



# BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

## BGC June 2021 Update!

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## BGC Award Submission Deadline Extended to June 30, 2021

The deadline for submitting nominations for the **James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award**, **Lynn C. O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award**, **Impact Award** and **QEP Award** has been extended until June 30, 2021. All BGC awards will be presented at the BGC Virtual Forum in Fall 2021.

The **Lynn C. O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award** and **Impact Award** are designed to recognize the contributions of BGC Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) or Certified Associate Industrial Hygienists (CAIHs) to the practice of occupational and environmental health and safety at different stages of their career. The **Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes contributions that have culminated over a lifetime of work, whereas the **Impact Award** recognizes the contributions of an individual who has been a Diplomat for less than 20

years. More information regarding these awards and the submission process can be found at: <http://www.abih.org/abih-awards>.

**Lynn C. O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award:**

- [Complete Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form](#)
- [Submit Lifetime Achievement Award Endorsement Form](#) (3 required)

**Impact Award:**

- [Complete Impact Award Nomination Form](#)
- [Submit Impact Award Endorsement Form](#) (3 required)

The prestigious **James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award** is conferred to a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA) or Certified Process Safety Auditor (CPSA) 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 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](#).



**Now Accepting Nominations for the QEP Award!**

BGC's new **QEP Award** will be conferred to Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEPs), Environmental Professionals in Training (EPIs), or former QEPs in good standing who have made exceptional contributions to the environmental profession or to society at large. [Eligibility Guidelines](#) for submitting practitioner names to nominate for these awards can be found at <https://GoBGC.org/bgc-qep-award>.

One Nomination Form and one Endorsement Form must be submitted for each nominee for a QEP award:

- Submit one [Nomination Form](#) from the nominator
- Submit one [Endorsement Form](#) from an individual knowledgeable about the nominee's work, accomplishments, and character

- Upload on the Nomination Form a CV/resume of the person you are nominating
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## Take the Product Stewardship Exam at Home!

BGC is happy to announce that you can now take the Certified Professional Product Stewardship (CPPS) Exam from the comfort of your own home! BGC offered the first CPPS exams through remote proctoring during the spring 2021 window. Not only does remote proctoring allow examinees to take the exam from home, it also makes the exam more accessible and convenient worldwide, while further minimizing the potential exposure to COVID-19. Of course, testing at exam centers is still available, but it's nice to have the remote proctoring option as well. If this testing approach is successful, BGC will consider expanding it to other credentialing programs.

BGC is accepting applications to sit for the Fall 2021 CPPS exam until July 15, 2021. The *Candidate Handbook*, which includes the blueprint, examination information, application, and forms, is on the BGC website at <https://GoBGC.org/cpps-main>.

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## 2022 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://Go BGC.org/bod/](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® who also does Environmental work?  
It's now easier than ever to apply for QEP® 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. For more information, please contact [applications@GoBGC.org](mailto:applications@GoBGC.org).

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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 global testing centers, which continue to observe health and safety protocols against COVID-19. Approved EPI candidates must sit for 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, please refer to the [BGC website](http://www.ipep.org) (at ipep.org) or contact [Applications@GoBGC.org](mailto:Applications@GoBGC.org) and add QEP or EPI in the subject line.

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## Congratulations to New Auditing Diplomates as CPSA and CPEA Programs Go Online

The BGC is proud to announce the first recipients of the Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA) credential since the CPEA and Certified Process Safety Auditor (CPSA) programs became part of BGC in 2020. The CPEA and CPSA credentials encompass five specialties:

- Environmental Compliance (CPEA-EC)

- Health and Safety (CPEA-HS)
- Management Systems (CPEA-MS)
- Responsible Care® (CPEA-RC)
- Process Safety (CPSA)

Congratulations to all of you on this memorable achievement!

**Colleen Mason, CPEA**

**Diana Russell, CPEA**

**Steven Utroska, CPEA**

The conferral of our auditing credential simultaneously marks the relaunch of CPEA/CPSA admissions and candidate testing at PSI examination centers around the world. For more information on eligibility guidelines for BGC's auditing credentials, please refer to the [CPEA Candidate Handbook](#) or the [CPSA Candidate Handbook](#), or contact [Applications@GoBGC.org](mailto:Applications@GoBGC.org) and add CPEA or CPSA in the 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 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 or in writing via the Town Hall website <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewAction.cfm?actionid=3086>.

You may submit written comments so that they are received no later than Friday, July 23, 2021, to:

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## **CAPS Survives Ransomware Attack!**

Some of you may have noticed that the Computer Application and Portfolio System (CAPS) was down starting the evening of May 27 after Russian hackers attacked CAPS and demanded a ransom to release the system. Fortunately, our developers have protocols in place to protect your data and restore our systems in the event of a security breach. During the down time, our developers made sure that all systems and data were secure and functioning properly. Personal information, such as credit card numbers or social security numbers, are never stored on CAPS, and no other personal information was compromised before bringing CAPS back online. Unfortunately, work done on the day of the attack was not saved in order to protect the integrity of the system. Therefore, if you made any changes or uploaded information to CAPS on May 27, please check to see if you need to reenter it.

As always, we recommend that you keep your information on CAPS up to date.

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## We Have a Blog!

BGC is excited to announce our new blog on the BGC website! The blog will be updated regularly with interesting and informative posts from our Board members. Each blog post has an area in which you can submit comments. To access our blog, go to the [BGC website](#) and select the **News** dropdown menu. From there, select **BGC Blog**. We hope you enjoy this new feature!

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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 all fees paid by the deadline.

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

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