

## Bio

Maureen Ruskin is currently the Office Director of the Office of Chemical Hazards – Metals (OCHM) in the Directorate of Standards and Guidance for US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OCHM is responsible for regulations and guidance on exposures to toxic metals as well as aligning the Hazard Communications Standard with Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). Ms. Ruskin joined OSHA in 1997 and since that time has worked on several occupational health standards including hexavalent chromium, 1,3 butadiene, methylene chloride and Hazard Communication Standard. Prior to working at OSHA, she worked in the chemical industry for approximately a dozen years. Ms. Ruskin received her undergraduate from the University of Michigan and her graduate degree from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Ms Ruskin has been involved with GHS and a member of the US Delegation for UN Subcommittee of Experts on the GHS since December 2008, the Head of the US Delegation since July 2010 and elected Chair to the Sub-committee in 2011. In addition to her involvement at the UN, Ms. Ruskin has been the lead person in the rulemaking process to align the US Hazard Communication Standard with the GHS for work place chemicals. Now in the implementation phase, Ms. Ruskin leads the team in the producing guidance materials to facilitate the implementation of GHS.

### *Presentation abstract*

The presentation will cover OSHA's ongoing activities in the implementation of the GHS, including the regulatory agenda and other implementation issues. In addition, the presentation will cover the highlights of other international activities including the activities under the Regulatory Cooperation Council with Canada, UN Subcommittee recently adopted revisions to the purple book and the upcoming UN Subcommittee program of work.