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A NEW GLOBAL CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING SYSTEM FOR CHEMICALS (GHS)

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A new global system, that is able to protect people from the mismanagement of chemicals, classify them according to their hazard and create a labeling system based on pictograms universally understandable, has been adopted last week in Geneva. This system is now available for worldwide implementation.

Through the different steps from their production to their handling, transport and use, chemicals are a real danger for human health and the environment. People of any ages, from children to elderly, using many different languages and alphabets, belonging to various social conditions, including illiterates, are daily confronted to dangerous prod-

ucts (chemicals, pesticides, etc); the youngest, poorest and least educated are the most vulnerable. To face this danger, Governments decided to harmonize existing communication systems on chemicals in order to develop a single, globally harmonized system to address classification of chemicals, labels, and safety data sheets. This was not a totally novel concept since harmonization of classification and labeling was already largely in place for physical hazards and acute toxicity in the transport sector, but had not been achieved in the workplace or consumer sectors. Moreover, transport requirements in countries were often not harmonized with those of other sectors in the same



country.

The Globally Harmonized System for the Labelling and Classification of Chemicals was adopted last week by the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (CETDG/GHS), an ECOSOC subsidiary body serviced by the UNECE se-

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EMPIRE STATE SAFETY 2003

The CNY ASSE is pleased to announce our annual professional development conference and exposition, [Empire State Safety 2003](#). Scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at the Wyndham Hotel, there is no better deal around. The CNY ASSE has hosted this confer-

ence since 1949, and we have once again assembled an affordable and effective program sure to meet your needs. Come and support your local chapter

We have organized twelve separate EH&S

presentations to be delivered by highly qualified EH&S specialists. Topics include construction labor law, trench rescue programs, mold sampling & analysis, CDC Select Agents legislation, incident investigation, and OSHA updates, just to

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cretariat, in Geneva after a decade of efforts and cooperation amongst a broad number of countries and organizations, notably the Committee, ILO and OECD under the umbrella of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Management of Chemicals (IOMC).

The international mandate that provided the impetus for this work was adopted in the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), as reflected in Agenda 21, para.19.27. In

its Plan of Implementation (para. 22.(c)) adopted in Johannesburg on 4 September 2002, the World Summit on Sustainable Development encouraged countries to implement the new GHS as soon as possible with a view to having the system fully operational by 2008. Implementation has already started with pilot countries introducing the system in their national practices in different regions of the world.

The GHS text will be available as a UN publication in

early 2003. The GHS system will be kept dynamic, and regularly revised and made more efficient as experience is gained in its implementation. While national or regional governments are the primary audiences for this document, it also contains sufficient context and guidance for those in industry who will ultimately be implementing the national requirements which will be introduced.

Source: www.osha.gov

REFERENCE CD AVAILABLE

NM-ESH (the web home for New Mexico's ES&H societies) provides health and safety information on CD's to share ES&H resources. The Reference CD has been updated and is now available at <http://www.nm-esh.org/cds/>. The new Reference CD is still just \$15 (charge to cover the cost of producing and shipping) but includes the items listed below (plus more!) on ONE convenient and easy to use CD...

Code of Federal Regulations:

10 CFR Energy
29 CFR Labor
40 CFR Environment
49 CFR Transportation
49 CFR HazMat Tables

The NIOSH Databases:

IDLH Concentrations
NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods
NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards
OSHA Sampling & Analytical Methods
Recommendations for Chemical Protective Clothing
2000 Emergency Response Guidebook
NIOSH Certified Equipment List
NIOSH HAZARD IDs
Glossary of ES&H Terms
NIOSH Chemical Safety Guidelines
Calculator for Conversion of "mg/m³ to ppm" or "ppm to mg/m³"

OSHA eTool for Respiratory Protection

Registry Of Toxic Effects Of Chemical Substances (RTECS®)

ERPGs and TEELs for Chemicals of Concern

Master Index of Occupational Health Guidelines for Chemical Hazards (NIOSH)

Engineering and Science Fundamentals

62 MIL Standards and MIL Handbooks

<http://www.nm-esh.org/cds/>



The Reference CD

2003-2004 CHAPTER OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Looking forward to our next fiscal year, our Central New York chapter is looking for a few good professionals to help lead our organization.

Our officer nominations are as follows:

Chapter President—Nathan Hunter

President-Elect - vacant
Vice President—Judy Smith
Secretary—Jeanette Kinsella
Treasurer—Caroline Dimmick

Are you interested in developing your leadership skills and improving your EH&S contacts? This is the per-

fect opportunity.

Officer terms begin in June, and extend for one year from your appointment.

Please contact Nathan Hunter at 607.254.5439 or nph4@cornell.edu for more information. We need your support!

WWW.ASEECNY.ORG

Chapter news, information, contacts,
Job posting, and more....

“Nominate a chapter officer today!”

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name a few.

In addition to our numerous presentations, over twenty EH&S product and service vendors will be on site to demonstrate their latest services.

Don't miss this important event—reserve your spot soon. Your \$100 confer-

ence registration fee also includes our luncheon and awards ceremony, where we will announce this year's Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award to another deserving recipient.

Watch your mail for the Empire State Safety 2003 brochure and registration form. This brochure &

registration form will also be on-line at www.aseecny.org. For more information, please contact Nathan Hunter at nph4@cornell.edu or 607.254.5439.

To register by phone, please call 800.255.1300 or fax registrations to 315.431.9645



MOLD—EXPLORING THE MYTHS, REALITIES, AND SOLUTIONS

The Niagara Frontier chapter of ASSE will be hosting a professional development seminar titled “Mold—exploring the myths, realities, and solutions”. The one-day seminar will be held at the Buffalo Hyatt Hotel on Tuesday, April

1st, beginning at 9am. Presenters will include John Haines of the NYS Museum and Jonathan Soloman from Building Science Investigations, Inc. Topics will include mold types, health hazards, inspections, sampling, and

remediation. The cost is \$70.

For more information or to register for this event, please contact Brett Carruthers at 716.282.4890 or brett.csp@verizon.net.

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CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

Please join us for our
March Central New
York ASSE chapter
monthly meeting.
Members, family and
friends are all wel-
come!

What: March chapter
meeting

AEDs in the Workplace

Presented by Rural

Metro EMS

When: Thursday,
March 20th at 5pm.

Where: Georgios Res-
taurant, Court St,
Syracuse (\$15)

RSVP: Nathan Hunter
nph4@cornell.edu or
607.254.5439.



April 17, 2003
Empire State Safety 2003
Wyndham Hotel, Syracuse

Don't forget your scholarship applications!

The CNY ASSE will once again be awarding our annual scholarship to a deserving student enrolled in a formal EH&S program. Applications must be in by March 1, 2003. For applications and additional information, please contact

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