Presenter biography: Jon Hellerstein, M.S., CSP, CIH

Jon Hellerstein is a career environmental health professional who has actively practiced in the Hazard Communication, Product Stewardship and Sustainability disciplines for about 30 years. Jon served on the original Chemical Manufacturers’ Association (CMA) workgroup that co-authored the first ANSI Z400.1 Standard on MSDS Preparation in the late 1980s. Jon served as chair of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Product Stewardship Committee and an AIHA local section officer and board member. He has served on the SCHC Professional Development Committee and given presentations at AIHCe and SCHC conferences.

He is currently the Global Senior Product Stewardship Leader at MeadWestvaco. He has global responsibilities for implementing the Product Stewardship process and Regulatory Assurance and Compliance Systems (RACs). Jon served as Leader of Occupational Health & Safety and Product Stewardship at Owens Corning for 8 years. He implemented a Global HazMat materials management system, an electronic MSDS platform, an MSDS global authoring process and product stewardship review process. Jon has consulted with the Department of Justice and U.S. EPA in numerous hazardous waste site litigation matters and health risk assessments. Jon earned a BA in Environmental Studies from Macalester College (1977) and a Masters of Science in Environmental Health from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health (1980). Jon is a Board Certified Industrial Hygienist and a Certified Safety Professional.

Presenter biography: Denese A. Deeds, CIH

Denese Deeds is co-founder of Industrial Health & Safety Consultants, Inc. (IH&SC) where she is the Director of Chemical Regulatory Services. In that function she prepares safety data sheets, labels and other hazard communication documents, files international chemical registrations and assists companies with overall chemical regulatory compliance. She has 39 years in the field and is a recognized expert in her field. Prior to founding IH&SC she worked as an industrial hygienist for General Electric and Westinghouse.

Denese is certified in the Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene. She is a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and a member the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC). She on the Stewardship and Sustainability Committee at AIHA. She is a Past-President of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC), serves on various committees, and is co-chair of the Outreach and Communication Committee. She was awarded an Outstanding Individual Contributor Award by AIHA in 2010 and the President’s Award in 2012. Denese’s current passion is the work she is doing to develop a registry for SDS and label authors with the AIHA Registries Programs and SCHC.
Presentation abstract

U.S. based manufacturers and distributors have upgrading and transforming their Hazard Communication programs to comply with new requirements under the GHS for almost 18 months. Innovative ways to overcome both expected and unexpected challenges being experienced will be discussed. The first compliance date for employee training is quickly approaching, but the greatest hurdle—revision of all SDS and labels—is what keeps many HazCom professionals up at night. We will share insights by engaging SCHC members and other health, safety, and environmental professionals to provide the antidote to “GHS-induced insomnia.” Speakers will discuss their experiences and what has been learned from their peers on successful strategies and pitfalls, with an additional opportunities for audience participation.