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DEC Proposes Updates to Petroleum Bulk Storage Regulations

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has proposed changes to update and consolidate Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS), Chemical Bulk Storage (CBS), and Used Oil regulations. The proposed modifications would alter the requirements for handling and storing petroleum in underground and aboveground storage tanks and require tank system operators to receive specialized training approved by DEC.

The proposed changes are subject to public comment. They can be viewed on the DEC website at: dec.ny.gov/chemical/92526.html. The DEC will accept public comments on these proposed rules through Tuesday, November 4, 2014.



To help the public better understand the proposed regulations and be prepared to provide comments, DEC will provide the following opportunities for public involvement:

Webinar

August 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. - noon

Instructions on how to participate in this live webinar are available the DEC website at: dec.ny.gov/chemical/92547.html#webinar

Public Information Meetings

September 4, 2014

Albany: Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6;
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

September 9, 2014

New York City: St. Francis College, Founders Hall, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn;
9:30 a.m. - noon; 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.; and 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

September 11, 2014

Rochester: RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 W. Henrietta Road, Henrietta;
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Instructions on how to register for public information meetings are available at on the DEC website at: dec.ny.gov/chemical/92547.html#meetings

Formal Public Hearings

Two public hearings will be held at each of the three locations below, starting at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. These hearing locations are accessible to persons with impaired mobility.

October 14, 2014

Albany: Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6

October 16, 2014

Rochester: RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 W. Henrietta Road, Henrietta

October 23, 2014

New York City: St. Francis College, Founders Hall, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn

Seating is limited at each public hearing. Instructions on how to register for formal public hearings are available on the DEC website at: dec.ny.gov/chemical/92547.html#hearings

The BOCES Safety & Risk Management Office will provide additional information on the revised regulations as it becomes available.



SCRUB CLUB FOR STUDENTS



Kids can learn about health and hygiene at the Scrub Club™ web site. The site features a fun and educational animated Webisode with seven “soaper-heros” who battle nasty villains representing germs and bacteria. Kids learn the six key steps to proper hand-washing through a webisode, a handwashing song, interactive games, and activities for kids. Educational materials for teachers are also available to download. The Scrub Club web site is sponsored by NSF international and can be accessed at www.scrubclub.org

SAVE THE DATE!



Transportation Supervisors' Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Distance Learning Room

**Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES
Regional Education Center
1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.
Auburn, NY**



Harris Products Group Recalls Welding Torch Handles Due to Fire Hazard

Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Welding torch handles

Hazard: The torch handles can leak oxygen or fuel, posing a fire hazard.

Units: About 13,000 in the U.S. and 350 in Canada

Consumer Contact: Harris Products Group at (800) 447-6906 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.harrisproductsgroup.com and click on Recall for more information.

Description: This recall involves two models of torch handles that were sold under the Lincoln Electric® and Harris Products Group® brand names. The torch handles are used in welding. They are gold in color and made

out of brass. Welding torch model numbers include 18-5 and 85. Manufacture date codes include FM, GA, GB and GC. The model number and date code are stamped on the torch handle at the end closest to the flame. The torch handles were sold individually and also as part of the following kits. Units with “0” above the word “Harris” and to the right of the rivet head are not included in this recall.

KH776	KIT,85601-200 PAT
KH777	KIT,85601-510 DLX CUTWELDER BAG
KH784	KIT,8525F-510P PROPANE/LPG BAG

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Sold at: Home Depot and Lowes stores, industrial gas distributors including Airgas, Praxair and Matheson and other retailers nationwide, and online at www.homedepot.com and www.lowes.com from December 2013 through May 2014 for between \$125 and \$450 when sold individually and for between \$250 and \$1,230 when sold as part of a kit.

Importer: Harris Products Group, of Gainesville, Ga.

Manufactured in: Poland

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled torch handles and contact Harris Products Group to receive a free replacement.

Kit Model Number	Description
1400299	WELD-HDL,63EWAC-CV A-245-100
1401340	WELD-HDL,85 with C/V
1401346	WELD-HDL,85 LECO
1401347	WELD-HDL,64003055 85 RAD
1401820	WELD-HDL,18-5
4400250	KIT,8525 C DLX RAD
4400259	KIT,8525 CD DLX RAD
4400263	KIT,8525C DLX BRZ OXARC
4403181	KIT,85601-200 DLX P.A.T. RAD
4403184	KIT,8525F-510P DLX LPG RAD
4403208	KIT,MED DUTY WELD WE250A
4403209	KIT,STANDARD DUTY WE200A
4403211	KIT,85601-200 INDUSTRIAL P.A.T.DLX
4403212	KIT,85601-510 DLX CUTWELDER BAG
4403213	KIT,85601-200 PAT STD
4403224	KIT,8525GX-510 DLX STEELWORKER BAG
4403225	KIT,8525GX-300 DLX STEELWORKER BAG
4403226	KIT,8525GX-510 STD STEELWORKER BAG
4403228	KIT,85601-510 DLX EXPERT CLASSIC BAG
4403229	KIT,85601-300 DLX EXPERT CLASSIC BAG
4403239	KIT,8525FGX-510P LPGw/NX BAG
4403243	KIT,85601-510 STD EXPERT CLASSIC BAG
4403244	KIT,85601-300 STD EXPERT CLASSIC BAG
9101228	VALVE-ASY,VA85
9101230	VALVE-ASY,VA63

Initial Pesticide Notification Due



The initial written pesticide notification is due at the beginning of the school year for compliance with 8 NYCRR 155.24(b)(1). The notification must be provided to all staff and persons in parental relation.

If your district has not made plans to address this requirement, a sample notification, provided by SED, follows on the next page.

*Sample initial notification to persons in parental relation and staff
pursuant to Section 409-h of the State Education Law*

September 2014

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-h, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The _____ School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40 CFR 152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to (insert name) the _____ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX).

School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification
(please print)

School Building

Name:

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Please feel free to contact (insert name) the _____ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX) for further information on these requirements.



September Health Observances

September 1 - 30
National Preparedness Month
Ready Campaign
FEMA/DHS
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
ready@fema.gov
www.ready.gov

September 1 - 30
**National Pediculosis Prevention Month/
Head Lice Prevention Month**
National Pediculosis Association, Inc.
1005 Boylston Street, #343
Newton, MA 02461
(617) 905-0176
npa@headlice.org
www.headlice.org

September 1 - 30
National Food Safety Education month
Partnership for Food Safety Education
2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22202
(202) 220-0651
info@fightbac.org
www.fightbac.org



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