



What's NEW?

PHMSA Seeks Feedback on Hazmat Return Policy

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) have published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to find ways to make it easier on companies and their consumers who are returning equipment or components for recycling. The concern is that consumers are shipping hazardous materials improperly, with the wrong packaging, inadequate paperwork or hazards not clearly identified. These packages are ending up in the hands of employees who are not properly trained and disposed of in an unsafe manner.

"PHMSA is working to develop a cost-effective logistical solution that maintains the agency's high safety standards. The ANPRM seeks comments on whether providing a clear definition of reverse logistics will promote the safe transport of hazardous materials"

What you can do:

- Review the PHMSA ANPRM by clicking [here](#).
- Submit your comments online by clicking [here](#). You can also submit your comments by fax at (202) 493-2251, send comments with the reference to docket no. PHMSA-2011-0143 (HM-253). Comments are due by October 3, 2012.



Why Recycle E-Scrap?

Recycling e-scrap is a fast growing field providing greenjobs and taking harmful pollutants out of the land and water. In the U.S. conservative estimates place e-scrap landfills at 4,000,000 tons. U.S. workers who dismantle e-scrap are well protected and carefully regulated. However, manufacturers have been known to get around U.S. regulations by shipping their waste overseas.

The benefits of recycling e-scrap and other heavy metals are:

- Good for the health of nearby communities.
- Good for the watershed and soil.
- Creates jobs
- Makes available supplies of valuable metals like gold, platinum, mercury, etc.

Let the Enviroexperts help you maximize these benefits derived from recycling.

Have you updated your shipping papers?

January 1, 2013 is the deadline for generators to adhere to the new format adopted by the PHMSA to be used on the uniform hazardous manifest. Manifests received after this date with old format shipping descriptions are subject to rejection by the TSDf. The old shipping description format was as follows: proper shipping name, hazard class, UN/NA number, and packing group (ie. Ethanol, 3, UN1170, PGIII). The current format is as follows: UN/NA number, proper shipping name, hazard class, and packing group (ie. UN1170, Ethanol, 3, PGIII). The two formats have been used interchangeably prior to 2007 when the initial adaptation of the new format was announced and the transition period began. EMSI has since changed our format for generating these shipping descriptions to fit the new format. Contact the Enviroexperts today if you have any additional questions.



Have you heard this:

"Looking back 20 years after the first Earth Day, Gaylord Nelson wrote in a letter to The Wilderness Society that, quote, 'The purpose of Earth Day was to get a nationwide demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake the political establishment out of its lethargy and, finally, force this issue permanently into the political arena.' To-day we need that same nationwide concern."

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Message from the President & CEO

We continually strive for excellence and regulatory compliance in a changing environmental atmosphere. As regulatory changes occur so do the specific and unique needs of our clients.

service our clients receive is unmatched.

Our Company is founded on excellence in a higher level of customer focused service. We look forward to sharing our future with you and thank you for your interest and support of EMSI.

Shobhana Sharma
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GHS Regulations Follow-Up

On March 26, 2012 the Occupational Safety & Health finalized and integrated the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Chemical Classification and Labeling into the Hazardous Communication Standard. Not only does this rule change hazard criteria, it significantly revises labels and standardizes safety data sheets. The new regulations require training for all that are affected by December 1, 2013.

The following dates are scheduled milestones for GHS adaptation.

December 1, 2013 – Train employees on the new label elements and Safety Data Sheet format.

June 1, 2015 – Comply with all modified provisions of the final rule. Exception: Distributors may ship products labeled by manufacturers under the old system until December 1, 2015.

Jun 1, 2016 – Update alternative workplace labeling and hazard communication program as necessary, and provide additional employee training for newly identified physical or health hazards.

Transition Period – Comply with either 29 CFR 1910.1200 (this final standard), or the current standard or both.

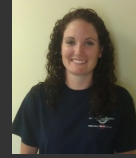
Informative Links:

- [GHS Fact Sheet](#)
- [OSHA Brief](#)
- [HazCom QuickCards](#)
- [HazCom Final Rule](#)
- [Industry Weekly: How to convert to the GHS](#)

Feel free to contact the Enviroexperts if you have any additional questions or would like assistance in your transition.



Have you met...



Anita Colby

Anita is our newest Field Supervisor.

She has over 6 years experience in the Hazmat Response Industry. Her previous experiences include managing personnel in a challenging overseas/war environment in Iraq. She has also worked as a Fire Fighter/EMT/ Hazmat Technician in Antarctica. We are happy to have her in our EMSI family!



Cesar Portillo

Cesar is our newest member in Millenium Bio-Haz Services Division.

He came to our company in January with previous experience as a commercial driver. We are happy to have him aboard!



Vince Thebaud

Vince is our newest Service Technician in our chemical division.

His previous background in the Navy and fire safety training make him a great asset to our company.

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