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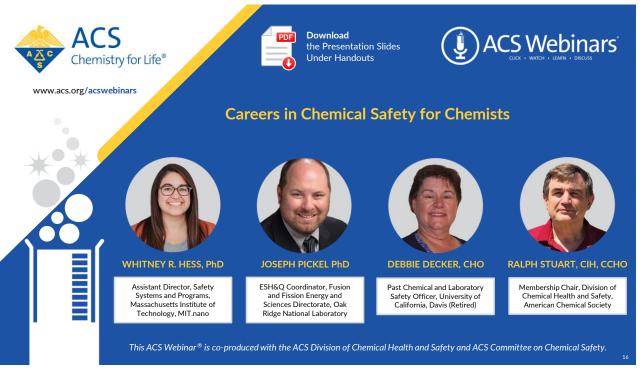
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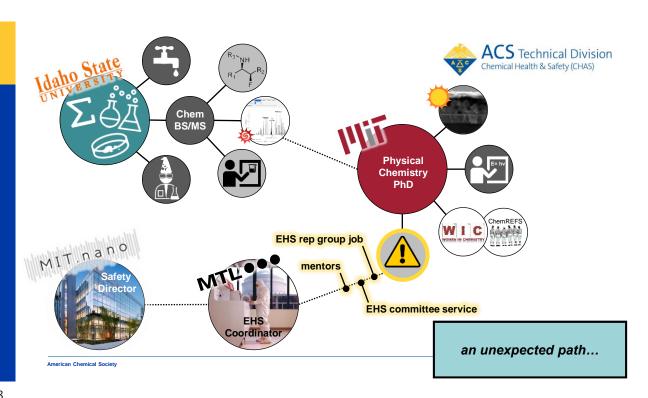


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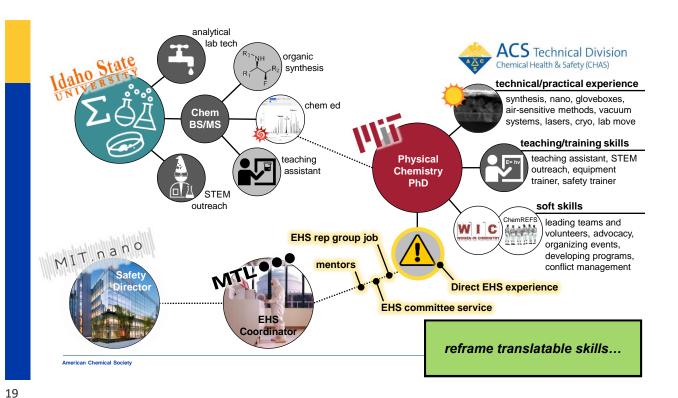
Which of these aspects of laboratory EHS do you feel MOST knowledgeable about?

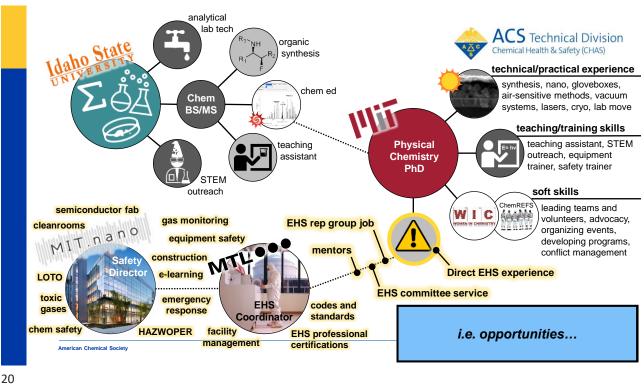
- Where our lab wastes go after they leave the lab
- What will happen in case of an emergency in the lab
- What safety equipment is available to me in the lab and how it is best used and maintained
- What government regulations apply to the work in our laboratory and how we demonstrate compliance with these

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- Be reflective of your whole self when considering your career path.
- Chemistry provides a technical foundation to build upon, so be confident in the unique skills you would bring to an EHS position.
- Continue to foster a scientific mindset in your approach to EHS.

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A few parting thoughts...









Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON THE INTERACTIVE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

Do you feel comfortable discussing EHS concerns with people outside the laboratory?

- Yes, I am confident that I can explain to anyone why my work is safe for myself and for the environment
- Somewhat, I find that people are not easily convinced that laboratories are safe places to work
- No, people who don't work in my lab are not qualified to understand safety aspects of our work

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Career Path



Research







Safety and Operations



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Facilities /

Operations

ES&H (Individual Contributor)

- Laboratory Space Manager
- Chemical Management
- Environmental Protection / Waste
- Nanomaterials!

ES&H and Operations Management

- Division research support
- Directorate level operations support (+ training, facilities, IT)
- Laboratory / Enterprise level program management (hazard analysis, ELN, ...)



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Certifications - what do you need?







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- Chemical Hygiene Officer
- Industrial Hygiene Chemist
- Clinical Chemist / Technologist
- Toxicological Chemists / Technologist
- Environmental Analytical Chemist
- Cannabis Chemist (coming soon)

Balance - Certification / Education / Experience!

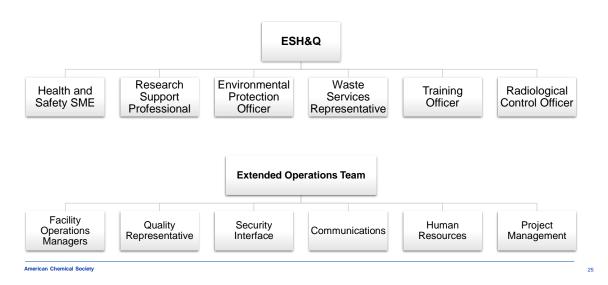
A sampling of courses available:

- CIH / CSP prep courses
- How to be a more effective Chemical Hygiene Officer
- Safety Leadership in the Chemistry Enterprise
- Laboratory Waste Management
- Empowering academic researchers to strengthen safety culture
- Foundations of Chemical Safety and Risk Management (FREE)

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My ESH&Q Team (and where do chemists fit in?)



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Professional Development - Engagement is Key!



- · National involvement through meetings
 - ACS National and Regional Meetings
 - Division of Chemical Health and Safety
 - Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Associate (CSHEMA)
- Local Involvement (cross-disciplinary!)
 - ACS East Tennessee Section
 - Tennessee Valley Section of AIHA
- Organizational/Field Specific
 - Communities of practice / EFCOG
 - Regional APLU, SASEF, ...

- Share Knowledge
 - ACS Journal of Chemical Health and Safety
 - Read
 - PUBLISH!!!
 - List-serv: Division of Chemical Health and Safety (DCHAS-L)
- Continuous Education
 - Safety: move beyond the standard (Reactive chemicals, human performance, ...)
 - Management / Leadership

Get out and see how others run their labs!

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Career Progression



How do skill / qualification requirements change as one progresses from SME/IC to management?

Early Career

- · Narrow(er) focus
- · Expectations to understand other areas are limited
- Fundamental knowledge and capabilities
- Focus on "Hard" Skills

Later Career

- · Broad focus
- Awareness of topics beyond your expertise!
- Interpersonal and collaborative capabilities
- Systems thinking!
- · Focus is on "Soft" Skills

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ANSWER THE QUESTION ON THE INTERACTIVE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

Who is your primary resource for EHS aspects for your laboratory work?

- The manager of my lab understands and shares what I need to know about EHS in the lab
- I have built a productive relationship with the EHS staff in my organization
- I rely on discussions with peers to identify and address EHS issues that arise
- I rely on my chemical intuition to manage EHS concerns

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Career Path - Beginning in Industry

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- **Energetic Materials Chemistry**
- **Quality Assurance**
- Failure Analysis
- Training

Career Path - Transition to Academia





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- Chemical Hygiene Officer
- Industrial Hygienist
- Plan Review Specialist
- Safety Manager
- Subject Matter Expert





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Industry vs. Academia



Q: What is the difference between the role of an EHS professional in industry and academia?

- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Liability





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Different Safety Professional Roles



Q: How do responsibilities differ if you are hired to work as an embedded safety professional within a department vs the EHS team directly?

Campus EH&S team is focused in large part on campuswide policy and initiatives

Embedded safety professionals are focused, primarily, on representing the best interests of their department or unit.





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EH&S Professional



Q: Describe how chemists might move into an EHS professional role. That is, how does a chemistry education relate to:

- * chemical hygiene officer understanding the regulatory framework of the laboratory standard
- * **embedded safety professional** understanding what the scientific needs are and the hazards/risks of those needs
- * industrial hygienist understanding how chemicals can move about in the workspace and migrate into the breathing zone or physical contact with a worker
- * research/lab safety specialist understanding how researchers/scientists do their work and what level of risk workers might be accustomed to
- * hazardous waste management understanding how chemicals behave when in contact with each other and how wastes are generated
- * safety engineer understanding what the scientific needs are and the hazards/risks of those needs
- * leadership/management roles understanding how research gets accomplished

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Where to Start?

Q: What can they start doing while in school to increase their chances of securing a safety-related job?

Make the acquaintance of safety professionals at their institution.

Look for internships or opportunities to volunteer for safety-related projects.

If they're doing research, take on safety duties in their lab.

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Which of these statements best describe your understanding of the professional qualifications of laboratory Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) staff.

- Only EHS professionals can fill the EHS role adequately
- Chemists can fill EHS roles but they are at a disadvantage to credentialed EHS professionals in those situations
- Chemists have an advantage over traditional EHS professionals because they know the science better
- Only chemists can perform EHS work for chemistry research activities adequately
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