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FPCA President Letter

Dear Current and Future FPCA Members,

I hope your summer is going wonderful, and you are perhaps enjoying some rest and relaxation, along with family time and vacations. Summer in Florida is a special time. Hot and humid...but we're used to that!

It seems our product shortages for our industry may finally be abating. Of course, we maintain a watchful eye, but for now it seems "business as usual" is progressing. This is typically a slower season, of course, so it's a good time to re-evaluate product mixes, pricing, and new formulations. Especially with the ongoing building boom in Florida, there is always something new and exciting going on, and our members are great at staying at the forefront of it.

Speaking of exciting, we are getting ready to start the planning of our next FPCA Longboat Key meeting. Speakers are being formalized, and we should be sending out a notice soon. In the meantime, please reserve September 22nd thru 24th on your calendars. We want to see you all there! It is such a beautiful place, and the rates we have secured through our FPCA contacts (thank you, Raj) make it a bargain you cannot afford to miss. Be sure to bring your families...it is a special time.

We do have some sad news. Eddie Saxon, our past President, and board member, passed away on May 29th. He was a much-loved member of the FPCA, and a tireless advocate of our industry. He was devoted to his family, and his faith, and he will be greatly missed. I was always so grateful for his help and guidance as I went through the chairs of the FPCA. He was in our industry for over 20 years, and leaves behind a stellar record of being an honest and humble salesman. He will be greatly missed.

Have a blessed month and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Regards,
Allison Lyman Rich
FPCA President



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PHMSA Proposes Rule to Harmonize International Regulations

- June 27, 2023
- Government Affairs
- Contact: Rhett Cash

Last month, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a [notice of proposed rulemaking to harmonize the federal Hazardous Materials Regulations \(HMR\) with international standards](#). According to the NPRM, PHMSA proposes to amend certain sections of the HMR to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards by adopting various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements.

PHMSA is accepting comments on its proposal through **July 30, 2023**.

Among the proposals, PHMSA is seeking the following:

- Amendments to the Hazardous Materials Table (HMT) to add, revise, or remove certain proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, bulk packaging requirements, and small aircraft max quantity limits;
- Removal of the phaseout date from the transport provisions for polymerizing substances to allow for continued use of the provisions for these Division 4.1 (flammable solid) entries; and
- Addition of a new entry to the HMT for "UN3550 Cobalt dihydroxide powder, *containing not less than 10% respirable particles*" and its corresponding packaging provisions.

According to PHMSA, its proposed amendments are expected to maintain the HMR's high safety standard for the public and the environment. PHMSA also anticipates additional safety benefits to be derived from improved compliance related to consistency amongst domestic and international regulations.

ACA will coordinate any comments on the proposal through its Transport Committee.



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Public Speaking

Since most people have a fear of public speaking, how do you get better at talking to a group of people?

1. **Know your topic.** Practice giving your talk to your mirror or someone you know who will give you good advice.
2. **Know who you are talking to.** Does your audience understand what you are talking about? Learn as much as possible about your audience so that you aren't boring your listeners or sharing information, they have no concept of.
3. **Create a storyline.** Tell them what you are going to tell them. Tell them. Tell them what you told them. Create a step-by-step approach and try to get your audience interested early in your talk.
4. **Look for tuned out listeners.** This is a good time to ask a question that your audience will have trouble answering. It creates a higher level of interest.
5. **Be yourself.** Your audience will accept all your quirks and mannerisms if they think they are genuine. The feeling of rapport will reduce any nervous tendencies you might have while giving your talk.
6. **Create a thorough outline to prevent you from reading word by word.** A list of key topics should give you enough information to allow you to avoid losing contact with your audience.
7. **Think about non-verbal communication.** Are you distracting your audience with non-verbal cues? Pay attention to your body language.
8. **Startle your listeners.** Grab attention with a funny story or a personal reference to your talk.
9. **Create a memorable ending.** Human nature dictates most people will remember your final words more than anything else. Give them something that will create some discussion.
10. **An important takeaway.** Remember that most people in your audience would not want to be in your shoes giving a talk. So... relax and enjoy the public speaking process. The more you do it the better speaker you will become.



6/30/23

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that added so much to the Memorial Service. We know Eddie had many friends in the Assoc, & he & Susan talked often about the good times they had at the meetings. Thank you for your love & support for him & his family.

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Beware of ‘Frankenstein chemicals’ in the water

BY F.D. FLAM
Bloomberg

Working to establish a big-picture view of the safety of our drinking water, Susan Richardson, a former EPA chemist now at the University of South Carolina, has been using an instrument that can measure the relative abundance of different kinds of chemical contaminants. She’s been following the so-called “forever chemicals” (polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS) for 30 years, but she’s come to realize that for most of us, these likely pose a minor threat compared to something else — the chemicals that form spontaneously as a byproduct of water disinfection.

In most areas, the concentration of these disinfection byproducts (DBPs) is 1,000 times greater than the forever chemicals. And the toxicity of the DBPs is worse. Richardson thinks disinfection byproducts are getting less attention from the public, and from the EPA, because “forever chemicals” is such an attention-grabbing name. She suggested we call DBPs “everyday chemicals,” but that label doesn’t quite have the same ominous sound. Maybe “Frankenstein chemicals” would grab more attention — and underline that these compounds are made up of a scary hodgepodge of different pieces. She worries that new EPA regulations on PFAS could be focusing limited resources on them when other contaminants are being ignored.

Many of us have gotten used to that chlorine smell from our taps. But we don’t have to accept chemicals in our water to ensure it’s free of disease-causing parasites, bacteria and algae. There are many ways to disinfect water — chlorinating, ozonating, chlorine dioxide, UV — and some are more prone to creating dangerous byproducts. Filtration using activated carbon can catch disinfection byproducts and forever chemicals, but it’s expensive and should be deployed where it’s needed most. People can pay for filters at home, but that’s unfair to the many people who can’t afford it.

It’s been hard, until recently, to get a big-picture comparison of different kinds of chemical contaminants because there are hundreds of compounds that fall into the category of DBPs and PFAS. The specific disinfection byproducts in your community depend not just on how municipal water is disinfected, but on how much natural organic matter and salt is in the source water. Right now, there are about 700 compounds known to be formed from disinfection, but only 11 are regulated. And those aren’t the most dangerous, said Richardson. Toxicology and epidemiological studies can’t connect any individual cancer case to chemical pollution — but they suggest some fraction of people with cancer would not have gotten sick if not for DBPs in water.

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