



## NEHA News for Affiliate Environmental Health Associations

**NEHA is planning a pre-conference workshop for affiliate officers at the 2017 NEHA AEC in Grand Rapids, Michigan.** Affiliate officers can make plans to attend a pre-conference workshop on Sunday, July 9, 2017 specifically designed to share information and tools that will help affiliate officers manage their associations.

**Affiliate Support - Do You Have an Event You Would Like to Share?** Posting your events on NEHA's online [Community Calendar](#) is very easy, and it is a great way to share your event with environmental health professionals across the country. Just fill out the simple [online form](#) to submit your event for posting consideration.

**Professional Development – NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference Recorded Sessions.** For those unable to attend the NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference, presented by Green & Healthy Homes Initiative in San Antonio, continuing education hours can be earned by viewing the recorded sessions from the conference. View the recorded sessions anytime or any place from your desktop and choose those of interest to you to meet the education requirements you need. Attendees of the conference automatically get FREE access to all recorded sessions to view sessions they may have missed. The sessions are also available to individuals who did not attend the conference. More than 24 hours of continuing education is available for only \$149/member or \$249/nonmember. - See more at: <http://neha.org/aec/recorded-sessions#sthash.hmsrf4wR.dpuf>

**Advocacy - New NEHA Blog Entry: Health Impact Assessment and Environmental Health.** Did you know that we have a blog dedicated to the environmental health professional? NEHA's "A Day in the Life of an EH Professional Blog" is a place to share ideas and cultivate discussion on the work and topics important to the profession. The most recently posted blog, [Health Impact Assessment: A New Way to Look at EH](#), is authored by NEHA's Dr. Sandra Whitehead and discusses a new tool that can help the profession. Check it out and share your thoughts!

**NEHA Praises Proposed Environmental Health Bill Introduced by Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI).** NEHA fully supports proposed landmark legislation, the Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2016, H.R. 5543, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5543>, introduced by Representative Brenda L. Lawrence (D-MI), and co-sponsored by Representatives Conyers (D-MI), and Kildee (D-MI). This bill will ensure that there is a consistent set of guidelines and standards for the training and education of environmental health professionals across the nation.

Currently, only 28 states require a credential for environmental health workers. "Credentialed environmental health practitioners, where they exist, have strong science degrees, routinely partner with the regulated community, and understand cultural sensitivities because they live in the communities in which they serve. These valuable workforce characteristics help ensure a healthy and prosperous society," said David Dyjack, NEHA Executive Director and CEO. "We are thrilled that Reps. Lawrence, Kildee, and Conyers recognize the incredibly important work of environmental health professionals for the health of our nation's citizens. This legislation will save money, save lives, and protect our children's future." Given the diversity and complexity of recent environmental health issues that have been a high priority for public safety – lead contaminated drinking water, food tainted with E. coli, and potential outbreaks of Zika virus, this legislation is a key component to ensuring a highly skilled workforce to find the best solutions and protect future generations of Americans.

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