

MSDS Plus CHEMINFO passes probation test



Saskatoon, SK.: Try it...you'll like it. That was the case for Correctional Service Canada (CSC) when they requested a free trial period of the workplace chemical companions MSDS Plus CHEMINFO from CCOHS. Their verdict was immediate and unanimous.

"Within days we were convinced that the MSDS database was a valuable resource for our organization," explains Dave Castle, Senior Project Manager, Institutional Services, at CSC Regional Headquarters in Saskatoon. The trial period was still underway when Dave decided to subscribe to the program and upgrade from ten to 20 licensed users of MSDS Plus CHEMINFO. For a nominal charge, he added the FTSS database which is a separate collection of 54,000 French-language material safety data sheets.

"We have safety officers and people in the field responsible for materials management handling, food services, and hazardous goods in our 14 institutions and 8 community institutes across the Prairie region. With Web access to MSDS Plus CHEMINFO, everyone can retrieve timely and valuable information right from their computer."

Comprehensive Database

MSDS provides essential information on health hazards, fire and reactivity, storage and handling, spill and disposal procedures as well as chemical and physical properties. The database contains more than 170,000 current Material Safety Data Sheets provided

directly by 600 North American manufacturers and suppliers. "We require a current MSDS for everything we purchase so this database is very useful," adds Dave.

Produced by CCOHS' occupational health and safety specialists, CHEMINFO is acknowledged internationally as one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date chemical safety resources available anywhere. "If we need to locate WHMIS classifications for chemicals, we use CHEMINFO. It's an excellent guide for detailing safe handling and storage procedures." CCOHS' detailed evaluated summaries on industrial chemicals are particularly useful to subscribers.

Regular Updates

With more than 60,000 MSDSs changing in the database each quarter, subscribers to MSDS Plus CHEMINFO always have the most recent information at their fingertips. Subscribers choose to access monthly updates or receive an updated CD-ROM every three months. Their subscription also includes monthly database change reports, and free, unlimited technical product support and a quarterly users' newsletter, LIAISON. Every year, expert OH&S staff at CCOHS also answer thousands of questions from Canadians on workplace health and safety concerns.

FREE Trial Offers

MSDS Plus CHEMINFO is one of many valuable programs and services offered by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. A free trial period for all CCOHS products is available on the Web for seven days or on CD-ROM for 30 days. To order or for more information, please call CCOHS at 1-800-668-4284 or 1-905-570-8094 or visit www.ccohs.ca

