

University of Utah AIHA students send relief packages to University of Puerto Rico

On Oct. 16 students belonging to the University of Utah Student Chapter of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, or AIHA, sent a box of supplies to the Industrial Hygiene Department at the University of Puerto Rico to help in the relief efforts following the effects of Hurricane Irma.

“We are excited to help in the relief because that is what we are here for,” said Christopher Moore, Vice President of the university’s AIHA student chapter.



Hurricane Irma developed on Aug. 30 near the Cape Verde Islands. It quickly spread and effected many cities across the northeastern Caribbean and the Florida Keys, such as Puerto Rico, Barbuda, the Virgin Islands, parts of Florida, and much more over a two to three week period.



After the effects of the hurricanes in Puerto Rico, the AIHA reached out to its chapters asking for donations and supplies to help in the relief efforts across Puerto Rico.

After receiving the request for help, Dr. Rod Handy, professor and director of the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health programs at the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, or RMCOEH, as well as students and additional faculty, helped gather boxes of gloves and personal protectant clothing to send and help aid those in need.

“We need to reach out and help,” Handy said. “It is the right thing to do.”

If you would like to help in the AIHA’s relief efforts in Puerto Rico, visit:

<https://www.aiha.org/publications-and-resources/Pages/Disaster-Response-Resource-Center.aspx>

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