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Regulatory News



New Fire Prevention Regulations for Hazardous Material Processing

Massachusetts recently promulgated a new directive in their Fire Prevention Regulations. 527 CMR 33.00 addresses chemical safety as it relates to protecting the public and emergency response personnel from fire or explosion hazards resulting from the processing of flammable, combustible, toxic or corrosive substances. This regulation is applicable to chemicals that have NFPA ratings of 3 or higher.

The goal of the regulation is to enhance the awareness of local emergency response personnel about the actual and potential risks associated with hazardous material processing within their community, and it establishes permitting requirements for facilities that engage in the processing of hazardous material. You can find more details [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Governs Hazardous Material

If you have a hazardous material regulation question, the [Hazardous Materials Information Center](#) may help.

"The Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) are issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and govern the transportation of hazardous materials by highway, rail, vessel, and air. The HMR address hazardous materials classification, packaging, hazard communication, emergency response information and training."

EPA Issues Effluent Guidelines for Industrial Facilities

"[Effluent guidelines](#) are national standards for wastewater discharges to surface waters and publicly owned treatment works (municipal sewage treatment plants). We issue effluent guidelines for categories of existing sources and new sources under Title III of the Clean Water Act. The standards are technology-based (i.e. they are based on the performance of treatment and control technologies); they are not based on risk or impacts upon receiving waters."

Reminder: Important Dates!

- EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting due **July 1st**
- MA Toxic Use Reports due **July 1st**
- UST Operator Regulations Go into Effect on **August 8th**

As noted in last month's e-mail, the new regulation provides for three classes of operators, A, B and C. In addition to site-specific training, Class A and B operators will be required to pass an examination before the August 8, 2012 deadline! To help you prepare for this exam, Tighe & Bond is planning training sessions in Westfield for June 13th and July 26th. To register click [here](#).

Also, Tighe & Bond now has two Class A/B Operators for Underground Storage Tank (UST) operation in Mass. Project Manager Dave Horowitz, P.E., CSP, and Environmental Scientist Gary Roberts, both recently passed the Operation Certification Program exam and can readily assist you as needed. They can serve as your facility's Class A/B operators, as well as provide on-site Class C operator training.

If you need additional help, contact Jeff Bibeau at (413) 572-3243 or jpbibeau@tighebond.com.



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