

OSHA GHS Update

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Presenter biography:

Maureen Ruskin is currently the Office Director of the Office of Chemical Hazards – Metals (OCHM) in the Directorate of Standards and Guidance for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OCHM is responsible for regulations and guidance on exposures to toxic metals as well as aligning the Hazard Communication Standard with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). Ms. Ruskin joined OSHA in 1997, as an industrial engineer in the office of regulatory analysis, where she worked on several rulemaking projects including permissible exposure limits (PELs), methylene chloride, 1,3-Butadiene, and hexavalent chromium. Prior to working at OSHA, she worked in the chemical industry for approximately a dozen years.

Throughout her career she has represented OSHA on various committees including the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), Interagency Testing Committee (ITC), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH's) National Occupational Research Agenda. Ms. Ruskin currently represents OSHA as the Head of Delegation for the United Nations Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and has been Chair of the Subcommittee since July 2012.