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Do you have hazardous chemicals in your workplace?

If so, there may be some changes on the horizon. OSHA published proposed rulemaking in September 2009 to align OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) ([Click here for more information](#)) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. OSHA's current agenda has the rulemaking implemented in the fourth quarter of 2011.

"In 2003, the United Nations (UN) adopted GHS. The GHS includes criteria for the classification of health, physical and environmental hazards, as well as specifying what information should be included on labels of hazardous chemicals as well as safety data sheets. The United States was an active participant in the development of the GHS, and is a member of the UN bodies established to maintain and coordinate implementation of the system. The official text of the GHS can be found on the UN web page."

Are you thinking of using alternative fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money?

If so, here is some good news. The Steel Tank Institute (STI) recently released its Statement of Compatibility regarding steel tanks and alternative fuels. Find it here: [Statement of Compatibility](#):

"All steel tanks are suitable for use with all blends of fuels meeting ASTM standards, including ethanol blends from E10 to E100. All steel tanks are also suitable for use with all blends of biodiesel, from B2 to B100. Testing has been done proving compatibility of steel by several sources, including Oak Ridge National Lab (sponsored by DOE in collaboration with UL and NREL), SwRI, DNV, and STI (through Battelle)."

Have you heard of the Boiler MACT or the Emissions Standards for Boilers and Process Heaters and Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste Incinerators?

Many industries are impacted by these new standards. EPA provides details [here](#).

"On February 21, 2011, EPA established practical and protective Clean Air Act emissions standards for large and small boilers and incinerators that burn solid waste and sewage sludge. These standards cover more than 200,000 boilers and incinerators that emit harmful air pollution, including mercury, cadmium, and particle pollution."

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