

January Newsletter includes Community Right to Know; OSHA News and other related industry news and 8-Hour Refresher Training. We welcome you to contact us at 973-597-0750.

COMMUNITY Right to Know Survey due March 1, 2017

Who has to do this?

New Jersey

Facilities in certain industrial classifications defined by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes are required to submit an annual Community Right to Know Survey (CRTK Survey). Many companies believe they are exempt from reporting requirements and have not submitted a CRTK Survey or an Exemption form. **In the reporting year of 2015**, this has resulted in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) enforcing action against all entities in violation for **failure to reporting with an issuance of a \$1,000 penalty.**

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New York City

Most companies with few exceptions have to submit a CRTK Survey. Since the NYC RTK Law has set very low reporting thresholds for many substances even small quantities may need to be reported. Compliance is required if any hazardous substances meets or exceeds the appropriate reporting threshold. Mixtures will also need to be reported depending on their contents. Other Right to Know requirements include reporting spills at the facility, designating a facility emergency coordinator and labeling hazardous material containers properly.

New York

Companies in the State of New York comply with federal chemical inventory reporting requirements.

What are your next steps?

For more information and a free consultation, contact [PHASE Associates](#) to determine if your company is required to submit a CRTK survey for reporting year 2016. We can also discuss your existing Hazard Communication program or assist in updating your company's current program; updating and/or creating labeling for hazardous material containers; updating and developing existing SDS and provide training for your workers.

EPA

- The EPA has designated [January as National Radon Action Month](#). Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non smokers in the United States. Exposure to radon is preventable by testing radon in the home. PHASE Associates can provide home and business testing. Gary Schwartz is certified by the State of New Jersey as a Radon Measurement Specialist.

OSHA

- On January 17th, OSHA's final rule in general industry on Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) will go into effect. The agency estimates that rule will prevent 20 fatalities and 5,842 lost-workday injuries each year. Read the final rule at [Federal Register](#). Contact PHASE Associates with any questions. PHASE Associates can provide Fall Protection training, review and update your Fall Protection written program and evaluate and develop Fall Protection assessments.
- OSHA's [Cold Stress guide](#) is to help workers understand what cold stress is, how it may affect their health and safety, and how it can be prevented. This does not replace any OSH Act standard. PHASE Associates can help you determine if a Cold Stress written program is required and evaluate and review an existing program.

Manufacturing

- A study conducted by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health links metalworking fluid pollutants and gaseous pollutants to respiratory and skin problems. This puts machinists and machine shop workers at risk. When the metalworking fluids are used during machining with chip removal, including drilling, cutting or grinding, it forms an aerosol that contains particulate and gaseous compounds with alkanolamines and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) predominantly detected. More about this study can be found in [Safety & Health Magazine, January 2017](#). PHASE Associates can provide airborne exposure monitoring for VOCs and other gaseous and pollutant compounds. We also assess existing controls, recommend additional controls and respiratory protection training and respiratory fit testing.

Upcoming Events

January 27, 2017: Gary Schwartz to teach 8-Hour Refresher at University of Delaware. For more information contact Gary Schwartz directly at 973-568-7851 or email gary@phaseassociate.com.

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