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# **Scott Merkle Elected Chair of American Board of Industrial Hygiene**

## ***Leads New Slate of ABIH Directors***

LANSING, MI, January 15, 2008 – Scott E. Merkle, CIH, Chief, Health and Safety Branch at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, has been elected chair of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH). He has served on the Board since March 2006 and has an MS in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Pittsburgh.

ABIH is the certifying organization for Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs).

Merkle will lead a slate of ABIH directors that includes a new Public Member, three new CIH directors, and six members who will continue their service. The new board will be officially installed in March 2008.

The new Public Member is Lawrence P. Postol, JD, who is a partner in the Washington, DC office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. Postol has a BS in Engineering Physics, with honors, from Cornell University in addition to his JD, cum laude, from Cornell Law School.

The three new CIH board members include:

- Eric Bauer, CIH, Director, Health, Safety & Environment for Terex Corporation of Westport, Connecticut. He has an MS in Preventive Medicine & Environmental Health from the University of Iowa. Bauer has experience in the aerospace, university/healthcare, and construction equipment manufacturing industries.
- J. Torey Nalbone, PhD, CIH, an Associate Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department of the University of Texas at Tyler. He has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary/Health Protection Engineering

from Texas A&M University. Nalbone has just completed his term of office as Secretary/Treasurer on the Academy of Industrial Hygiene.

- Jeff V. Throckmorton, CIH, the Senior Staff Industrial Hygienist for the University of Utah in Salt Lake, Utah as well as President of Health & Safety Services, a private consulting firm. He has a BES in Chemical Engineering from Brigham Young University and is currently enrolled in a Master of Science in Public Health program at the University of Utah. Throckmorton recently served on the Board of Directors of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

Each will serve a four-year term. The six members continuing in their current roles as directors include:

- Janice Camp, CIH, COHN-S, of the University of Washington
- Kent Candee, CIH, of EMC Insurance Companies
- John Henshaw, CIH, of Henshaw and Associates, Inc.,
- Nancy McClellan, CIH, CHMM, of Business Health Systems
- Lisa Quiggle, CAIH, of Michigan State University
- Mario Vasquez, CIH, of Bechtel Nevada

Three Board members have completed their service and will rotate off the Board in March 2008. They include;

- Wilfrid "Buck" Cameron, CIH, of the Center to Protect Workers' Rights
- Barbara J. Dawson, CIH, CSP, of E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company
- Peter Lees, PhD, CIH, of Johns Hopkins University

"The occupational safety, health and environmental professions play a vital role in our society by protecting workers and the public from multiple hazards they confront in their everyday lives," Merkle said. "I am humbled by the accomplishments of the ABIH and enthusiastically look forward to the coming year. The ABIH Board represents an amazing breadth of knowledge, experience and dedication. This year's Board is poised

to make great strides in sustaining and enhancing the value of industrial hygiene and the CIH credential.”

ABIH administers the CIH program. Earning the CIH 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.

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