
American Board of Industrial Hygiene® (ABIH®)

ABIH Trademark and Certification Mark

Use Policy

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I. POLICY PURPOSE.

This Policy establishes the rules and requirements for use of all American Board of Industrial Hygiene® (ABIH®) trademarks, including trademarks, service marks, and certification marks.

II. ABIH CORPORATE TRADEMARKS.

A. Mark Ownership.

The following organizational trademarks (ABIH Trademarks) are owned and controlled by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH).

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- american board of industrial hygiene'
 - American Board of Industrial Hygiene®
 - ABIH®

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- Institute of Professional Environmental PracticeSM
 - IPEP®

ABIH retains the sole and exclusive rights to use the ABIH Trademarks. ABIH may create and use additional marks, as it deems appropriate.

B. Prohibited Use of ABIH Trademarks.

Individuals, businesses, and other organizations, including ABIH certificants, are not permitted to use the ABIH Marks. In certain circumstances, ABIH may permit another organization to use a specific ABIH Mark, subject to an ABIH-approved license agreement. Permission by the ABIH Board of Directors to use ABIH Certification Marks, identified below, does not include authorization to use the ABIH Trademarks.

C. Policy Violations and Related Matters.

ABIH reserves, and may use, any and all remedies available under applicable laws and corporate policies to protect the ABIH Trademarks. Infringement or other misuse of any ABIH Trademarks will be challenged.

Following the receipt of information that an unauthorized use of an ABIH Trademark may have occurred, ABIH will determine if responsive action(s) will be taken in accordance with this Policy and applicable federal and state laws.

III. ABIH CERTIFICATION MARKS.

A. Mark Ownership.

The following certification marks and credentials (ABIH Certification Marks) are owned and controlled by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH):

- Certified Industrial Hygienist®
- CIH®
- Qualified Environmental Professional
- QEP®
- Environmental Professional in-Training
- EPI

ABIH retains all trademark and other ownership rights concerning the ABIH Certification Marks. ABIH may create and use additional certification marks, as it deems appropriate.

B. Authorized Use of ABIH Certification Marks.

The ABIH Board of Directors grants limited permission to use specific ABIH Certification Marks to qualified industrial hygienists, who satisfy all applicable ABIH credentialing requirements. Consistent with applicable law and corporate policies, ABIH will ensure that the Certification Marks are displayed and otherwise used properly, as such use represents ABIH certification to the public.

C. Persons Authorized to Use the Certification Marks/Certificant Responsibilities.

Use of the Certification Marks is limited strictly to those individuals who are ABIH certificants in good standing. Each ABIH certificant is authorized to use only the Certification Mark which represents the appropriate certification and credential.

Each ABIH certificant accepts and assumes sole responsibility for understanding and satisfying all applicable organizational and legal requirements related to the use and display of the Certification Marks. Among other requirements, each certificant is responsible for ensuring that the use of any Certification Mark in professional and business related materials (e.g., business cards, letterhead, e-mail signatures, brochures, signs, stationery, telephone directory listings, or advertisements) is consistent with this Policy, and is not in conflict with applicable laws. ABIH assumes no responsibility concerning the interpretation or application of such legal requirements.

ABIH will not be liable or otherwise responsible for any claims, complaints, suits or damages whatsoever, relating to the use of the Certification Marks, or in connection with the use of such marks.

D. Non-Assignability and Non-Transferability of the Certification Mark.

Permission to use the ABIH Certification Marks is limited and personal to the ABIH certificant, and may not be transferred to, assigned to, or otherwise used by, any other individual, organization, business, or entity.

E. Appearance and Proper Use of the Certification Mark.

Each ABIH certificant may use the appropriate ABIH Certification Mark in professional and business materials, including, but not limited to, business cards, letterhead, e-mail signatures, brochures, signs, stationery, telephone directory listings, or advertisements, consistent with the following rules:

1. Proper Use. Each individual ABIH certificant must use the appropriate Certification Mark only in conjunction with his/her name. Additionally, a Certification Mark should always be used in its entirety, and must always appear with the appropriate subscript/superscript “®” or “™” trademark symbol.

With respect to other affiliation marks and/or logos, the ABIH Certification Mark may be located near these other marks or logos, but must remain separate and distinct so as to avoid confusion concerning the source of the certification, and to avoid the appearance that other marks, certifications, credentials, designations, or organizations are associated with, or endorsed by, ABIH.

2. Examples of Proper Uses and Appearances of the Certification Marks. Proper uses and appearances of the ABIH Certification Marks include, but are not limited to, the following examples.

- Proper Use Example No. 1.

John A. Smith, Certified Industrial Hygienist®

- Proper Use Example No. 2.

Susan B. Jones, CIH®

- Proper Use Example No. 3.

Anne L. Clarkson, Qualified Environmental Professional

- Proper Use Example No. 4.

Paul N. Donovan, QEP®

- Proper Use Example No. 5.

Michael A. Evans, Environmental Professional In-Training

- Proper Use Example No. 6.

Nancy R. Landers, EPI

- Proper Use Example No. 7.

Rose L. Jackson, CIH®, QEP®

F. Non-Interference with Use of the Marks by Other Certificants.

An ABIH certificant may not prohibit, restrict, or otherwise limit the authorized and appropriate use of the ABIH Certification Mark(s) by another certificant.

G. Violation Reporting Responsibilities.

An ABIH certificant has the responsibility to report the unauthorized use, misuse, or other violation of this Policy to ABIH in a timely manner, including any circumstances where the use of an ABIH Certification Mark is related to an individual or organization that is not an ABIH certificant or credential holder, or where a Certification Mark is used improperly by an ABIH certificant.

H. Policy Violations and Related Matters.

ABIH reserves, and may use, any and all remedies available under applicable laws and corporate policies to protect the ABIH Certification Marks. Infringement or other misuse of any ABIH Certification Mark will be challenged. ABIH credential holders are required to cooperate fully in the review and resolution of such matters.

Following receipt of information that an inappropriate or unauthorized use of a Certification Mark may have occurred, ABIH will determine if responsive action(s) will be taken in accordance with this Policy and applicable laws.

I. Disciplinary Actions Related to Mark Misuse By a Certificant or Applicant.

Following notice and a fair opportunity to respond, an ABIH certificant or applicant who acts contrary to the terms of this Policy or applicable law, may be sanctioned under applicable ABIH policies.

In addition, the ABIH Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee may refer cases of certification mark misuse, infringement, or other similar matters to appropriate agencies and other organizations, or may initiate appropriate legal action.

J. Policy Violation Actions Concerning Third Parties.

Following receipt of information that an inappropriate or unauthorized use of the ABIH Certification Mark(s) by a third party individual, organization, or company may have occurred, ABIH will determine if responsive action(s) will be taken consistent with ABIH policies and applicable laws.