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## RECOMMENDATIONS from the Confined Space Working Group

The Safety Partnership CSE working group has a recommendation regarding the Confined Space Training renewal.

**Current situation:** CSE needs to be taken every year.

**Recommendation:** 3 Year expiry date

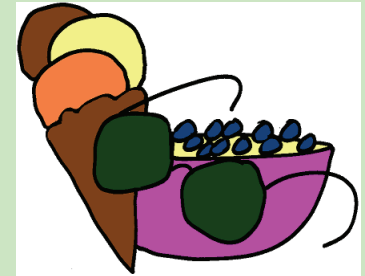
**Rationale:** The IEC CSE training is a generic course and that workers do not take this training in isolation. Workers entering a confined space at a worksite have training and information given to them that is very specific to the space that they are entering and therefore a three year renewal period meets the training needs for this activity.

The 3 year renewal for CSE training was accepted at the June Safety Partnership Steering Committee meeting as well as at the Safety Partnership Executive level.

**Safety Attendant:** Safety Attendant training will remain at the current one year expiry time frame due to the characteristics of the duties of the job and often the experience of those performing this task.

However the Plant Safety Committee has asked the working group to revisit this subject and look at the issues related to the IEC training package that currently includes the following duties:

- 1) Confined Space Safety Attendant
- 2) Spark Watch Attendant
- 3) Mobile Equipment



## JULY IS:

National Ice Cream Month  
UV Safety Month  
Blueberry Month

## ENERGY CONTROL COMMITTEE

The IEC is very proud of the success the Energy Control Working Committee has had in consultations with senior MOL managers with respect to energy control issues.

The MOL have commented that locally there is a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge and that perhaps the IEC and Safety Partnership might play more of a part in future discussions that pertain to the development and implementation of future legislation.

We welcome this collaborative supportive role and see it as a positive step towards recognizing Sarnia-Lambton as one of the safest places to work in Canada!

Congratulations to all of the participants in this worthwhile exercise.

## New GHS\* will Replace WHMIS

### \*Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

The new system, called "Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), classifies chemicals by types of hazard and proposes harmonized hazard communication elements, which would include labels and safety data sheets.

GHS aims to ensure that information on physical hazards and toxicity from chemicals is available to protect human health and the environment during the handling, transport and use of these chemicals.

The GHS also provides a basis for harmonization of rules and regulations on chemicals at national, regional and worldwide level. This becomes even more important in a world where trade borders become increasingly non-existent.

Since 2004, Canada has been conducting technical consultations. This consultation process serves to identify and address issues common to the sectors and address issues which may arise because of potential changes to the current system.

The objective is harmonization to the greatest extent possible between sectors in Canada and between trading partners. In addition, expert working groups are addressing specific issues of environmental and chronic hazard labeling.

In February 2006, a document was developed to provide a summary of the results of the deliberations by the sectors affected by the implementation of the GHS.

The complete version of the "Comparison of Sector Interim Recommendations or Preferred Options" document is available in English and French from the Health Canada GHS web site: [www.healthcanada.ca/ghs](http://www.healthcanada.ca/ghs)

**Next steps** in the implementation process will be:

1. Consultation on implementation phase-in options
2. Consultation with trading partners
3. Economic analysis
4. Development of final recommendations
5. Decision making
6. Draft regulations
7. Regulatory process
8. Phasing in implementation

## Safety Management Assessment Update

The revised SMA has been available on our [sarniasafety.com](http://sarniasafety.com) website for comment since May 1<sup>st</sup>. That comment period is now closed and Mike Manz and the SMA team are looking at incorporating these comments into the revised audit.

The audit has had all of the redundant questions eliminated and the sections have been reorganized into a more logical sequence. This has resulted in a new section devoted to all of the original questions that touched on measuring positive leadership traits being found in their own Leadership element.

We have been asked to add a Return to Work policy and that has been done.

The current plan is to look at criteria for scoring values. Our own internal software and resources will have to change as a result of this revision to the SMA as well.

We plan to roll-out this new audit for September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. The field visit portion is still a work in progress, but there are plans to incorporate the field visit score into the overall SMA score for January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

**Owner/ Client Support:** We have been very pleased with the support we have received by the owner/ clients through their contractor approval process.

**Contractor Support:** The contractors involved in the SMA process lately have been very quick to close the gaps that have been identified in the audit and we thank them for their support.

**WE'RE MOVING!!!** The IEC is planning to move to a building located in front of the Lambton Inn very close to Lambton College on London Road.

**Moving date planned for early 2008.**