

Bradbury Stamm Construction – Safety Directive Safety Directive # 016-03 Original Issue Date: 12/10/2002 Rev

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## **CHEMICAL HAZARD COMMUNICATION**

## Purpose

To inform employees of the hazards associated with chemicals they use and handle, health risks attributed to those chemicals, proper protective measures to be taken, and to arrange contact with health professionals with medical information in case of exposure.

## Policy

Bradbury Stamm Construction superintendents will:

- 1. 1. Have an up-to-date inventory list of chemicals requiring Safety Data Sheets on their jobsites.
- 2. Maintain an up-to-date file of Safety Data Sheets on the job, readily accessible to Bradbury Stamm and subcontractor employees, medical professionals and regulators.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Ensure chemicals or their containers are clearly labeled.<sup>2</sup>
- 4. 4. Train employees from the health and personal protective equipment sections of the Safety Data Sheet before allowing employees to handle or use these chemicals.

**Subcontractors** are required to have a similar program meeting the minimum above for their employees for the chemicals they physically have on BSC jobsites. Subcontractors need to keep their Chemical Hazard Communication Program readily available for their employees.<sup>3</sup>

Superintendents will ensure that subcontractors have their program intact and on-site.

Note 1. BSC will only maintain SDS's and an inventory list for BSC employees. BSC does not need to assume this risk for the subcontractors.

Note 2: Most chemicals coming to BSC jobsites are labeled. However, when a chemical is transferred from a labeled container or package to unlabeled container or is "loose" it must remain under the immediate control of the employee with knowledge of the chemical. This is rarely a problem except when painters use a bucket for a solvent such as acetone, lacquer thinner or mineral spirits.

Note 3. Subcontractors need to keep their own program, especially their own SDS sheets where their employees meet i.e., toolbox, foreman's pick-up, subcontractor's office trailer. If subs send BSC SDS's the need to be turned over to the subcontractor's field management.