Comments on OSHA Proposed Rule on GHS

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AIHA agrees the proposed modifications to the HCS will improve the quality and consistency of hazard communication information provided to employers and employees. Standardized label elements will make hazard identification easier and the use of pictograms will be helpful in workplaces where literacy and English language reading is limited. The detailed criteria underlying the hazard classification system should result in far more consistent classification chemical manufacturers resulting in similar hazards and precautions appearing on labels and SDS for similar chemicals. A standardized format for SDS will also assist employers, employees and emergency responders in identifying needed information more efficiently. AIHA supports the proposed revision of the HCS and believes it will result in better hazard recognition and safer use of chemicals in the workplace.