



OSHA Update

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Presenter biography

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Presenter biography

Trapper Braegger is an Industrial Hygienist with the US Department of Labor, OSHA Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management. Trapper works at the OSHA Technical Center on the Health Response Team (HRT). The HRT provides nationwide response to major emergency events and supports OSHA area offices during inspections in the field and remotely. Trapper's specialties include Process Safety Management, Explosives Safety, Hazard Communication and Respiratory Protection.

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Presentation abstract

On May 20, 2024, OSHA updated the Hazard Communication standard (HCS) to maintain alignment with the GHS (primarily Revision 7). This update will improve the standard's effectiveness, increase worker protections, improve labels and SDSs, address issues arising since 2012, and better align with other federal agencies and U.S. trading partners (including Canada). This presentation will highlight updates to the HCS as well as OSHA's enforcement and compliance resources.