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OEHS Professionals Help Update 2006 CIH and CAIH Certification Exams

LANSING, MI, March 29, 2006 – An eight-member panel of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals was instrumental in an evaluation of the scope of the industrial hygiene profession in preparation for this year's Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist (CAIH) examinations.

The eight professionals were appointed in 2005 to the Role Delineation Task Analysis (RDTA) Panel by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH), which worked closely with the testing company Castle Worldwide to conduct the evaluation.

The panel identified the domains, tasks, knowledge, and skills essential to the performance of a Certified Industrial Hygienist and a Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist.

The recommendations of the panel were then reviewed by a representative sample of professionals in the comprehensive practice of industrial hygiene to validate the findings.

The RDTA Panel represents a variety of practice settings, geographic regions, educational levels, and years of experience. Panelists included:

- Randy Bentley, CIH, Boeing Company
- Craig Cornell, CAIH, Marine Spill Response Corporation
- David DeCamp, CIH, U.S. Air Force
- Alice Greife, PhD, CIH, Central Missouri State University
- Doug Linman, CAIH, Golder Associates Ltd.

- Jeff Johnston, CSP, Eastman Chemical Company
- Jennifer Stoneman, CIH, Resource Environmental Associates
- Bonnie Weeks, CIH, Genzyme Corporation

“ABIH owes a debt of gratitude to these dedicated professionals who have taken on this important responsibility in addition to their regular jobs,” said ABIH Executive Director Lynn O’Donnell, CIH. “Their work has helped create the blueprint for the CIH and CAIH exams that will be given this year.”

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The American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) is the certifying organization for Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) and Certified Associate Industrial Hygienists (CAIHs). Earning the CIH and CAIH requires that candidates meet rigorous education and experience requirements, pass an examination, and recertify every five years by fulfilling continuing education requirements. More than 6,500 industrial hygienists currently hold the CIH designation.