

Regulatory Updates
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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

-AIChE and CCPS 2025 Spring Meeting and Global Congress on Process Safety, Dallas TX April 6-10, 2025

-PCA Spring Meeting, Point Clear AL, April 23-25, 2025

-ASSP Conference and Expo, Orlando FL, July 22-24, 2025

-National Safety Council Safety Congress and Expo, Denver CO, September 12-18, 2025

-PCA International Conference, Jakarta Indonesia, September 21-23, 2025

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COVID-19 Emergency Rule Terminated – “OSHA has [terminated its Emergency Temporary Standard \(ETS\)](#) to protect workers in healthcare settings from exposure to COVID-19, effective January 15, 2025. OSHA issued the ETS in June of 2021. The ETS served as a proposed rule for a potential future rulemaking on occupational exposure to COVID-19 in healthcare settings. The agency is terminating the ETS now because ‘the public health emergency is over and any ongoing risk by COVID-19 or other coronavirus hazards faced by healthcare workers would be better addressed at this time in a rulemaking addressing infectious diseases more broadly.’ (Lion Technology, Inc., 1/20/2025.)

New U.S. Chemical Safety Board Tool - “On Tuesday, January 14, the CSB [announced](#) a new incident report tool, calling it a ‘new safety product to provide the public with more information about serious chemical incidents reported to the agency.’ Through its announcement, the CSB released the [first volume of incident reports](#). The CSB will be compiling summaries of incidents reported under its Accidental Release Reporting Rule (ARRR) and making them available to the public on the CSB’s website on a regular basis. As for the first volume of incident reports, it covers 26 accidental release events, spanning in time from April 2020 to September 2023.” (OSHA Defense Report, Eric J. Conn and Beeta B. Lashkari, 1/17/2025.)

Webinar Opportunity: Key Considerations in Industrial Hygiene (Chemical and Dust) – The OSHA Defense report will be offering a webinar on this topic on February 10, 2025, at 1:00 pm ET. According to their website, “This webinar will provide a high-level overview of common dust and chemical hazards, tools to help identify, recognize, and control these unseen risks, and offer solutions to meet the latest OSHA standards and enforcement initiatives– setting in place processes to protect workers and avoid citations.” Click [here](#) to register. (OSHA Defense Report, 1/14/2025.)

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Tier II Reporting Help Sheet – “Working to submit your facility's chemical inventory reporting by the March 1 deadline? For help meeting your responsibilities for Tier I/II reporting under EPCRA, this cheat sheet details which chemicals are covered, reporting thresholds, and where to find more details to ensure compliance.” Access the simple help sheet [here](#). (Lion Technology, Inc., 1/31/2025.)

Effective Dates Delayed for TCE Prohibitions and Guidelines on Air Quality

Models – “EPA has delayed until March 21, 2025, the effective date for the recent Final Rule to prohibit activity involving the chemical solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) as well as revisions to Guidelines on Air Quality Modeling. These are Final Rule is [two of four rulemakings for which EPA announced a delayed effective date](#) on January 28, 2025. This is EPA's initial response to the Executive Order to ‘freeze’ new regulations. EPA may identify additional rules that fit the EO's criteria for delay or review in future notices.” (Lion Technology, Inc., 1/28/2025.)

25 RCRA Mistake to Avoid - “Many commonly cited hazardous waste management mistakes are easy to make, easy to overlook, and difficult or time-consuming to correct. Use this guide to help defend your organization's record and bottom line, and keep your facility safe.” Access this detailed guide [here](#). (Lion Technology, Inc., 1/24/2025.)

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