

OSHA's Revised Hazard Communication Standard: New Requirements for Businesses

Date: Friday, October 16, 2015

<u>Time</u>: 7:45 am – 10:00 am (Light breakfast will be provided)

Place: College of the Canyons

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OBJECTIVE: OSHA revised its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) in March 2012. Two significant changes contained in the revised standard require the use of new labeling elements and a standardized format for Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), formerly known as, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs). This workshop will provide a refresher on what employers need to do to ensure that their Hazard Communication programs are compliant with the revised HCS with special emphasis on changes triggered by the incorporation of GHS specifications for chemical labelling and classification.

The first compliance date of the revised HCS for companies that are users of chemicals in the workplace was December 1, 2013. By that time those employers were required to have trained their workers on the new label elements and the SDS format. Employers have until June 1, 2016 to make adjustments to their workplace Hazard Communication program to reflect changes mandated by the 2012 revision to the HCS.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Plant Managers, Operations Leaders, Shop Managers, and Managers responsible for workplace safety programs.

TOPICS COVERED

- Review of GHS-related Changes to the HCS
- What Your Hazard Communication Program Needs to be Compliant
- Safety Data Sheets (formerly MSDS's)
- Written Hazard Communication Program
- Chemical Inventories
- Training Requirements
- Compliance Deadlines & Requirements

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