

## Auditing (internal), Inspections, Program Documentation (multi-site and company assessments) -OSHA, EPA, DOT Practical Advice

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## Presenter biography

Karin F. Baron, MSPH, Director of Hazard Communication and International Registration Strategy with Bergeson & Campbell, P.C., has more than 20 years experience developing, implementing, and managing complex chemical regulatory compliance strategies for some of the largest industrial and specialty chemical companies in the world. Her primary areas of practice include navigating the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), including classification, labeling, and authoring of compliant SDSs, hazard and risk assessment, industrial hygiene, and environmental health and safety (EHS) programs. She provides clients with expert advice and guidance in a broad range of chemical-specific regulatory



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## Presentation abstract

Internal compliance audit programs are a powerful tool available to stakeholders proactively to address potential compliance issues. Regulatory agencies, like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through its <u>Audit Policy</u> expect and reward stakeholders that voluntarily elect to review, disclose, correct, and prevent environmental violations. A good audit program should consider aspects of other regulatory jurisdictions that directly or indirectly impact EPA decision making. How information is collected, reviewed, and recorded during an internal audit are vitally important considerations. The question of how other regulatory programs, administered by other federal agencies, *e.g.,* the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard and the transportation of hazardous materials under the Department of Transportation (DOT) is important, and will also be discussed.