Aligning The Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS®) with the Updated OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012)

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Presentation abstract

The Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS®) has been used for over 30 years as an in-plant labeling system as part of a comprehensive Hazard Communication Program. With the update of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012) to align with the United Nation's Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), how will the HMIS® adapt to continue to provide a consistent in-plant labeling system? To ensure the HMIS® in-plant labeling system continues to be an effective communication of hazards and remains in compliance with the OSHA HCS 2012, there was a need to update the HMIS®. This presentation will review the major updates to the HMIS® and how these updates will assist users in translating OSHA HCS 2012 / GHS hazard classification information to HMIS® ratings to ensure a continuing and effective in-plant labeling and hazard communication.