency management agencies, unified program agencies, local first response agencies, petroleum refineries, and the public. Requires the Office of Emergency Services to develop a model memorandum of understanding between adjacent jurisdictions for integration of alerting and notification systems that will operate across jurisdictional boundaries. Requires documentation in the plan.

AB 1649 AUTHOR: Muratsuchi [D]

TITLE: Oil Refineries: Public Safety Provides for the California Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with specified federal, state, and local agencies, to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries and to strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery incident. Requires coordination among those agencies to protect the public, fence line communities, and refinery workers from risks associated with refinery operations throughout the state.

SB 258 AUTHOR: Lara [D]

TITLE: Cleaning Product Right to Know Act of 2017 Requires a manufacturer of a designated product sold in the state to disclose on the product label and on the product's Internet Web site information related to chemicals contained in the designated product. Authorizes a manufacturer to protect certain chemicals from disclosure by use of a generic name. Prohibits the sale in the state of a designated product that does not satisfy these requirements. Requires an employer to make a safety data sheet accessible to employees.