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Written Hazard Communication Program

General Information

The amusement park, water park, theme park or FEC owner/operator (“Facilities”) must be committed to the prevention of incidents or happenings which result in injury and/or illness, and to comply with all applicable federal and state health and safety rules. Therefore, these Facilities should spare no effort in providing a safe and healthful work environment for all employees.

Container Labeling

The personnel responsible for chemical purchases should verify that all containers will:

- Be clearly labeled as to the contents.
- Note the appropriate hazard warning.
- List the manufacturer’s name and address.

It should be the owner/operator’s policy that no container will be released for use until the above data is verified. The owner must ensure that all secondary containers are labeled with either an extra copy of the original manufacturer’s label or with a generic label which has identification and hazard warning blocks.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

Copies of all the SDS for all hazardous chemicals to which employees of the Facilities may be exposed will be kept in a central location such as the first aid area. SDS should be available to all employees in their work area for review during work hours. If SDS are not available or new chemicals in use do not have an SDS, immediately contact the personnel responsible for purchasing chemicals.

Employee Information and Training

Prior to starting work, each new employee should attend a health and safety orientation and should receive information and training on the following:

- Chemicals present in their workplace operations.
- Location and availability of our written hazard communication program.
- Physical and health effects of the hazardous chemicals.
- Methods and observation techniques used to determine the presence or release of hazardous chemicals in the work area.
- How to reduce or prevent exposure to these hazardous chemicals through use of control/work practices and personal protective equipment.
- Steps the company has taken to reduce or prevent exposure to these chemicals.

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- Safety emergency procedures to follow if the employee is exposed to these chemicals.
 - How to read labels and review SDS to obtain appropriate hazard information.

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After attending the training class, each Facilities employee should sign a form to verify that they attended the training and understood this company's policies on hazard communication. Prior to a new hazardous chemical being introduced into any area of the facility, each employee of that area will be given information as outlined above. The personnel who purchase the chemicals are responsible for ensuring that MSDSs on any new chemicals are available.

Hazardous Chemicals List

A list of all known hazardous chemicals used by the Facilities employees. More information on each chemical noted is available by reviewing SDSs located in the first aid area or in the immediate work area.

Hazardous Non-routine Tasks

Periodically, employees must perform hazardous non-routine tasks. Before starting work on such projects, each affected employee should be given information by the employer about hazardous chemicals to which they may be exposed during such activity.

This information should include:

- Specific chemical hazards.
- Protective/safety measures employees must take.
- Measures the company has taken to reduce the hazards, including ventilation, respirators, presence of another employee, and emergency procedures.

A great source of Hazard Communication information is from your State or local government agencies. They may have a canned program available that can be easily adapted to your Facility. If you have any questions regarding the Written Hazard Communication Program, please contact me at 513.324.3349 or kvondriska@vondriskaleisure.com.