

Chemical Safety Principles & Management



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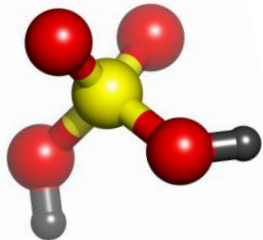
Topics

- Definition of chemical safety
- Hazard vs Risk
 - Assessment Process –
 - anticipation, recognition, evaluation and controls
- Chemical Management
 - Benefits
 - Procurement
 - Storage
 - Inventory Systems
 - Hazard Communications
 - Waste Management



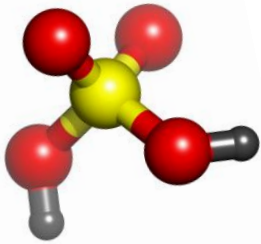
Chemical Safety Defined

- ▶ Safety: “The condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss”
 - Merriam-Webster
<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/safety>
- ▶ Chemical Safety: “Practical certainty that there will be no exposure of organisms to toxic amounts of any substance or group of substances: This implies attaining an acceptably low risk of exposure to potentially toxic substances.”
 - IUPAC Glossary of Terms Used in Toxicology
<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/iupacglossary/glossaryc.html>
- ▶ Also:
 - Process Safety
 - Inherent Safety



Hazard versus Risk

- ▶ Hazard – *the inherent potential to harm*
- ▶ Risk – *the probability that harm will result*



Chemical Hazards

▶ *Chemical hazards*

- Health hazards: toxics, corrosives, carcinogens
- Physical hazards: flammables, explosives, reactives

▶ *Other industrial hazards*

- Mechanical—unguarded moving parts, belts, fans
- Electrical
- Pressure & temperature extremes
- Elevated surfaces
- Noise
- Non-ionizing radiation—lasers, ultraviolet light, radiofrequency
- Ergonomic hazards





Risk Assessment Process

Anticipation

Recognition

Evaluation

Control

Hazards

Risks

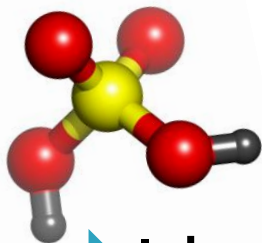


Anticipation

Anticipation = Advance Planning:

- Team with process engineers, plant facility team leaders, workers, environmental, health & safety professionals, fire protection engineers
- Acquire process information, drawings, equipment requirements and specifications, chemical information, safety data sheets, plant safety procedures, and regulatory requirements





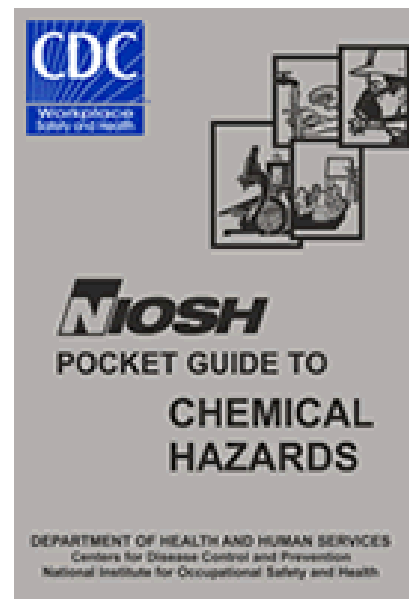
Recognition/Identification

► Identify each chemical hazard

- Quantity of each process chemical
- Identify intermediates, by-products
- Acquire toxicity information
- Solid, liquid, or gas?
- Flashpoint
- Vapor pressure
- Air or water reactivity

► Identify process hazards

- Upper and lower limits of temperature, pressure, flow
- Mechanical hazards
- Electrical hazards

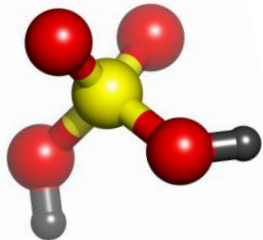


http://www.ilo.org/safework/info/databases/lang--en/WCMS_145760/index.htm



Evaluation

- ▶ What are the tasks in the process? How are chemicals used?
 - Filling, spraying, reacting, mixing?
- ▶ What are the controls for over-pressurization or elevated temperature conditions?
- ▶ Process equipment inspected & maintained?
- ▶ Barriers and guards in place?
- ▶ Workers properly trained?
- ▶ What are the consequences of process deviations?
- ▶ Emergency shut-down equipment or ventilation?



Controls

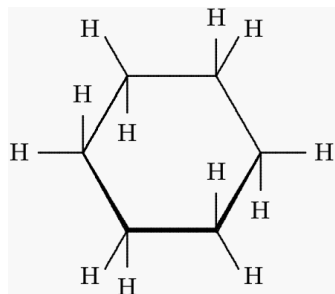
How are the risks controlled?

- Eliminate the hazard
- Substitute process materials
- Engineering controls
- Administrative controls/operational practices
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

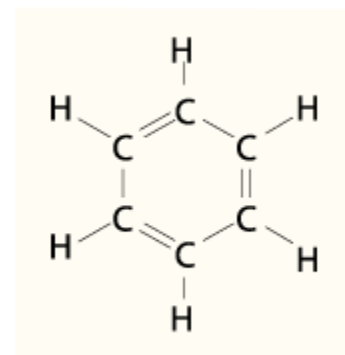


Controls

Change the process
eliminate the hazard
(e.g. Lower process temperature)



Substitution
less-hazardous substance
(e.g. – cyclohexane for benzene)





Engineering Controls

Enclose the hazard,

Use a barrier,

Or,

Ventilate

–Dilution ventilation

–Local exhaust ventilation (LEV)





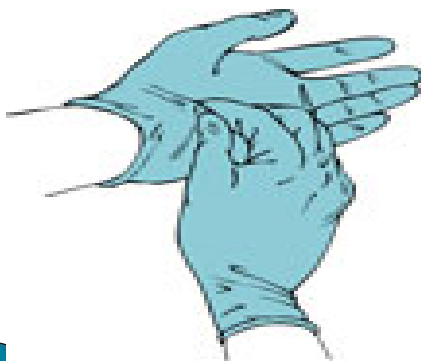
Administrative Controls

*Organizational safety policies,
Standard operating procedures,
Task-specific procedures*



Personal Protective Equipment – PPE

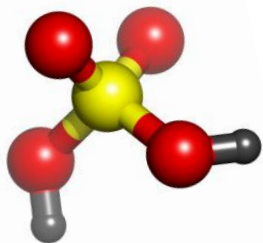
PPE is the *least* desired control
Does not eliminate the hazard
Depends on worker compliance
May create heat stress





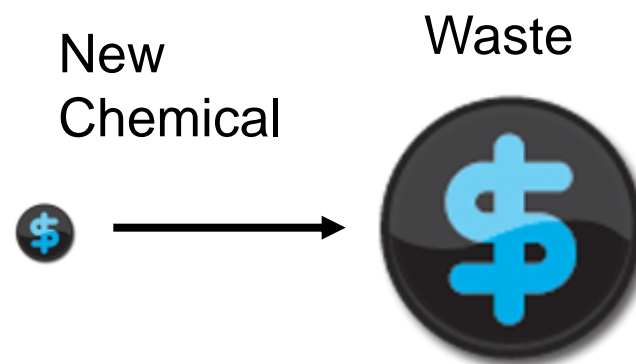
Chemical Management

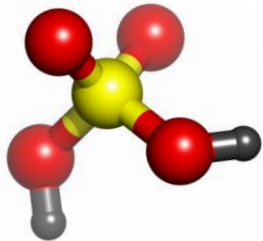
- ▶ Benefits
- ▶ Cradle to Grave Model
- ▶ Procurement
- ▶ Storage
- ▶ Use
- ▶ Disposal



Chemical Management Benefits

- **Reduces cost of:**
 - Raw materials
 - Hazardous waste disposal
- **Facilitates plant sustainability**
- **Protects the environment**
- **Improves security**
 - Theft
 - Sabotage





Chemical Management Cradle-to-Grave Model



Procure



Store

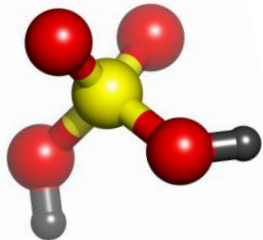


Use



Disposal





Chemical Procurement

Institute a procurement approval system

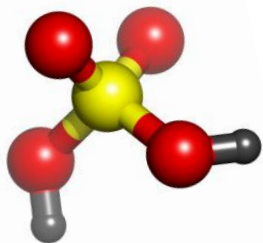
- Written procedure
 - Document who orders chemicals
 - Document what chemicals require approval
 - Who approves
- Link ordering to a product review system
 - Engineering, Environmental Health & Safety, Facility & Fire Protection Staff
- Track “chemicals of concern”



Discussion

- ▶ How are chemicals procured at your facility?
 - What are there rules about who can order chemicals?

- ▶ How do you track the purchase of –
 - highly toxic,
 - flammable, or
 - reactive chemicals?

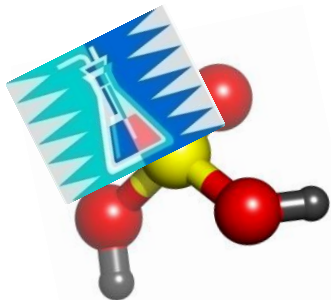


Chemicals Storage

- ▶ Where are chemicals stored?
- ▶ Consider unusual storage sites
 - Loading docks
 - Outside locations
 - Waste storage facility
 - Chemicals contained in equipment
- ▶ Resource

Guidelines for Safe Warehousing of Chemicals, Center for Chemical Process Safety,
ISBN: 978-0-8169-0659-8



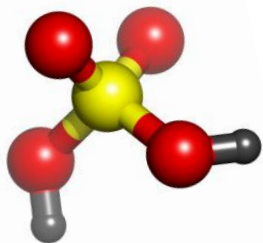


Chemical Storage

Design and Construction:

- Building and fire codes are specific for each country
- U.S. uses International Code Council
<http://www.iccsafe.org/>
- Combines many building, fire, and energy codes
- Incorporates by reference
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes
 - NFPA Electric Code (70)





Chemical Storage

Best Practices:

- ▶ Safe path during normal and emergency conditions
- ▶ Determine travel distance to exits
- ▶ Separate personnel areas from chemical storage
- ▶ Adequate aisle spacing
- ▶ Exit signage
- ▶ Emergency lighting



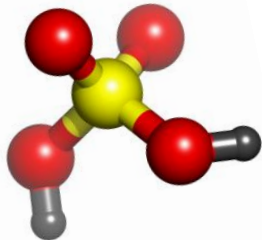


Chemical Storage

Design and Construction:

- ▶ Spill containment
 - Maximum probable spill plus fire sprinkler water
 - Primary containment
 - Drains, trenches
 - Secondary containment
 - Recessed loading dock
 - Concrete berms, grates
- ▶ Separate incompatible chemicals
 - Oxidizers, corrosives, flammables





Chemical Storage





Chemical Storage

Gas Cylinders:

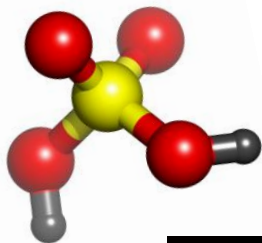
- ▶ Separate incompatible gases
- ▶ Secure all gas cylinders
- ▶ Store in well-ventilated area
- ▶ Provide protection from direct sunlight
- ▶ Screw down cylinder caps when not in use





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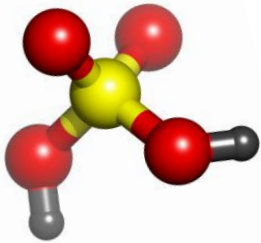




CSB Video: Compressed Gas Cylinder Fire



Danger of Propylene Cylinders in hot weather –
Video file = Praxair Clip (small).mpg 8.5 min



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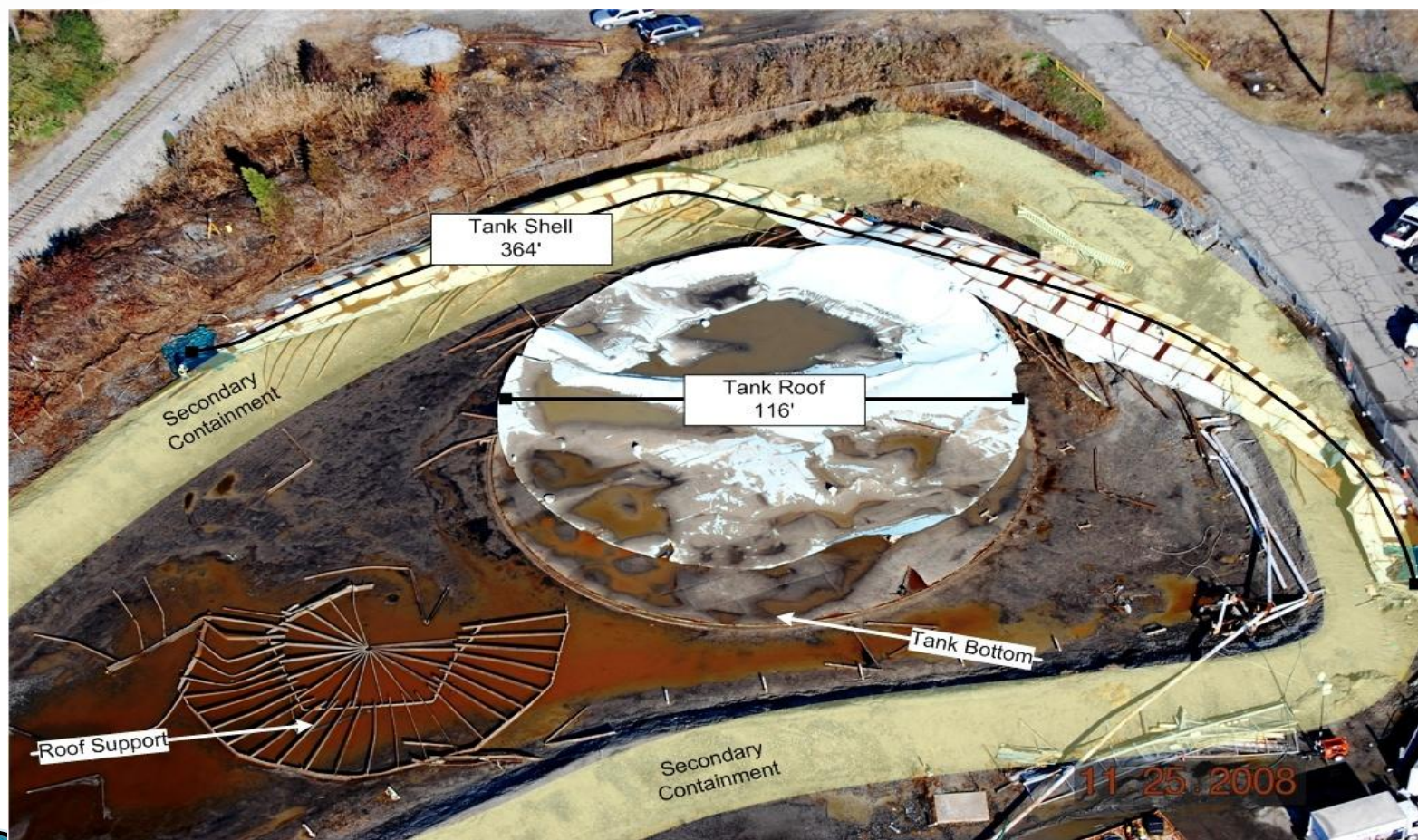
Tank Storage:

- ▶ Tank material **compatible** with the chemical stored
 - Mild Steel
 - Stainless steel
 - Cross-linked high density polyethylene
- ▶ Spill containment
 - Double walled or lined tanks
 - Berms
- ▶ Security/Impact protection





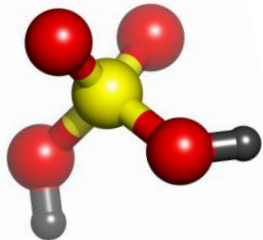
Collapsed Fertilizer Tank





Discussion

What safeguards does your facility have in place to prevent, mitigate, or respond to a release in a chemical storage area?



Chemical Inventory Systems

- Home made – Access or Excel programs
- Commercial – Chemical inventory linked to Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- Freeware – Web-based, Hypertext Preprocessor (PHP) software
- Radiofrequency Identification (RFID) tracking



Chemical Inventory Systems

Barcode Systems

- System of tracking is container-based or static inventory
- Each container, tank, or cylinder is provided with a barcode sticker
- Barcode labels may be printed using a direct thermal printer



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Chemical Inventory Systems Barcode Systems

Advantages:

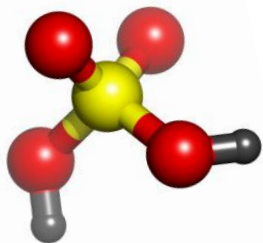
- Query for container location
- Link a chemical container to safety data sheet
- Track chemicals of concern
- Document disposal or waste transfer

Recommendations:

- Perform a periodic site inspection
 - Assures accuracy of the inventory
 - Provides visual inspection of container condition



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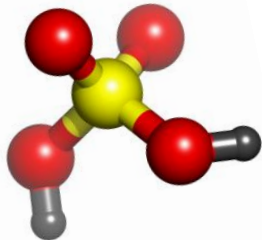
System should be able to query for the following:

- Barcode number
- Trade or IUPAC name
- Chemicals in a mixture
- CAS number
- Location (process unit)
- Quantity
- Shelf life/expiration date
 - Lab chemicals



Example: Barcode System for Static Inventory

Barcode	Location	Depart.	Quantity	Purchase Date	Expiration Date	Name	State	Waste Disposal
XX00187	110/111 1	02712	40 liters	8/01/2007		BKC 20121	Liquid	
XX00172	110/111 1	02712	80 liters	7/31/2007		DIETHANOLAMINE	Liquid	
XX00173	110/111 1	02712	20 liters	11/18/2010	1/30/2011	ACETONE	Liquid	x
XX00174	110/111 1	02712	28 liters	12/15/2010		ACETONE	Liquid	
XX00175	110/111 1	02712	40 liters	10/17/2010		ISOAMYL ACETATE	Liquid	
XX00176	110/111 1	02712	20 liters	11/18/2010		SOLVENT 25	Liquid	



Commercial Inventory Systems

- ▶ Commercial systems typically include:
 - Barcode Scanner
 - Database
 - Link to safety data sheets
- ▶ May also include:
 - Link to chemical suppliers
 - Report function
 - Reportable chemicals
 - Community Right-to-Know, air emissions, etc.
 - Internal reports



Using Chemicals Hazard Communication

Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

- Hazard pictograms
- Signal words
- Hazard statements

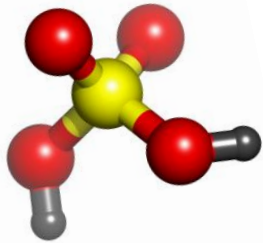
U.S. OSHA

- Label all chemical containers
 - Product or chemical name
 - Supplier name/contact information
 - Hazard



Danger
Flammable Liquid

A Guide to The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals:
<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs.html>



Using Chemicals Hazard Communication

Pipe Labeling

- 2007 ANSI/ASME A13.1 *Scheme for the Identification of Piping Systems*
- Does not apply to buried pipelines or electrical conduit
- Label must state contents, hazard, direction of flow
- May use color coding





Using Chemicals Hazard Communication

Safety Data Sheet:

1. Identification
2. Hazard(s) identification
3. Composition information
4. First-aid measures
5. Fire-fighting measures
6. Accidental release measures
7. Handling and storage
8. Exposure control/personal protection

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Product Name: _____ Product Code: _____
 MSDS Number: _____ MSDS Revision: _____
 Emergency Phone No.: _____

EZ Corporation
 "The EZ Forms Automation Company"
<http://www.EZ-Forms.com>

HAZARD
 F+ (Very Flammable)
 R+ (Very Reactive)
 S+ (Very Dangerous)

1. IDENTIFICATION
 Chemical Name: _____
 Chemical Family: _____
 CAS # _____
 Molecular Weight: _____
 Boiling Point: _____
 Melting Point: _____
 Density: _____
 Vapor Pressure: _____
 pH: _____
 Specific Gravity (Water = 1): _____
 Specific Gravity (Air = 1): _____
 Solubility in Water: _____
 Solubility in Alcohol: _____

2. PHYSICAL DATA
 Appearance: _____
 Color: _____
 State: _____
 Odor: _____
 Boiling Point: _____
 Melting Point: _____
 Density: _____
 Vapor Pressure: _____
 pH: _____
 Specific Gravity (Water = 1): _____
 Specific Gravity (Air = 1): _____
 Solubility in Water: _____
 Solubility in Alcohol: _____

3. TOXICITY
 Material Components: _____
 CAS # _____
 CAS Name: _____
 LD50 (mg/kg): _____
 LD50 (g/kg): _____
 LD50 (g/lb): _____

4. REACTION/HAZARD DATA
 Reactivity: _____
 Incompatible Materials: _____
 Hazardous Reaction: _____
 Hazardous Decomposition: _____
 Hazardous Polymerization: _____
 Hazardous Oxidation: _____
 Hazardous Reduction: _____
 Hazardous Hydrolysis: _____
 Hazardous Other: _____

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 Precautionary Statements: _____
 First Aid Measures: _____
 Fire Fighting Measures: _____
 Spill/Leak Procedures: _____
 Exposure Control/Personal Protection: _____
 Environmental Hazards: _____

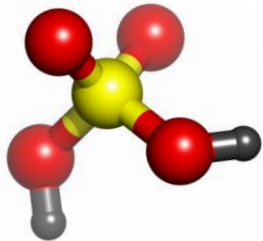


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Discussion

- ▶ What chemical labeling system does your facility use?
- ▶ Is the labeling system the same for all containers?
- ▶ How do workers and emergency response staff access safety data sheets in the event of an incident?



Chemical Waste Management

- ▶ Substitute chemicals when process permits
- ▶ Recycle
- ▶ Dispose by incineration, if allowed in your country
- ▶ Injection wells used in U.S.
- ▶ Incineration is NOT the same as open burning





Summary

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