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OSHA Updates Hazard Communication Standard with New Compliance Dates

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has changed the Hazard Communication Standard and all businesses will have new training requirements that must be met by Dec. 1, 2013. The Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) is now aligned with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). This update to the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) will provide a common and coherent approach to classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information on labels and safety data sheets. Once implemented, the revised standard will improve the quality and consistency of hazard information in the workplace, making it safer for workers by providing easily understandable information on appropriate handling and safe use of hazardous chemicals.

Major changes to the Hazard Communication Standard:

- ◆ **Hazard classification:** Provides specific criteria for classification of health and physical hazards, as well as classification of mixtures.
- ◆ **Labels:** Chemical manufacturers and importers will be required to provide a label that includes a harmonized signal word, pictogram, and hazard statement for each hazard class and category. Precautionary statements must also be provided.
http://www.osha.gov/Publications/HazComm_QuickCard_Labels.html
- ◆ **Safety Data Sheets:** Will now have a specified 16-section format.
http://www.osha.gov/Publications/HazComm_QuickCard_SafetyData.html
- ◆ **Information and training:** Employers are required to train workers (link to training requirements—<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3642.pdf>) by December 1, 2013, on the new labels elements and safety data sheets format to facilitate



Why Does the City of Tempe Perform Industrial/Commercial Facility Inspections?

The City of Tempe and the users of the sanitary sewer system have invested millions of dollars to design, build and operate the system. In order to protect what the EPA terms the, “Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)”, the City is required to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including the Clean Water Act and the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 403). To assure the POTW and its users investment is properly protected the City administers a pretreatment program. This program is designed to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW that will cause interference or pass-through.

According to the City of Tempe Code Section 27 – Sewers and Disposal

Sec. 27-71. Right of entry: inspection and sampling. The public works director shall have the right to enter the premises of any user to determine whether the user is complying with all requirements of this article and any wastewater discharge permit or order issued hereunder. Users shall allow the public works director ready access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of inspection, sampling, records examination and copying, and the performance of any additional duties.

City of Tempe Stormwater Program Reminder:

“Be Stormwater Smart” and visit our website for Best Management Practices you can use to reduce the risk of adding pollutants to stormwater. <http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater> You can also use this website to learn more about Tempe’s Stormwater Management Program, to report illicit discharges to storm drains, or to file a stormwater related complaint.

Remember that it is a violation of the City of Tempe Code to cause or allow a non-stormwater discharge to a stormwater drain!

As required by Tempe’s stormwater permit, Environmental Compliance Inspectors have significantly increased commercial and industrial stormwater inspections. If you would like to schedule an inspection at your facility, please call (480) 350-2678.

