

## **Label Logistics & Technology: Meeting the GHS Challenge**

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### *Presenter biography*

Bill Sargent has 17 years of labeling experience. Since 2003, Bill has been working with the Petro/Chemical industry in providing custom harsh environmental labeling solutions for the eastern half of the US. Bill manages account activities from a sales, contractual and implementation perspective, while maintaining and building strategic relationships within the industry through trade associations including SCHC. Bill is a recognized expert in printer and GHS labeling solutions for the chemical manufacturing and distribution field. Bill holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

### *Presentation abstract*

It is hard to believe but the Final Ruling for the HazCom 2012/GHS regulation has now been in place since May of 2012. There have been many developments and clarifications related to how GHS labeling requirements should be implemented, both in terms of regulation interpretation and labeling technology. One thing is for certain, the chemical manufacturing and distribution field has been very busy in addressing this regulation and all companies have initiated projects to meet the June 2015 deadline.

The initial focus for most companies has been to evaluate their SDS authoring system which has kept organizations from evaluating their printer and label media to a final component of their GHS plan. However, there are many variables (some new) related to qualification of label media with a printer that need to be evaluated simultaneously with the SDS authoring system.

The purpose of my presentation is to identify these variables and to outline the positives and negatives of all available printer and label technology options. We know from experience that a “one size fits all” solution does not exist and that companies must consider many factors to determine the best solution for their HazCom labeling system.