

“The body art industry is growing and evolving with the emergence of new techniques and products. OEHA and the Body Art Technical Committee is an excellent group for discussing new trends, asking questions, and sharing ideas. Here are a few body art industry highlights:

- New rules! Revised body art rules *should* be available by September of 2019. The rule review committee was organized by ODH and began meeting in late 2017. I have been attending the meetings as a representative of OEHA and have been sharing the draft versions with the OEHA Body Art Technical Committee. The Committee has generated good discussions and offers important insight to the development of rules from the perspective of a sanitarian. Look for the new rules to be completely reorganized for better flow and offer more clarifying language; I’m optimistic for the changes and look forward to the new version.
- NEHA is currently updating its Body Art Model Code (BAMC). Public comment is open through May 4, 2018. Review the BAMC and make your comments here: <http://neha.civicomment.org/body-art-model-code-bamc>
- NEHA offered a webinar on the topic of body art in January 2018. The free webinar, *Body Art and Environmental Health*, is approved for 1 CEU and can be viewed here: <http://www.neha.org/node/59529>

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