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## **CONN-OSHA Classification System of Hazardous Chemicals Workshop is May 13**

WETHERSFIELD, May 1, 2015 – The rules and regulations governing the “Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals,” or GHS, as it is known, will be explained in depth during a May 13 seminar sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). The session, held in the agency’s Central Office, will run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

“GHS will help employees better understand the hazards of the chemicals they use in the workplace,” explains CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety and Training Specialist John Able, who will conduct the class. “Endorsed by the United Nations, GHS features a consistent safety and health classification methodology and is an effort to get everyone on the ‘same page’ so to speak. Chemical manufacturers and distributors now need to reclassify their chemicals using the GHS standardized classification criteria, and then produce GHS compliant labels and safety data sheets.”

Admission is free, although pre-registration is required. Please contact John Able at [able.john@dol.gov](mailto:able.john@dol.gov). or call him at (860) 263-6902 to register for the session or for additional information.

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