

EHS Regulatory Updates

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 2026 NSC Conference and Expo, Indianapolis IN, 9/14-16/2026
- PCA International Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 9/13-15/2026
- 2026 Global Conference on Process Safety & Big Data, Frankfurt, Germany, 9/15-16/2026
- SOCMA Summit and Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, 11/11-13/2026

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Webinar: Psychological Safety, The Missing Piece of Safety Culture - “A strong safety culture goes beyond procedures and compliance. It starts with creating an environment where employees feel comfortable speaking up, reporting concerns, and supporting one another. In this thought-provoking session, you'll explore how psychological safety influences workplace safety performance and discover practical strategies for building a stronger, more resilient safety culture. Join Reginald J. Richards, occupational health and behavioral science expert on Wednesday, [August 19 at 2:00 PM ET](#) for Psychological Safety: The Missing Piece of Safety Culture, the final webinar in our Summer of Safety Series.” Register or learn more [here](#). This seminar is open to anyone. (SOCMA.org, 7/30/2026.)

OSHA Recordkeeping: A Guide to Avoid Citations - “OSHA’s recordkeeping requirements involve two distinct obligations: recording injuries in the injury log and reporting specific types of severe injuries directly to OSHA. Together, the recording and reporting mandates are broadly referred to as OSHA recordkeeping. Employers who conflate these concepts or miss the stringent deadlines associated with them risk being issued otherwise easily avoidable citations and penalties.” Read the guide [here](#). (OSHA Defense Report, Conn Maciel Carey, Hema Steele, 7/8/2026.)

CSB Final Report: Catastrophic Chemical Fires and Toxic Gas Release - “The US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) released the [Final Report](#) on its investigation into the chemical reaction incident that occurred in Conyers, Georgia, on September 29, 2024. The incident resulted in fires and a plume of toxic smoke containing chlorine, hydrogen chloride, and bromine. Reports said that more than 100,000 people in the surrounding community and Atlanta metropolitan area were evacuated or advised to shelter in place.

“The CSB determined that a corroded sprinkler system component failed and caused the incident. Water contacted the stored pool-treatment chemicals inside the warehouse, initiated a decomposition reaction, and generated significant amounts of dense toxic smoke and heat that started fires. The corrosion of the sprinkler system resulted from the corrosive environment created by stored chlorine-based chemicals in the building, an issue that was not proactively addressed. The Board stated that the following issues all contributed to the incident and its severity:

- The design of the warehouse.
- The hazardous categories and large volumes of the materials stored inside.
- The lack of corporate implementation of risk mitigation strategies.
- Inadequate storage configurations hindered emergency response access to the initial reacting material.”

Read Lion’s summary [here](#). (Lion Technology, Inc., 7/24/2026.)

HAZWOPER Summary - “This guide clarifies the Federal OSHA training requirements, who needs HAZWOPER training, and answers common questions about relevant regulations. The Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Standard is an OSHA workplace health and safety standard found at 29 CFR Part 1910.120. HAZWOPER exists to protect employees in work environments that pose an elevated risk of exposure to ‘hazardous substances.’” Click [here](#) to read the summary. (Lion Technology, Inc., 7/16/2026.)

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EPA Proposes Streamlining Process for New Emission Sources - “On July 1, the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed](#) a new rule that would streamline New Source Review (NSR) permitting processes for minor sources of potential air pollution at factories and other industrial sites like data centers. The new rule would eliminate the minimum federal regulatory requirements for public participation, passing decisions about public participation to state and local governments. The proposed rule aims to reduce administrative burden and speed Clean Air Act (CAA) permitting for smaller industrial projects. EPA will hold a 45-day public comment period following publication in the [Federal Register](#).” Publication occurred in the Federal Register on July 7, so comments are due by August 21, 2026. Read the full article [here](#). (Lexology, Exponent Inc - Lamis El Didi, et al., 7/29/2026.)

EPA Seeks Information to Develop TSCA Regulation for Legacy Uses and Associated Disposals of Asbestos - “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [announced](#) on June 23, 2026, that it seeks information ‘to develop a durable Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulation for legacy uses and associated disposals of asbestos, non-chrysotile and chrysotile asbestos fiber types, and asbestos-containing talc’ (Asbestos Part 2). EPA evaluated these materials in its 2024 risk evaluation. EPA notes that ‘[e]xposure risk arises whenever asbestos-containing materials are disturbed — during renovation, demolition, or repair — which is precisely where EPA is focusing its data collection.’ According to EPA, obtaining ‘real-world information directly from workers, building owners, states, Tribes, industry, and communities allows EPA to target protections where people are actually exposed and to build a rule that holds up when challenged, so those protections take effect and stay in place.’ Responses are due August 24, 2026.” Read the full article [here](#). (Memoranda, Bergeson & Campbell PC, Lynn L. Bergeson, et al., 7/2/2026.)

EPA Releases Battery Collection Best Practices Toolkit - “In April, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published a detailed review of state battery collection and recycling policies and programs. Prepared for Congress to fulfill the mandate in Section 70401(b) of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the report, [Battery Collection Best Practices](#), presents recommended best practices for state, Tribal, and local governments. The accompanying [Battery Collection Best Practices Toolkit](#) website provides a repository of materials and information, including case studies, educational materials, how-to guides, infographics, reports, standards, tip sheets, webinars, and webpages relating to battery collection and recycling. Both are meant to help state, Tribal, and local governments develop or improve battery collection programs to increase battery recycling rates, make battery collection and recycling safer, and increase U.S. critical mineral recovery and reuse.” (Lexology, Exponent Inc - Keith Beers, et al., 6/30/2026.)

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Guide for the Hazard Classification of Marine Pollutants - “Marine pollutants are hazardous materials considered especially harmful to aquatic life. Failure to follow the applicable requirements can lead to rejection and delays, regulatory scrutiny and penalties, and even environmental damage and liability. See how to use the 49 CFR (US DOT) and *IMDG Code* regulations to classify marine pollutants with Lion's guide for hazmat shippers, Hazmat Classification: Marine Pollutants.” View the guide [here](#). (Lion Technology, Inc., 7/24/2026.)

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