



WHMIS 2015 – An Implementation Update

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Presenter biography

Rosslynn Miller-Lee is the Director of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau in the Consumer Product Safety Directorate of the Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. In this position, Rosslynn is responsible for the administration of the *Hazardous Products Act* and *Hazardous Materials Information Review Act* which are related to the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS). She has an M.Sc. in Biochemistry from the University of Western Ontario and an M.B.A from Heriot-Watt University.



Rosslynn led the development of legislative amendments and new regulations to implement the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in Canada. She is the Canadian head of delegation to the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS and has worked with her U.S. counterparts under the Canada- U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council to develop and deliver on ambitious work plans for alignment of regulations and guidance materials. She oversees the delivery of the WHMIS claims for exemption operational program and national coordination of compliance and enforcement efforts delivered through partnerships with federal, provincial and territorial occupational health and safety (FPT OHS) authorities. Rosslynn is currently the chair of the WHMIS Current Issues Committee; a standing committee which includes stakeholders representative of industry, employers and organized labour, as well as partner FPT OHS regulatory agencies.

Presentation abstract

Transition to WHMIS 2015 in Canada is actively progressing. However, transition milestones have recently been changed, and active discussions are underway on proposals to change requirements for concentration disclosure, for protection of confidential information for carcinogens, mutagens, reproductive toxins and respiratory sensitizers (CMRRs) and for consumer products. In addition, Health Canada launched two initiatives relating to compliance and enforcement last fall. Updates on these areas will be provided.