

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, Aug 17th 2011 - "Actions to take before, during and after an OSHA inspection"

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GHS-Related Changes in HAZCOM - Impact on Safety Managers

From August 2011, Hazard Communication (HAZCOM) standards related to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling (GHS) solution are expected to change. In September 2009, OSHA had already drafted the Notice of Proposed Rule Making and comments were accepted till the end of the year. Early 2010 saw public hearings and, finally, the public record was closed in June 2010. Since August 2011 is the publication date of the final rule, new HAZCOM standards are expected to be implemented as law by the end of the year. Significant changes to current standards due to GHS solutions include changes in:

MSDS Sheets: The proposed rule crops off 'Material' to offer a new name, which is, Safety Data Sheet; and also specifies a particular format in which to maintain them. This specificity will standardize the SDS and also list each component of a material. In the long run, the greatest benefit of this will be easier employee training.

Labeling: In most labeling systems, '1' signified least hazardous chemicals while '4' ranked most hazardous. Conversely, the new GHS solution specifies a chemical ranked '1' as being most hazardous and '5' being the least. For a safety manager, this new labeling system will pose a challenge: that of downstream communication of these changes. Meanwhile, manufacturers will have to create and submit revised MSDS sheets to ensure compliance with standards as well as companies.

Training: Employees will need to be trained to comprehend the new content and format of SDS in terms of classifications, pictograms, labels and signal words. Of course, in the long run, this will help to create standardized training modules and help employees to understand HAZCOM more accurately, but it will be quite a task for the safety manager to execute now. The NRPM has proposed a window of two years for training and three for full transition for companies to implement the new HAZCOM standards. At the end of this period, all MSDS (then SDS) will have to meet the format requirements and ensure compliance. Until then, both current and new systems will be accepted. For safety managers, this translates into 2011 being the year of transition planning. Watch OSHA's timetables, prepare the management, leverage the chemical data management system and fix a timeframe to ensure smooth transition. The more detailed the planning, the more efficient the execution, the easier it will be to ensure success and mitigate risk.

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August is Back To School Safety Month

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving

Reminder for your kids:

- They should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Make sure they always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them



BOARD MEETING

Board members meet the first Thursday of the month – 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Valdak Corp. 1149 36th Ave. S (Valley Dairy)

NEXT MEETING ☞ **Sept 1th**

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Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations

Sept 21st – "WSI account trends analysis"
(Nicole Gaab, WSI Loss Control)

Oct 19th – "Using 2x2 Matrix to Drive your Safety Solutions" Dan Makie, EHS Specialist Cirrus Aircraft Corporation

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(Davis Hoverson, Rachel Kmecik)

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SAVE THE DATE

NOSHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 5th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Howard Johnson (Formerly Clarion Inn)

Grand Forks

NOSHA is a non-profit organization formed to provide area safety professionals a direct way of sharing safety concerns, goals and ideas to promote workplace safety.