



# BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

## **BGC Approves Adding the CPEA and CPSA into Its Family of Credentials**

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The governing bodies of the [Board for Global EHS Credentialing](#) (BGC) in Lansing, Michigan and [The Institute of Internal Auditors](#) (IIA) in Lake Mary, Florida are pleased to announce that both organizations have agreed to transition the Certified Professional Environmental Auditor® (CPEA®) and Certified Process Safety Auditor® (CPSA®) certifications from The IIA to the BGC in 2020.



Both credentials are under the Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications® (BEAC®) and encompass five specialties:

- Environmental Compliance
- Health and Safety
- Management Systems
- Responsible Care®
- Process Safety

Practitioners holding the CPEA and CPSA will join a family of respected EHS credential and designation holders already under the BGC umbrella, which includes the Certified Industrial Hygienist® (CIH®), the Qualified Environmental Professional® (QEP®), and the Environmental Professional Intern (EPI). Application and testing for the new Certified Professional Product Steward (CPPS) credential are also scheduled to begin in 2020. This transition provides EHS professionals with access to a wider range of credentials and designations for improving public protection.

*“The leadership of BGC and BEAC recognized the synergies in their respective practice fields and have resolved to bring that spirit to the operations and outreach of their credentials moving forward, resulting in improved public recognition of credentialed-practitioners and better public protection.”* Cynthia Hanko, CIH, Chair of the Board for Global EHS Credentialing.

*“We are extremely pleased that BGC, the premier global credentialing body for professionals who protect the health of people and the environment, is taking up the CPEA and CPSA credentials. Like BEAC, BGC promotes the highest level of professionalism and ethics. Their credentials are respected, because of these high standards and the effort needed to obtain and retain them.”* Joseph Cotier, CPEA, Chair of the IIA’s EHS Certification Advisory Committee.

*“Adopting the CPEA and CPSA into an organization like the BGC that sets the standards of proficiency and ethics for EHS professionals will mutually improve visibility, awareness, and credibility of our respective credentials. Our common interests will foster learning from each other and collectively improve our service to the public and to EHS*

*professionals.”* Allan A. Griggs, P.E., QEP, CPEA, Member of the IIA’s EHS Certification Advisory Committee.

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