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SOCMA News

SOCMA Unveils To Do List for Congress

TSCA reform, MTB, R&D Tax Credit at the top of the list

SOCMA this week unveiled a list of outstanding legislative priorities that require Congress's attention to help specialty chemical manufacturers grow their businesses, innovate new technologies and provide greater public confidence in their products.

Leading the "to do list" is [Toxic Substances Control Act](#) (TSCA) reform, renewal of the [Miscellaneous Tariff Bill](#) (MTB), permanent extension of the [R&D Tax Credit](#) and reforming the [Surface Transportation Board](#).

"Products that SOCMA members make enable the production of thousands of other products made by other manufacturers," said Bill Allmond, SOCMA's Vice President of Government and Public Relations. "What we need Congress to understand is inaction on policies that support

our specialty manufacturing hurts not only our industry but the countless others that depend upon us, from health care to personal care to our military," he said.

Read the full release [here](#).

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Bill Allmond, SOCMA's Vice President of Government and Public Relations



Time Running out to Register for 12th Annual Chemical Industry Golf Tournament *Sign up now and help raise money for a worthy cause*

We are just over three weeks away from [SOCMA's 12th Annual Chemical Industry Golf Tournament](#). Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy a day on the golf course and help raise money for a worthy cause.

The tournament, which will take place at Chester Valley Golf Club located outside Philadelphia is set for September 29. Proceeds from the event will go to the [American Chemical Society \(ACS\) Scholars Program](#), which raises scholarships for underrepresented minority students who want to enter the fields of chemistry or chemistry-related fields, such as environmental science, toxicology and chemical technology



SOCMA members warm up before teeing off at the Annual Chemical Industry Golf Tournament in Malvern, PA. Register now for the 2015 event.

More about the tournament:

The tournament will be played scramble-style, followed by a cocktail reception, dinner, awards reception and raffle. Don't miss this opportunity to network with chemical industry decision-makers while having fun, winning great prizes and supporting the future of the industry.

[Register here!](#)

[View more details here](#), or [become a sponsor for this event](#).

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SOCMA Member McGean: ChemStewards Significantly Improved Company's EHS&S Performance

ChemStewards celebrating 10 years with special reception at National Chemical Safety Symposium



For the past 10 years, [ChemStewards®](#) has helped [McGean](#) and other SOCMA member facilities manage and significantly improve their environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) programs. Implementing the program has helped us build customer confidence, community trust and strengthen product stewardship throughout our supply chain.

In our latest SOCMA Blog, here's what Bryan Shaffer, Production Manager at McGean, had to say about the program:

- "Through our participation in ChemStewards, we now have a better-organized program that is easier to maintain and yet more comprehensive."

For more on what Shaffer says about ChemStewards, read our latest [SOCMA Blog](#) post.

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GDUFA Reauthorization: Time to Make Adjustments

One of life's certainties is that things don't always go according to plan. [SOCMA's Bulk Pharmaceuticals Task Force](#) (BPTF) and other industry stakeholders worked for several months to negotiate the original [Generic Drug User Fee Act](#) (GDUFA). Ideas were shared, resources were estimated, commitments were made, and finally, an act of Congress made it the law.

In the end, the tradeoff was quite simple. The [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) would immediately begin to implement certain efficiencies, lay the groundwork for full implementation for the new user fee program, and begin hiring nearly 1,000 new staffers to carry out the program. In exchange, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) and Finished Dosage Form (FDF) generic drug manufacturers would pay approximately \$300 million annually in user fees. The fees would pay FDA for a number of achievable and quantifiable goals, including a reduction in application review times to bring generic drugs to market faster and leveling the

playing field for foreign and domestic facility inspections to enhance drug safety globally.

To read more on BPTF and its GDUFA negotiations, check out our [SOCMA Blog post](#).

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Last Chance for President's Leadership Award Nominations

The deadline is fast approaching to make nominations for SOCMA's [2015 President's Leadership Award](#). Completed applications for all awards must be received by **September 15, 2015**.

The President's Leadership Award was created to highlight and recognize exceptional member input and service in one of two categories:

- **Excellence in Service** - Awarded to a member company that has significantly contributed to the growth of the organization and benefited the member value proposition.
- **Excellence in Advocacy** - Awarded to a member company that has been influential in the passage of rational laws and regulations benefitting the chemical industry and/or increasing public confidence in the chemical industry.



Dr. Beth Bosley of Boron Specialties, LLC, received the 2013 President's Leadership Award for Excellence in Advocacy.



John DiLoreto, Executive Director, Bulk Pharmaceuticals Task Force

All SOCMA member company employees are eligible, but only one award will be presented for each category. A company colleague, committee member, member of SOCMA's Board of Governors, or SOCMA staff may nominate an individual; no self-nominations are permitted.

For more information about the awards and the application and evaluation processes, [click here](#).

To download the application, [click here](#).

If you have any questions about applying for the President's Leadership Award, contact SOCMA President [Larry Sloan](#) at (202) 721-4151.

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FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Help SOCMA Reach 3,000 Followers by Year's End

@SOCMA recently reached 2,500 Twitter followers, but we don't want to stop there. We need your help to reach 3,000 followers. If you would like daily tweets about issues that impact our members and the specialty chemical industry, follow [@SOCMA](#). We tweet live from all SOCMA events, from hearings on Capitol Hill and from other meetings of interest to our members. We can also help increase your company's visibility among our rapidly growing Twitter following.



You can also follow [@BatchAdvocate](#), SOCMA's grassroots advocacy Twitter feed that focuses on policy and regulatory issues that impact SOCMA members and their businesses.

Does your company have a Twitter account? It's easy to sign up. [Click here](#) to learn more. To view SOCMA tweets [click here](#), or bookmark www.twitter.com/socma. To view @BatchAdvocate tweets [click here](#), or bookmark www.twitter.com/batchadvocate.

Follow [@SOCMA](#) on Twitter and see how it can benefit your company!

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Issues & Advocacy News

Register Now for SOCMA's 2015 Committee Week

Hear from key legislative and regulatory officials on important industry issues

It's that time of year again! SOCMA is once again hosting [Committee Week](#), where members of our advocacy committees gather to conduct programmatic planning for the following year.



Vanessa Sutherland, newly confirmed chair of the Chemical Safety Board, will be among the speakers at SOCMA's Committee Week in Washington.

Committee meetings also include presentations from and interaction with key Obama administration officials and subject-matter experts on issues important to SOCMA's committees.

These committee meetings provide our members with opportunities to provide direct input into priority issues for the following year that are important to our industry.

We encourage you to join us and hear from and provide comments to government officials who oversee regulatory programs that impact our industry. Attendees should have an interest in positively influencing laws and regulations that impact our membership.

A detailed agenda is coming soon.

Check out our [events page](#) for a schedule of events and other information about the week.

[Register now!](#)

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SOCMA VP Meets with California Assembly Leaders, California EPA Officials



Bill Allmond, SOCMA's Vice President of Government and Public Relations, front row, second from the left, recently represented SOCMA at the Chemical Industry Council of California meeting in Sacramento, CA. Attendees heard interesting and timely presentations on key industry issues and visited with key decision-makers in the Capitol and regulatory agencies.

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Congressman Brian Babin Visits Texas Molecular

Lawmaker toured plant, talked with employees about issues impacting chemical industry

Congressman Brian Babin (R-TX) and his District Director, Kelly Waterman, visited [TM Deer Park Services Limited Partnership](#) in Deer Park, TX, on August 20. After an introductory meeting, the Congressman toured the plant and addressed employees.

During the visit, TM President Frank Marine had an opportunity to express the company's support for legislation that protects the chemical industry. Babin told the group he is very interested in reigning in the over-reach of the EPA.

Babin also voiced support for the coal industry, the Keystone XL Pipeline and common sense regulation.

The tour was the result of an invitation extended during [SOCMA's Washington Fly-In](#) in April.



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Latest Edition of Capitol Connect is Now Live

The September edition of [Capitol Connect](#) is now available online. It includes updates on issues such as chemical risk management, chemical safety and security, international trade and the environment, which impact our members and their ability to do business. Capitol Connect also has a calendar of events to keep members informed on upcoming meetings that might be of interest.

Here are just a few highlights from the latest edition:

- Recap of SOCMA's 2015 Washington Fly-In
- Center spread of photos from the Washington Fly-In
- Recap of the Chemical Sector Security Summit
- A Message from SOCMA VP Bill Allmond on the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill
- Latest issues on the environmental front
- Results from the Business Outlook Survey
- Latest on Trade Promotion Authority
- TSCA Reform Legislation and where it stands
- SOCMA PAC and much more.



The latest edition of Capitol Connect can be found [here](#).

If you would like a printed copy of Capitol Connect, contact [Jenny Gaines](#), Senior Manager of PR and Communications, at (202) 721-4123, and we would be happy to mail it to you.

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EPA Webinars to Focus on Updated PMN Submission System

The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) will hold three webinars to assist submitters with new features of its electronic, web-based system for receiving Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Section 5 submission forms and support documents. The webinars are scheduled for 1-4 PM (EDT) on the following days:

- August 26, 2015
- September 16, 2015
- September 30, 2015

Learn more about the webinars [here](#).

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ChemStewards® News



2015 National Chemical Safety Symposium is Almost Here

The [2015 National Chemical Safety Symposium](#) is right around the corner. Be sure to register soon for this incredible opportunity to discover the latest trends and methodologies used in process and occupational safety. Industry leaders from across the country have already

registered. What are you waiting for? Save time and money – [register online* today](#).

This year's symposium will take place October 20-21, 2015, at the Houston Marriott West Loop by The Galleria, Houston TX.

Find more event details and pricing [here](#).

Thank you Sponsors!

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For Sponsorship Opportunities: Contact [Sandra Lehrer](#) at (202) 721-4165

If you have any questions, please contact ChemStewards® at ChemStewards@socma.com.

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Performance Improvement Awards Application Process Now Closed

The [ChemStewards®](#) team would like to thank all facilities that participated in the [2015 Performance Improvement Awards](#). We are excited about the number of essays we received from member facilities.

In the next few weeks (beginning of October), we will inform members who submitted a Performance Improvement Awards application of their award status. In the meantime, please feel free to contact chemstewards@socma.com with any questions.



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Judging Committee for Performance Improvement Awards Chosen

[ChemStewards®](#) appreciates the dedication from our member company volunteers who joined the [Performance Improvement Awards](#) Judging Committee. The Judging Committee will start reviewing the essays that were submitted and we are excited to hear the results and select the winners. Applicants will be notified of the results in the coming weeks. Winners will be presented with their awards at [SOCMA's 94th Annual Dinner](#) on December 7 in New York City.

Once again, the ChemStewards team would like to thank all facilities who submitted their applications for the 2015 Performance Improvement Awards.

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We Need Your Input on New ChemStewards Q&A Page Update

There is a new topic posted on the ChemStewards Q&A page. One of our member companies is in need of your help and recommendations. Take a moment to [visit the site](#) and anonymously send your comments or feedback.

- **TOPIC: Handling and Storage of Highly Reactive or Ignitable substances**
Does any other member companies handle and store highly reactive and ignitable substances on which you have performed a PPE Assessment internally or with an outside third party that are significant in the determination for a high level of protection for the worker in the event of a flash fire? Also, what types of protection were identified?

SOCMA members can utilize the forum to anonymously ask questions and provide answers to topics of interest to the ChemStewards community. You can access the forum by logging into the [ChemStewards Management Portal](#) under the Program Support tab.

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OSHA Launches New Webpage on High Penalty Enforcement Cases by State

The [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) launched a [new webpage](#) highlighting enforcement cases, organized by state, that have initial penalties above \$40,000. Cases are based on citations issued to employers beginning January 1, 2015. The page features an interactive U.S. map where visitors can select a state and view a list of cases. It also offers an alternate view of all the cases by state in a table format. Lists provide links to inspection details for each case and are updated weekly.



For more information on enforcement data available on OSHA's website, visit the [Data and Statistics webpage](#).

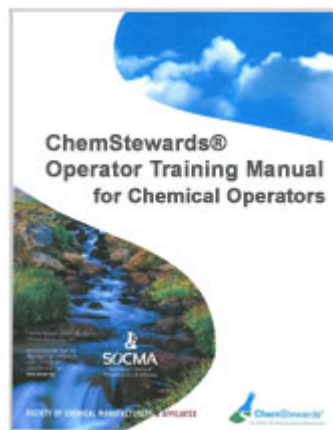
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Updates Coming for ChemStewards Chemical Operator Training Manual

Starting November 1, 2015, SOCMA is discontinuing the online version of the [ChemStewards® Chemical Operator Training \(COT\) Manual](#). You can still access the PDF version for free. We are also working on updates to the COT manual that includes a new chapter and content that will apply to our SOCMA member companies.

Click [here](#) to download the PDF version and get the latest updates on the ChemStewards Chemical Operator Training Manual.

If you have any questions, please contact SOCMA's ChemStewards team at 202-721-4100, or email us at chemstewards@socma.com.



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Event & Commercial News

2015 Annual Dinner to Feature Speed Networking, Educational Sessions

Join us December 7 at our new venue - the Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now, and join SOCMA and hundreds of specialty chemical industry decision-makers on December 7, 2015, in New York City for [SOCMA's 94th Annual Dinner](#) at its new location – the [Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan](#). Invite your VIP customers and colleagues to celebrate with you, and enjoy an evening of networking, fine dining and entertainment. Highlighting the event is SOCMA's donation to the [American Chemical Society \(ACS\) Scholars Program](#) and an awards ceremony honoring winners of [SOCMA's Performance Improvement Awards](#).



Mark your calendars now, and join us in New York City on December 7, 2015, for SOCMA's 94th Annual Dinner.

Take part in the ever-popular speed networking session, as well as educational sessions (one featuring industry press) and much more!

Find more information about SOCMA's 94th Annual Dinner [here](#).

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SOCMA Members Encouraged to Participate in Manufacturing Day

The third annual [Manufacturing Day](#) celebration set for October 2 is fast approaching and all SOCMA member companies are encouraged to participate.

Manufacturing Day is set aside for manufacturing facilities to host open house tours for students, elected officials and family members to see the exciting job opportunities available in manufacturing.

Signing up is simple and can be done on the [Manufacturing Day website](#). The website also includes resources such as toolkits, guides, materials and ideas to help your company plan and execute a successful Manufacturing Day event.

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Member News

ProcessPro Sponsors SOCMA's 12th Annual Chemical Industry Golf Tournament

[ProcessPro](#), leading mid-market ERP software solution company, is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the 12th Annual Chemical Industry Golf Tournament, hosted by the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA). The tournament, set for September 29, 2015, at the Chester Valley Golf Club in Malvern, PA, is an opportunity for SOCMA members to have fun and network while raising money for the American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program.



Proceeds from the tournament will help sponsor scholarships for underrepresented minority students looking to enter the fields of chemistry, biochemistry, or chemical engineering, and students seeking degrees in chemical technology.

"The SOCMA Golf Tournament is a great way for ProcessPro to support the future of specialty chemical manufacturing, and we're pleased to be a part of the event," stated Joe Blauert, CEO, ProcessPro.

Read the full press release [here](#).

For more member news visit [SOCMA's Marketplace & Chemical Services Directory](#).

To share your company's news please contact [Jenny Gaines](#) at (202) 721-4123.

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Member News on Twitter

For all you SOCMA members with Twitter accounts, here's how some of your colleagues are sharing their news about giving back to their communities. For those who aren't active on Twitter, these are great examples of how you can utilize this social media tool to raise your company brand and inspire good will in your community. If you need help getting started, we will be happy to assist you. Contact [Jenny Gaines](#) at (202) 721-4123 for more information.

From [@AshlandInc](#) Twitter Feed



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Update Your Member Dashboard: Now it's easier than ever before to customize your membership experience with SOCMA. [Click here](#) to login and customize your member dashboard.

Know someone whose company is NOT a member of SOCMA and think they should be? SOCMA has a [Member-Get-A-Member Campaign](#), where you can share the benefits of becoming a SOCMA member with your industry colleagues. If they join, you will receive a benefits package worth more than \$1,000.

Don't Forget! Get industry event announcements and updates by reading SOCMA's Meetings & Events Bulletin bi-weekly on Fridays. If you are not already receiving the bulletin and would like to, please [click here](#).

SOCMA Blog - Keep up with industry news, policy updates and behind-the-scenes information concerning the chemical industry with SOCMA Blog, available at <http://blog.socma.com>.



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