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AIHA[®] Supports ANSI World Standards Week *U.S. Events held October 11–14, 2011 in DC*

FAIRFAX, VA (September 15, 2011) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association[®] (AIHA) supports the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) World Standards Week (WSW) 2011, held in Washington, DC on October 11 – 14. AIHA serves as the secretariat for three occupational safety and health related ANSI standards: ANSI/AIHA ASC Z9 Health and Safety Standards for Industrial Ventilation Systems; ANSI/AIHA ASC Z88 Respiratory Protection Standards; and ANSI/AIHA ASC Z10 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems Standard. As a Secretariat and a Standard Developing Organization (SDO), AIHA shares the dedication to the global recognition of standardization and the critical role it plays in all aspects of commerce and everyday life.

The focus of this year's program is the importance of transatlantic partnerships in the standardization and compliance industry. These interactive partnerships develop a network where open dialogue generates the sharing of best practices. A joint conference will be held at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 12 to highlight the benefits of the European Standards Organizations (ESOs) and ANSI partnership.

The program for WSW will also include the 2011 ANSI Annual Awards Banquet and Ceremony which will pay tribute to individuals who contribute to and participate in voluntary standards-setting and conformity assessment activities. Also included in the program, WSW will host to the ANSI member forum meetings and the Annual Business Meeting Luncheon, addressing strategic business issues facing the standards and conformance community and U.S. industry as a whole. Additionally, the ANSI Legal Issues Forum will examine legal and policy issues that may arise when patented technologies are included in voluntary consensus standards.

This year, the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day (WSD) – Advancing Safety and Sustainability Standards Worldwide – will recognize the crucial role of standards, codes, and conformity assessment in assuring the health and safety of people and the environment, today and for future generations. The week's program will close on October 14 with the World Standards Day exhibition on Capitol Hill.

The full schedule of events and registration details are available at www.ansi.org/wsweek.

Founded in 1939, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is the premier association of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals. AIHA's 10,077 members play a crucial role on the front line of worker health and safety every day. Members represent a cross-section of industry, private business, labor, government and academia.