




## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

**September 2006**

Welcome to our  
new Associate  
Member:

 Chiv Tang  
Vopak  
Terminals  
Australia

### DIARY DATES

\* Sorry, the building  
has not been finished

and we have to  
postpone the  
November event until  
next year!

Visit to new CSIRO fire  
test laboratory at North  
Ryde followed by a talk  
by CSIRO technical  
personnel on various  
subjects.

### **2006 Annual Conference**

Another great turnout at our annual event with many representatives from state government and authorities. The AIDGC Board wishes to thank all the speakers for their interesting and authoritative talks and advise Members that the conference papers will be loaded onto our website under the Member's Only page.

Next year's organizing Sub-Board will be Sean Page, Chris Flannery, Barry Eadie and Vladimir Diakiw. Sean is organizing a survey of non-member attendees and would be more than happy to receive any member input into next year's topic/s [sean.page@moorece.com.au](mailto:sean.page@moorece.com.au).

### **Clicking on 'Links'**

You have probably noticed that the font sizes on internet links in this Newsletter vary in size and there is a very good reason for this! The link won't work for you unless it is all in the one line i.e. there is not a "carriage return" somewhere in the internet address.

So if it is a long address, I have reduced the font size. Unfortunately, further down in this Newsletter, you will find a two line address for the government site on the proposed Australian Workplace Hazardous Chemicals Framework – so copy and paste that one .....

### **Safety is No Accident**

WorkSafe Bulletin 06-03 (Fatality) - No warning with deadly lack of oxygen in air.

<http://tinyurl.com/mtwyh>

Mulgrave (NSW) Factory Fire – A Pictorial Record via NSW FB

[http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/education/gallery/incidents/2006/mulgrave/?picture=img\\_generator.php&pic=16](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/education/gallery/incidents/2006/mulgrave/?picture=img_generator.php&pic=16)

Please relay links that you would like to share via What's Happening to [jdbaker@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jdbaker@ozemail.com.au)

### **And now for our next trick .....**

Video clips of fireworks exploding in containers, as mentioned at our recent conference, are at [www.chaf.info/videos.htm](http://www.chaf.info/videos.htm)

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November

Seminar/Site visit -  
date and location yet  
to be finalized

and next year

2007

May 10 and 11 in  
Sydney

HAZMAT 2007

## **Draft National Standard and Code of Practice Hazardous Chemicals**

The Draft National Standard and Code of Practice for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals is available at

<http://www.ascc.gov.au/ascc/AboutUs/PublicComment/OpenComment/>

Members are encouraged to read and make comments as they see fit. If you want AIDGC to submit a comment, please e-mail Peter Hunt with the details on [wpvh@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wpvh@optusnet.com.au) Comment closes on 1 Feb 2007, but please do it before Christmas.

## **National Safety Council of Australia**

By the time you read this David Moore will have made a presentation on behalf of AIDGC in Newcastle. The next seminar will be in Wollongong and we are currently organizing a speaker.

## **Proposed Australian Workplace Hazardous Chemicals Framework**

The Office of the Australian Safety & Compensation Council proposes to bring the current requirements for Dangerous Goods Storage & Handling and Workplace Hazardous Substances under one standard and code. They will classify to criteria in the UN Globally Harmonized System for Classifying and Labeling of Chemical (GHS). The ASCC invites your comments on the following draft documents:

- Draft National Standard for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals
- Draft National Code of Practice for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals
- Draft Regulation Impact Statement - Proposed revisions to the national OHS framework for the control of workplace hazardous substances and dangerous goods
- Public Discussion Paper for the Draft National Standard and Code for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals

The GHS Criteria can be found in the GHS document at

[http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\\_rev01/01files\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev01/01files_e.html)

For details ph: 1800 552 488 or email: [chemicals@dewr.gov.au](mailto:chemicals@dewr.gov.au)

Public comment closes on 1 February 2007

<http://www.ascc.gov.au/ascc/AboutUs/PublicComment/OpenComment/WorkplaceHazardousChemicalsPublicComment.htm>

The above information is with the compliments of Jeff Simpson, the Editor and Publisher "Hazmat and Environment Notes" who says that he thinks that it is very important to have a close look at this proposal during October and November and that it could not wait for publication of his Hazmat & Environment Notes newsletter.

The ASCC proposal does not discuss that the scope of the GHS Criteria will classify significantly more products as Hazardous Substances compared to our current system. His guess is easily 20% more, as many are now

formulated to be below the current mixture classification cut-off %s.

Compare this proposal to proposed EU GHS implementation, as the EU is not planning on including the lowest GHS hazard categories that don't fit reasonably with their current system, however the Australian proposal includes all the lowest categories except to acute toxicity. Also, the GHS criteria classifies more mixtures as hazardous as it has lower cut-off concentrations for most hazard categories compared to the current Australian system. For information on the proposed EU GHS implementation go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/ghs\\_consultation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/ghs_consultation_en.htm)

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### **Queensland Newsletter**

Janelle Adrain has produced the first Queensland Newsletter on behalf of AIDGC and a copy is attached for your interest and information. Everyone thinks that this was a great job, Janelle – many thanks!

### **Keeping in Touch**

If you have any suggestions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the AIDGC Executive Officer [robyn@f1.net.au](mailto:robyn@f1.net.au) or leave a message with the AIDGC paging service 02 9430 6739 and I will return your call.