



Society for Chemical Hazard Communication
Professional Development Training
Multi-Modal Hazardous Materials /
Dangerous Goods Classification Training

Omni Royal Orleans - New Orleans, LA
October 3 – 4, 2026

Course Description

This course is designed for those knowledgeable in GHS SDS classifications who would like to leverage that knowledge to classify for transportation, especially for Section 14. The core of the course is learning when GHS conclusions can translate directly into transport conclusions, when they can't, and what other criteria transport regulators use. Other topics covered include, but aren't limited to, choosing not just compliant but also specific classifications, how transport regulations can vary by mode and location, and how classification fits in with other shipper transport functions, such as packaging, marking, labeling, paperwork, and carrier interactions.

Regulations specifically covered include 49CFR (US DOT), IATA, and IMDG Code, although TDG (Canada), ADR/RID/ADN (European), and UN will be touched on.

Prerequisite

Course attendees should already thoroughly know GHS SDS classifications, including pictograms and categories. Knowledge of current WHMIS SDS or US OSHA SDS classifications plus GHS EHS criteria should be sufficient to meet that requirement.

Course Structure

Course attendees will follow the course schedule and are expected to participate in workshops and out-of-class classification exercises to reinforce the application of regulatory concepts in real-world settings.

US DOT HazMat regulations require that trainees be tested, so a comprehensive exam will be required.

Intended Audience


Hazard communication professionals looking to develop their skills in completing Section 14 of the SDS and/or developing compliant shipping descriptions for their products.

Course Fee: \$1,280 / members \$1,900 / non-members



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Course Director – Atanu Das	
Course Instructor	
	<p>Gene Sanders Gene has been performing transport classifications for more than three decades. He has helped design classification storage and communication computerized systems for a major pharmaceutical firm, a major chemical company, and a private consulting company. Gene helped a HazMat/DG trade association develop their own classification training course and then periodically delivered it for them.</p> <p>Gene's other HazMat/DG work has involved virtually every aspect of transportation except for air and water operations, including packaging, communication, loading, acceptance, emergency response and more. Gene developed and now delivers the only CDGP (Certified Dangerous Goods Professional) preparation course in the world outside of China, and he trained the Chinese instructor.</p> <p>Currently, Gene is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Dangerous Goods Trainers Association, and in the past has held certifications such as CDGT, CET, DGSA, and of course, CDGP.</p>
Course Schedule	
Saturday, October 3, 2026	
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration / Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (includes break)	Hazardous Material / Dangerous Goods basics How transport classifications affect the other HazMat/DG functions
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (includes break)	Classes & Divisions one by one; comparing transport to GHS Assignment of Homework
Sunday, October 4, 2026	
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (includes break)	Review of Out of Class assignment Finish Division by Division review Summarize all non-objective transport classification criteria



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12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (buffet lunch provided)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..	Selecting Proper Shipping Names Optional Classifications Using alternative Proper Shipping Names Exam, and Review of Exam

Course Materials

The course materials for professional development courses at the SCHC Annual Meeting will be provided in digital format only. The digital materials will be similar to those used in SCHC's distance learning courses. The course fee includes access to these electronic materials, which the registrants will be able to download before the meeting. SCHC is embracing digital course materials that align with sustainability goals and foster an eco-friendly and technologically advanced approach to professional development.

Registration

Admission to the course will be on a first-come basis. Payment must be received by September 3, 2026, to secure your space. Space is limited. Fill out the registration form located on SCHC's website: www.schc.org. SCHC accepts checks, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Hotel Accommodations

Arrangements have been made for a block of rooms at the Omni Royal Orleans located at 621 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Room rates start at \$224/night. Please use the following link to make a hotel reservation at the Omni Royal Orleans: <https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/new-orleans-royal-orleans/SCHC-Annual%20Meeting-2026>. Deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, September 11, 2026.

Cancellation Policy

No refunds will be given after September 3, 2026. No one will be admitted to the course unless all fees have been paid in advance. Every effort has been made to ensure the information in this brochure is accurate. SCHC reserves the right to modify this course without prior notice or to cancel the course 30 days prior to the course date. In the event this course is canceled, SCHC's obligation is limited to a full refund of the course fee.