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VISIT CHEMSTATION'S NEW WEB SITE

ChemStation's web site is up and running and we welcome you to visit us there.

To review the site, type http://www.chemstation.com in your browser's SEARCH window. Topics include Our System, U.S. Locations, Industry Applications, Insights Newsletters (current and past issues), E-mail and more. The E-mail page provides an opportunity to send a message to our Customer Service department with any questions or comments you have.

Information is updated frequently, so check the site occasionally to see what's new and interesting at ChemStation.

MSDS BILL PASSES IN THE HOUSE

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill (HR 4037) requiring companies to attach either a product label or other worker safety information to each MSDS. HR 4037 also seeks to permit electronic devices as a method of making MSDS's available to employees. Another key issue raised in HR 4037 is the use of non-technical language for MSDS's so that workers can understand the safety information as well as making the information prominent.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

SMALL BUSINESSES MAY COME UNDER OSHA SAFETY RULES

Small firms, fewer than 20 employees, are presently exempt from the record keeping and inspection requirements associated with OSHA's worker safety programs. This exemption will come to an end if a rule is passed that companies of all sizes must establish a satisfactory safety programs or face civil penalty.

If the rule is passed after a period of public comment in April, OSHA compliance officers will begin helping small business owners develop safe working environments. In the long run, small businesses should save money with safety programs in place due to reduced costs for worker compensation, employee turnover and training.

Using ChemStation refillable containers decreases the likelihood of injury from handling heavy drums or mixing chemicals. Moreover, your local ChemStation staff can help you with Right-To-Know seminars, employee training and more.

LARGE PLANTS REQUIRED TO LOOK AT HACCP PANS

HACCP requires food processors to take a look at their HACCP plans once a year to comply with the regulation. USDA put out the message that large meat and poultry plants were required to review their plans by the end of January.

WORDS FOR THOUGHT.

"Never forget that you are unique, just like everyone else."

"It's easy to make good decisions when there are no bad consequences."

COMPUTER CORNER



If you have some things you need to do around the house and want some advice on how to get it done, there's a web site that will probably be able to help: try www.misterfixit.com. Even the experienced Do-It-Yourselfer should find some handy hints here. Bob Hewitt has developed a web site with his ideas on fixing nearly everything it seems, from cars to appliances, electrical, plumbing and more. There is even a custom search where you can enter your topic and search his site for advice.