

Comments for the Public Meeting during the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board meeting on March 21, 2019 in Pasadena, CA by Pamela Murcell, MS, CIH, President, California Industrial Hygiene Council

Greetings

Chairman Thomas, Board members and staff, Division Staff: My name is Pamela Murcell. I'm here today representing the California Industrial Hygiene Council and I'm the current president of CIHC.

About CIHC

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) was founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in the California State Capitol for the industrial hygiene profession. Since that time, the CIHC has become a primary advocate and resource for many activities that affect our profession.

CIHC is supported by the five local sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) within California. The local sections consist of Northern California, Orange County, Sacramento Valley, San Diego, and Southern California; each local section has 3 representatives that make up the CIHC Board.

RE: Petition 573

Our primary input at today's public meeting is to go on record in support of the proposed decision for Petition 573 that is on today's agenda for Board consideration. Additionally,, we are requesting that the CIHC be included as a stakeholder in any and all advisory committees that will be convened if the Board votes to grant the proposed decision.

RE: Petition 572

We would also like to thank the Board staff and Division staff for their evaluations of Petition 572 regarding request for revisions to the Injury and Illness Prevention regulations. We realize the evaluation process is still ongoing, but the CIHC looks forward to the Board's consideration of our petition.

Lastly, RE: 2019 Legislative Session Bills

CIHC is aware that the Cal/OSHA program has its own mechanism for tracking and evaluating proposed bills. CIHC is currently tracking numerous bills from this legislative session. We would like to highlight several of particular interest:

AB35 re: blood level reporting; AB457 re: lead exposure levels; AB1124 re: wildfire smoke; AB1804 re: occupational injury & illness reporting of fatalities & serious injuries; and AB1805 re: definitions of serious injury or illness.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board.