# Environmental Control & Monitoring



**HSES Training Center** 





# **Topics Covered**

- Relevant Legislation (SCENR, RLIC, CHP)
- ISO 14001
- HazCom
- Chemical & Waste Management
- Environmental Monitoring
- Spill Prevention
- Pop Quiz



# **Objectives**

- Understanding Legal Framework of Project
- Learn Basic Principles of ISO 14001
- Enhance Awareness of Environmental Aspects
   & Impacts of Project
- Help Supervisors & Management to Improve Environmental Performance of Project



# What do we mean by Environment?

- Air
- Sounds / Noise
- Water (Surface & Underground)
- Land
- Flora and Fauna
- Archeology





Applicable HSE Legislation Regulations & Standards

- SASO
- Royal Commision Environmental Guidelines
- SABIC HSE Regulations
- ISO 14001,OHSAS 18001 std.



# ISO 14001 Environment Management System (EMS)

- Procedures are important but not sufficient...
- ISO 14001 has been developed to help organizations to:
- 1) minimize harmful effects on the environment caused by their activities, and
- 2) To achieve continual improvement of their environmental performance



# ISO 14001 In a Nutshell...

- These goals will be accomplished by following five Environmental Management System (EMS) principles:
  - Commitment and Environmental Policy (objectives generic)
  - Planning (how, specific targets)
  - Implementation (Procedures)
  - Measurement and Evaluation (e.g. audits)
  - Review and Improvement (analysis and corrective actions)
- Overall aim of ISO 14001 is to support environmental protection and prevention of pollution in balance with socio-economic needs.



# HAZCOM

• YOU have the <u>*Right*</u> and <u>*Need*</u> to know:

- What hazardous chemicals you work with,
- Associated hazards, and

- How to protect yourself from these hazards







## HazCom

Hazard Communication Program:

• Purpose is to ensure that the hazards of workplace chemicals are evaluated, and that information on the hazards is provided to employers and employees.



# HazCom

Hazard Communication Program documentation:

- 1. Identifying and keeping an inventory of hazardous chemicals
- 2. Obtaining and keeping Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) on the identified hazards
- 3. Ensuring that the hazardous materials are labeled with name and hazard, and
- 4. Training employees on the standard, safety information, labeling and protective measures.



# **Chemical Management**





#### **Definition:**

Substance which is: flammable, toxic, harmful, corrosive, irritant, carcinogenic, mutagenic or teratogenic.



The degree of hazard associated with a particular chemical will depend on:



Its physical properties
 Its toxicity
 The way it is used
 The environment in which it is encountered





Information Tools at our disposal...

- 1. Chemical Labels
- 2. Hazard Rating Diamond (NFPA)
- 3. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)





# Hazardous Materials Chemical Labels – Learn How to Read Them!

#### STORAGE CODE RED

#### FLAMMABLE

DANGER! FLAMMABLE! POISON VAPOR HARMFUL. MAY BE FATAL OR CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SWALLOWED. HARMFUL IF INHALED.

Cannot be made nonpoisonous. Keep container tightly closed. Use only in a well-ventilated area. Keep away from heat and open flame. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Target organs: Liver, kidneys, heart, central nervous system. FIRST AID: INGESTION: If conscious, give one or two glasses of water to drink, induce vomiting and call a physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. EYES: Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention. SKIN: Flush with mild soap and water. INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

FOR LAB USE ONLY. NOT FOR DRUG, FOOD OR HOUSEHOLD USE. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Methyl Alcohol Anhydrous Absolute, Reagent Grade CH<sub>3</sub>OH F.W. 32.04

CAS # 67-56-1

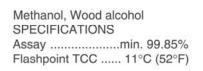
500 mL

# 579366

UN 1230

To Re-order this chemical, call Frey Scientific and use item number listed above.













This label is printed by the customer for the customer's use only.

For More Information, Refer to MSDS.

HAZARD RATING 0 - Minimal	HEALTH	3
1 - Slight 2 - Moderate	FLAMMABILITY	3
3 - Serious 4 - Extreme	REACTIVITY	1
Date Rec'd. / /	Pkg. in U.S.A.	



#### 2) National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Flammability

Hazard Rating Diamond

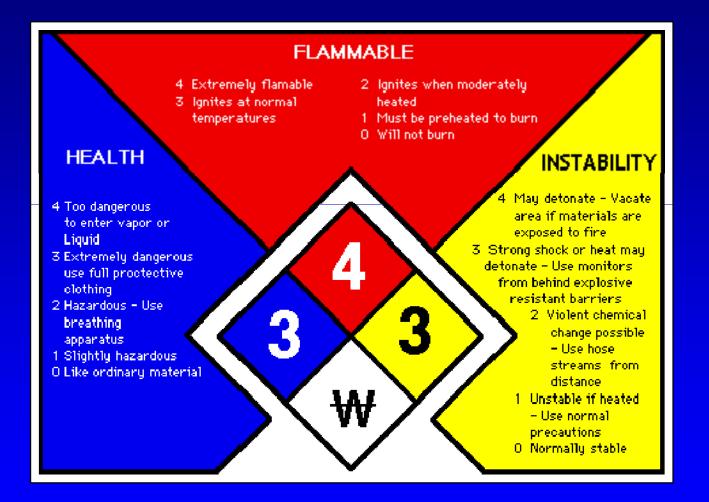
Health ,

Reactivity













What is an MSDS?

"A comprehensive fact sheet that provides information on the identification, health hazards, and the precautions required for the safe use and handling of a specific substance"





2 Popular Format for MSDS
➢ OSHA Format 174: 8-9 sections
➢ ANSI Format: 16 sections

In fact, OSHA now recommends that the ANSI format be used ...



- Air Quality & Dust
- Exhaust Emissions
- Noise
- Water Resources
- Solid & Liquid Waste
- Flora & Fauna







# Why Environmental Monitoring?

- To detect and assess potential environmental impacts of project
- To protect Flora & Fauna
- To evaluate corrective actions
- To stay out of court (National and International)
- To improve a company profile
- For the next generation



#### Sources of Dust Emissions

Vehicles driving on dry dirt road
 Excavating, screening, grading, abrasive blasting, etc.









#### Abrasive Blasting

 Creation of fugitive dust clouds
 Minimization through working within enclosure
 High Concentration of airborne particles
 Selection of abrasive agent very important





#### How Do we Monitor Dust?

- Daily Qualitative Monitoring (visual)
- Weekly Dust (PM10) Sampling
- RLIC Criteria:  $PM10 \le 250 \text{ ppm}$



#### Main Dust Control Methods used:

Reducing Speed of Equipment on Site
 Use of Water Trucks to Keep Roads Damp



# Environmental Monitoring & Control Noise Monitoring

#### **Noise Basics**

- Two factors determine how hazardous noise is:
  - Intensity (Loudness) measured in dBA
  - Time of Exposure measured in Hours and Minutes
- The louder the noise, the more hazardous it is. Also, the longer the exposure time, the more hazardous the noise is.
- A "Noise Dose" combines both loudness and time and is a convenient way of describing the relative hazard of the noise.



#### **Noise Basics**

<u>Loudness</u> is measured using a logarithmic scale. This means that a 10 decibel increase does not simply *add* 10 to the previous level. It *multiplies* the previous level by 10.

Threshold of Hearing	0 dBA
Quiet Room	45 dBA
Conversation	55  dBA = 45  dBA x  10
Car (50 mph at 50 ft)	65  dBA = 45  dBA x  100
End Loader (In Good Cab)	75  dBA = 45  dBA x  1,000
Haul Truck (In Good Cab)	85  dBA = 45  dBA x  10,000
Crusher	95  dBA = 45  dBA x  100,000
Old Dozer (No Cab)	105  dBA = 45  dBA x  1,000,000
Air Track Drill (No Controls)	115  dBA = 45  dBA x  10,000,000

115 dBA has <u>10 million times more sound energy</u> than 45 dBA and is capable of causing 10 million times more damage to hearing.



#### Noise Monitoring

- Noise Level Meter Used
- Weekly Measurement at Property Limits of Sites
- RLIC Criteria for Industrial Zone: ≤ 75dBA





# Environmental Monitoring & Control Monitoring of Water Resources

- Drinking Water
- Groundwater





- Treated Wastewater (Irrigation water)
- Storm Water (at a later stage)



#### Flora, Fauna & Topsoil

- Especially emphasized at start of project
- Relocation of Top Soil for future use
- Relocation of plants taller than 50 cm
- Identification and protection of rare and endangered species (e.g. spiny-tailed lizards, desert monitor lizards, hares, etc.)









#### WHAT IS WASTE?

Any material that is unused and rejected as worthless or unwanted ...





## Waste Management Goals

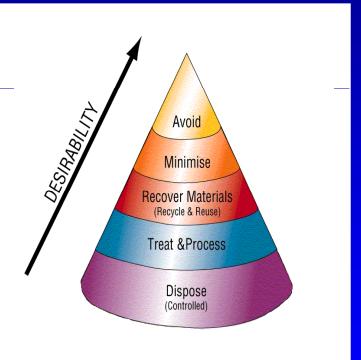
- Minimize environmental impact of waste generated through the project
- Maximize reduction, reuse and recycling of waste
- Ensure environmentally sound disposal of all waste streams





#### Waste Management Waste Management Hierarchy Practice

Source Elimination/Reduction
Reuse
Recycling/Recovery
Treatment
Responsible Disposal







Waste Management General Waste Classification

Class 1 – Municipal Waste

Class 2 – Non-Hazardous Industrial Waste

Class 3 – Inert Waste

Class 4 – Hazardous Wastes



#### **HSE Department Responsibilities**

- > Overseeing all waste handling and disposal
- Prepare procedures for waste collection & disposal
- Identify disposal methods for each waste category
- Provide support for waste recovery and recycling



#### In Addition:

HSE officers will conduct regular inspections of waste storage areas to insure compliance with CHP regulations





#### Subcons Responsibilities

- All personnel are aware of their responsibilities with regards to waste management
- Initiate waste disposal as a function of planning any activities
- > Take action to reduce and segregate waste
- Ensure that adequate number of bins/skips are provided
- > Ensure that all waste containers are adequately labeled
- > All waste is disposed of in the appropriate containers
- > Ensure that records are kept of all waste transfers



#### Why Segregate Waste?

- 1. Avoid mixing incompatible substances
- 2. Optimize reuse and recycling possibilities
- 3. Helps in ensuring adequate containment is used
- 4. Ensure waste is transported and disposed of in an environmentally sensible way



#### Hazardous Waste Procedure

All subcontractors must exercise "Due Diligence" as to the handling, collection and disposal of hazardous waste

Due Diligence: subcontractors MUST ensure that they deal with licensed waste collector/ recycler (from cradle to grave approach)



# How can problems be avoided?

- Segregate all waste at source
- Store in adequate containers
- Send only to authorized dumps
- Ensure waste records are kept



- Ensure transporter has license to collect wastes
- Maximize on reuse and recycling
- Remember the waste hierarchy



#### **Fuel & Chemical Storage**

Must be sited on <u>impervious</u> <u>base</u> within an <u>impervious</u> secure <u>bund</u>

Bund must be sufficient to contain 110% of volume of largest container

Spill containment equipment in immediate vicinity





# Fuel & Chemical Storage

#### Non-centralized store of fuel or lubricant oil

Store so they do not pose a risk to the environment

As a minimum – use drip trays to contain potential leaks

AVOID OVERCROWDING OF TRAYS





# **Spill Prevention**









Most spills currently occurring on sites can be prevented with proper maintenance and containment using drip trays









#### **Presentation Complete**

#### Any Questions?

