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## TSCA TASK FORCE

Presentation for EPA TSCA Workshop May 14 to 16, 2024

## TF OBJECTIVES (SEE CHARTER)

- 1. Serve in a strategic oversight capacity that helps direct, prioritize, and **coordinate** AIHA activities.
- 2. Build closer **relationships** with diverse organizations and stakeholders to help AIHA amplify and broaden support networks.
- 3. Provide messaging through the IH Professional Community to **educate** on the fundamentals of how occupational exposure and risk assessments are conducted.

# TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

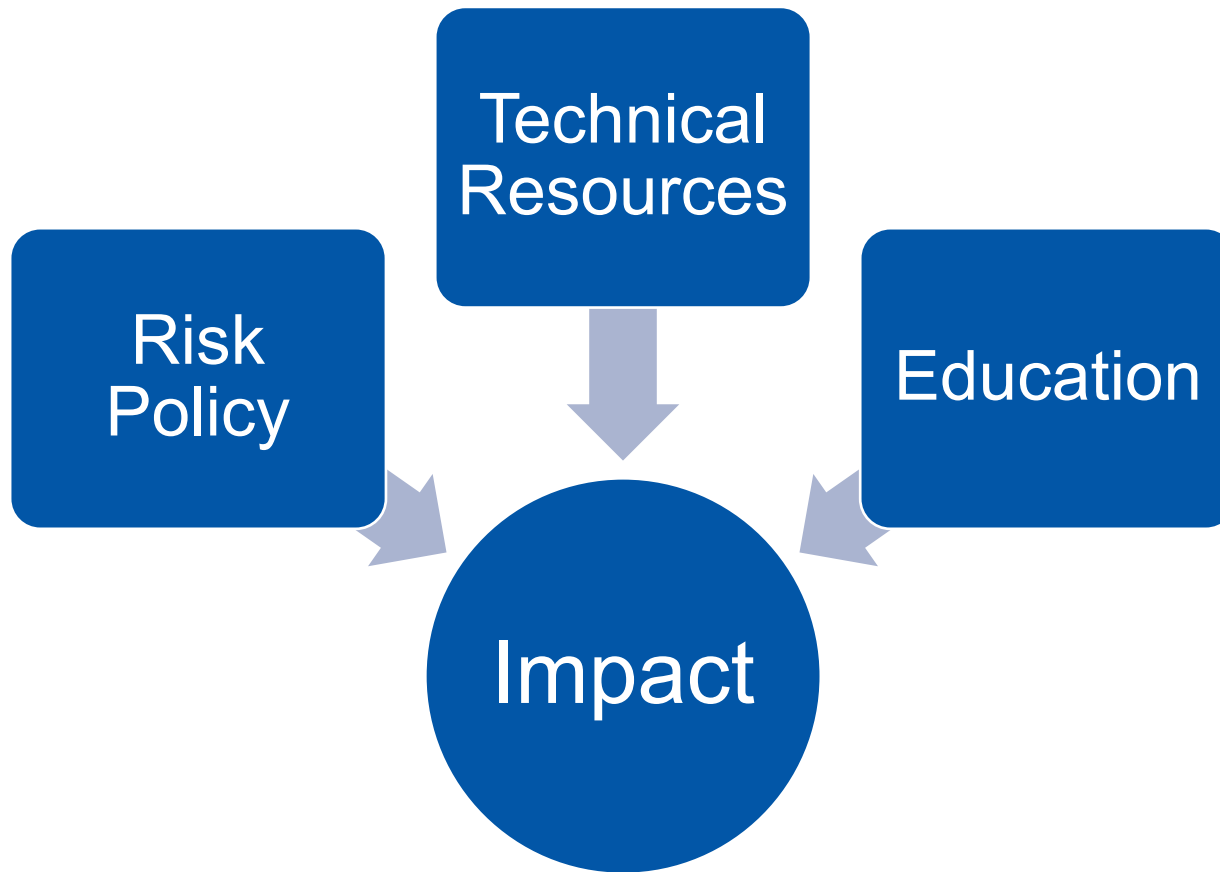
- Open to AIHA Members and Nonmembers
- Full group meets monthly – but working subgroups also meet
- Approximately 50 members
- Excellent involvement of our diverse community of practice
  - Academics
  - Consultants
  - Federal agency scientists
  - Industry sectors
  - NGO scientists
  - Organized labor
- Interested in Joining? Please reach out!

# MONTHLY REPORTS ON KEY ACTIVITIES

## Government Affairs (Mark Ames report)

- AIHA comments on proposed rules
  - Procedures for chemical risk evaluation under TSCA
  - Submission requests of unpublished H&S data under TSCA
  - EPA's draft risk evaluation and risk management rules
- Education/Outreach
  - *AIHA-FCRI Many Paths One Goal Workshops – content on-line and manuscript in preparation*
  - *EPA workshop on Occupational Scenarios May 14-16*
  - *ACGIH TSCA Webinar Series – ongoing session April 11*
  - Sessions for 2024 AIHA Connect (May 21, 2024, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM)
  - OEESC conference (<https://www.aiha.org/our-events/oeesc>)

# IMPORTANT ROLES OF OUR WORKING TEAMS



# ARE WE MAKING IMPACTS?

## Policy Level:

- Directly involved in many dialogs

## Technical Level: Comments have help address methods considerations for TSCA

- Data quality – acceptance of IHLAP to support GLP (maintain capacity)
  - Data annotation – harmonization of sampling data needs (increase utility)
  - Sampling methods – use of modified sampling methods (lower LOQ)
  - Reliance on SEG concept and representative sampling (facilitate efficiency)
  - Dermal exposure assessment tools and research (refine methods)
- **Seeking actual example from the field: Opportunities and Challenges**

## Education:

- Co-sponsor of numerous education events with stakeholders

# WORK GROUPS - DISCUSSION

- Peer to Peer Work Group (MaryAnn Hoff)
  - Group working on developing key messages alignment
  - Linkage to AIHA “Principles of Good Practice”
  - Action Items for the group:
    - Nomenclature resource
    - Input on key peer group contacts
  
- Technical Best Practices Alignment Work Group (Rich Cropper)
  - Action Items for the group:
    - Review resource tool and provide inputs/ideas
    - Map communication strategies to users of the resources
    - Goal to **ensure all** workplaces have access and implementation of best practices.

## PTP – KEY STATEMENTS

- The TSCA existing chemicals initiative has raised energy around occupational risk assessment.
- We have an opportunity to impact use of IH science as TSCA approaches evolve by promoting the principles of best practice.
- There is extensive expertise and knowledge among various stakeholders and the practice benefits from sharing this knowledge.
- There are areas to continue to work on to reach deeper joint understanding.



# PTP – NOMENCLATURE AND DEFINITIONS

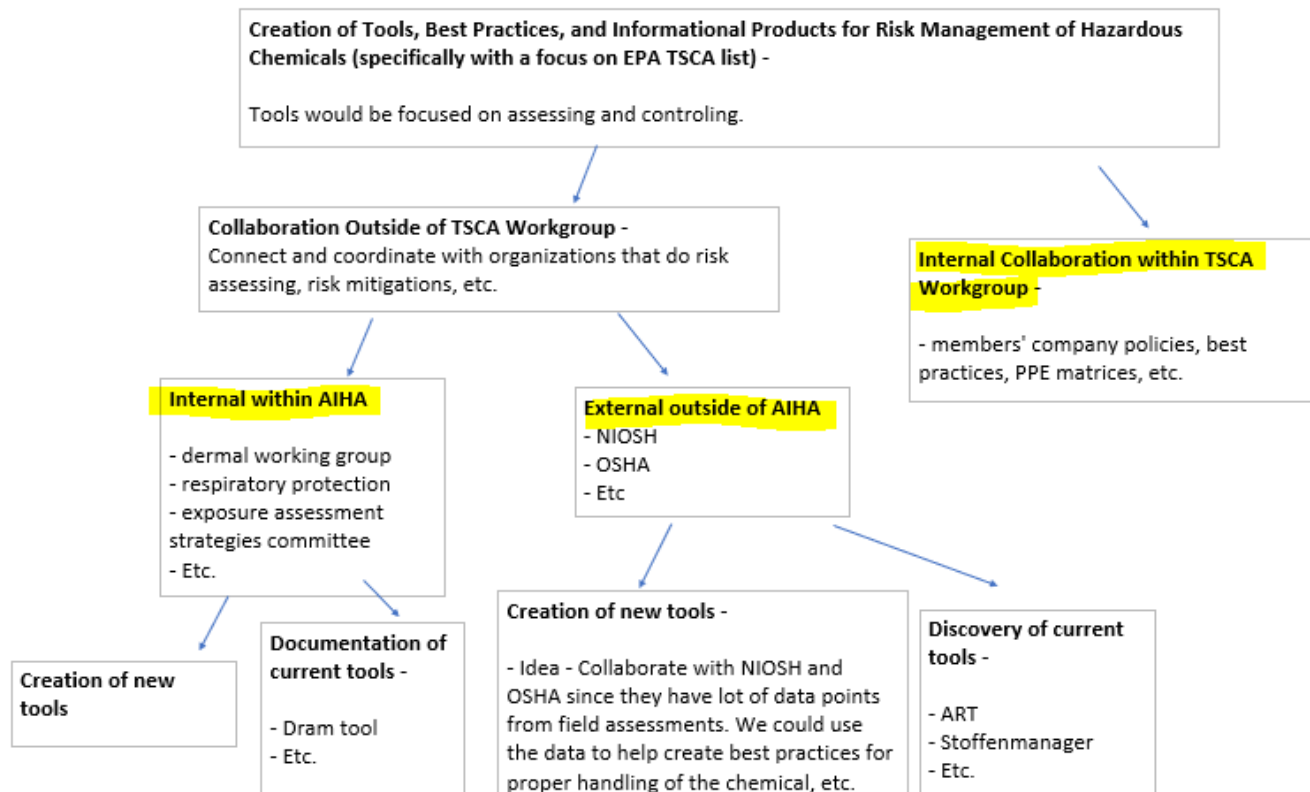
Some terms cause confusion among some stakeholders. Focus on clarity and education. Communicating what is meant by key terms as applied in TSCA rules.

- Unreasonable Risk
- Conditions of Use/ Occupational Exposure Scenario
- Occupational Nonuser
- Representative Site or Exposure
- Routine vs Non-routine Exposure
- Existing Chemical Exposure Limit (ECEL)
- Feasibility of controls
- **Please share other terms or concepts!**

**PTP effort might yield an interpretive glossary and roadmap of topics for stakeholder discussion and alignment**

# TECHNICAL BEST PRACTICES ALIGNMENT WORK GROUP

Where are we finding, sharing, developing, and/or coordinating the development of best practices, tools, models, etc.?



# TF VISION

The TF and work groups can be another excellent resource for EPA and staff to:

- Work together on occupational risk assessment methods issues
- Provide a means to push out information on EPA data needs
- Provide a partner for education of IH professionals on TSCA, occupational risk assessment, and more!

**THANKS EVERYONE!**