



Society for Chemical Hazard Communication
Professional Development Training

U.S. Hazard Communication for Workplace Chemical Products (HCS 2024)
Overview of Requirements and Practical Examples in SDS and Label Preparation

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

Course Description

OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) has been in effect for nearly 50 years, and during this period perhaps millions of Safety Data Sheets and precautionary labels have been prepared. Over this time, there has been a continual influx of professionals responsible for authoring these documents. This 2-day course offers those newly appointed to this task an opportunity to learn the regulatory and voluntary consensus requirements for preparing and distributing these documents and to receive hands-on training in writing them.

Since the June 2024 OSHA final rule update, the HCS now fully aligns the United States with the latest revision of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), Revision 7. This workshop will equip attendees with an understanding of the updated standards and guide them in creating hazard communication documents that comply with those standards.

Real-life situations, such as competing regulatory requirements, will be addressed. A distinguishing feature of this course is its use of hand-on exercises, providing reinforcement of the material presented.

Course Objective

This course teaches the students to answer the following questions:

- Is this chemical or product hazardous?
- If yes, what must I do?
- Are there other standards I should follow?
- How do I prepare an SDS?
- How do I prepare a label?

Intended Audience

This course is primarily designed to lead neophytes through the process of developing quality container labels and SDSs that comply with OSHA's HCS 2024. It will also be valuable for those who have developed expertise in this field but who desire systematic training in the requirements of this revised regulation.

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



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Course Director / Instructor



Atanu K. Das, CHMM, SDSRP

Atanu has over 25 years of experience in Safety and Environmental Management and has held positions dealing with federal, state, and local regulatory requirements in both manufacturing and consulting roles. His experience includes Underground Storage Tank Management, Air Permitting, Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, Hazardous Waste Management, and OSHA worker safety. Atanu is the owner of SDSWriter, LLC, where he manages a team of consultants responsible for researching, authoring, and updating OSHA compliant Safety Data Sheets and their international equivalents, and assisting clients with regulatory compliance issues related to global hazard communication needs. Atanu is the Vice President of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication and serves as the chair of the CHMM recertification committee under the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management.

Course Instructor



Ryan Hamilton, PhD, DABT, ERT

Ryan is a Consulting Director with ERM, based in the Philadelphia office. He has 12+ years of experience in toxicology, risk assessment and product stewardship in the pharmaceutical and chemical industries. Previously Ryan managed large teams of PhD toxicologists and product stewardship experts. He led product development and conducted toxicological, regulatory, and chemicals inventory assessments for products in the pharma, food, personal care, cosmetics, biocide, home care, and industrials spaces. Ryan has participated in audits both on EHS responsible care for internal manufacturing facilities, as well as compliance for 3rd party contract research labs. Ryan has experience in working with global regulatory agencies and frameworks in the US (TSCA), EU (REACH), Asia-Pacific, and Latin America. Ryan is a board certified and European registered toxicologist and is active in the Society of Toxicology and Society for Chemical Hazard Communication where he has held multiple appointed committee posts including as Chair.

Course Instructor



Danielle Svestka

Danielle is a Technical Consulting Director in ERM's Sustainable Product & Supply Chain Community, located in the Chicagoland area. She has over 20 years of experience in Product Stewardship, Hazard Communication, Global Regulatory Affairs and Biocidal Products. Danielle has spent the majority of her career in the industrial/specialty chemicals sector, with additional time working in both consumer products and animal pharmaceuticals. Past projects have included TSCA CDR reporting, FIFRA registrations and label reviews, global product hazard assessment and creation of SDSs/labels and new chemical evaluation/registration. Current project work includes providing client on-demand regulatory support and client support for 2024 CDR reporting obligations, including the use and build out of the ERM Assess tool. Prior to joining ERM, Danielle worked in the lithium industry where she managed all aspects of the chemical portfolio for the entire Americas region - inclusive of Canada, Mexico, South/Central America and the US. Danielle is a current active member of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) and serves as member of the SCHC Board of Directors.



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Course Topics and Schedule (Subject to Change)

Saturday, October 3, 2026

7:30 – 8:00	Registration / Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 12:00 Includes 2 breaks	Introductions / Background Information Review of HCS 2024 What is a hazardous chemical? Health Hazards Classification – Health Hazards What is a hazardous chemical? Physical Hazards Classification – Physical Hazards Allocation of label elements exercise
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (buffet lunch provided)
1:00 - 5:00 Includes break	SDS Requirements (Sections 1 & 3) SDS Requirements (Section 2) SDS Exercise 1 and Discussion SDS Requirements (Sections 4 - 8)

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Includes 2 breaks	SDS Exercise 2 and Discussion SDS Requirements (Sections 9 – 10) SDS Exercise 3 and Discussion SDS Requirements (Sections 11 – 16) SDS Exercise 4 and Discussion Other SDS considerations
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (buffet lunch provided)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Includes 2 breaks	Label Background Information Label Requirements Label Exercise 1 and Discussion Label Exercise 2 and Discussion Other labeling standards and label critiques Distribution and retention requirements Q&A



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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%C2%A0Meeting-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.