



# BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

## BGC June 2021 Announcements

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## BGC Award Submissions Deadline: June 15, 2021

The window for submitting nominations for the **ABIH Lifetime Achievement Award** and the **ABIH Impact Award** is closing soon. Submissions must be received by BGC on or before June 15, 2021, to qualify for the 2021 awards.

These awards are designed to recognize the contributions of BGC Diplomates (Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist or Certified Industrial Hygienist) to the practice of occupational and environmental hygiene at different stages of their career. The Impact Award recognizes the contributions of an individual who has been a Diplomat for less than 20 years, whereas the Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes contributions that have culminated over a lifetime of work. Nominees must be a CIH Diplomat of BGC. More information regarding these awards and the submission process can be found at: <http://www.abih.org/abih-awards>.

The window for submitting **James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award** nominations is also closing soon. Submissions must be received by BGC on or before June 15, 2021, to qualify for the 2021 awards.

The prestigious BEAC James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award is conferred by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing to a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor or Certified Process Safety Auditor who has made significant contributions to the environmental, health, and safety audit profession throughout his or her career. The award is given in honor of Jim Ball, an environmental, health, and safety auditor who was a leader in the profession, a tireless volunteer for the board of BEAC (Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications), and a staunch advocate of EHS auditor certifications. More information regarding these awards and the submission process can be found at [James C. Ball Award - Board for Global EHS Credentialing](#).



**The ABIH Impact Award** celebrates those ABIH Diplomates who have made major contributions resulting in a significant positive impact on the practice of occupational and environmental hygiene.

- [Complete Impact Award nomination form](#)
- [Submit Impact Award endorsement form](#) (3 required)



**The ABIH Lynn C. O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award** is the highest honor awarded by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing (BGC®) for exemplary contributions to the practice of occupational and environmental hygiene culminated over a lifetime of work.

- [Complete Lifetime Achievement Award nomination form](#)

- [Submit Lifetime Achievement Award endorsement form](#) (3 required)

The awards will be presented at the BGC Virtual Forum in Fall 2021.

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## Product Stewardship Exam Deadline Approaching

BGC staff is currently accepting applications to sit for **Certified Professional Product Steward (CPPS)** exams, the first of which can be scheduled September 1-30, 2021, at test centers globally. The Candidate Handbook for the CPPS program, which includes the blueprint, examination information, application, and forms, is on the BGC website at

<https://gobgc.org/cpps-main/>. The application fee is \$150, and the deadline for the September exams is July 15, 2021.

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## BGC Board Nomination Deadline



**BGC Is Accepting Self-nominations for the 2022 Board of Directors until June 30, 2021, So Please Apply Now!**

The BGC Board of Directors needs CIHs, QEPs, CPSAs, CPEAs, and CAIHs interested in joining the Board to improve the practice of professionals whose work is based on the science of protecting and enhancing the health and safety of people and the environment. The ideal board candidate should be a strategic thinker who enjoys collaborative engagement with EHS leaders, practitioners, and the public that we serve.

Individuals elected to the board will participate on the board as non-voting members as early as

October 2021 with the term as voting members running from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025. Due to the large number of highly qualified candidates, many individuals are not selected the first time that they apply to the board, so we strongly encourage previously unsuccessful candidates to update their information and reapply!

Please visit our website (<https://gobgc.org/bod/>) to learn more about the board or to submit your nomination form and résumé or curriculum vitae. **All nominations received after June 30<sup>th</sup>** will be automatically included in the pool of applicants for the 2023 board.

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***Are you a CIH<sup>®</sup> who also does Environmental work?  
It's now easier than ever to apply for QEP<sup>®</sup> certification.***

**We have cleared a path for you!**



Industrial hygiene and environmental responsibilities often overlap, including data management, risk and cost/benefit analysis, safety requirements, and community right-to-know. Many CIHs have expanded their practice to include environmental issues with waste, air, and water, as well as environmental quality standards and cross-media impacts of pollution.

*The Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) is an accredited certification, offered under the BGC umbrella, for professionals with experience in air quality, water quality, solid & hazardous waste management, or environmental science, management, and policy.*

**Current CIHs in good standing can apply for the QEP credential using a streamlined process: one reference** that confirms your environmental experience plus the completed application that **details your experience with environmentally related work.**

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## QEP and EPI Exams Relaunched

In more good news, BGC is pleased to announce that the QEP and EPI exams have been relaunched at proctored testing centers which continue to observe health and safety protocols. Approved EPI candidates will pass the GES (General Environmental Science) exam. Specialty exams for the QEP include:

- Air Quality - Pollution Control
- Water Quality - Wastewater Treatment-Water Resources-Supply
- Waste Management - Hazardous & Solid
- Environmental Science, Management, & Policy

For more information on eligibility guidelines, contact [Applications@GoBGC.org](mailto:Applications@GoBGC.org) and add QEP or EPI in your subject line.

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## **Call for Public Comments**

### **Revised Proposed Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Regulations**

The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors will be taking public comment and holding a Public Hearing on the revised proposed Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Regulations. The goal of the regulatory action is to create a new regulation that is consistent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program Final Rule, which is mandated by 2009 Acts of Assembly, Chapter 819.

The comment period begins May 24, 2021, and ends on July 23, 2021. The Public Hearing will be held on July 14, 2021, at the offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. If you wish to comment on the regulations, you may do so via the Public Hearing, in writing via the Town Hall website, or you may submit written comments so that they are received no later than Friday, July 23, 2021, to:

Joseph C. Haughwout, Jr., Regulatory Administrator  
Dept. of Prof. & Occ. Reg.  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400  
Richmond, VA 23233  
(804) 367-2684

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## Welcome to Sherrie!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Sherrie Arnoldy joined the BGC staff as a Project Manager/Technical Writer in June. In addition to having authored several novels, Sherrie has over 25 years of technical writing, editing, and training experience. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Creative and Technical Writing from Adrian College and a Master's Degree in Rhetoric and Composition from Indiana State University.

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## Upcoming Certification Deadlines

Please note the following deadlines for BGC credentialing programs.

- CPPS application deadline for Fall 2021 is July 15, 2021
- CIH application/reapplication deadline for Fall 2021 is August 1, 2021
- CIH application/reapplication deadline for Spring 2022 is February 1, 2022
- CIH CM deadline for the cycle ending June 30, 2021 is August 1, 2021
- CIH CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2021 is February 1, 2022

For CIH and CPPS applicants: all application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline.

Diplomates must pay all fees before the deadline to avoid late charges.

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