



**DEVELOPING A RIGHT TO KNOW PROGRAM FOR
YOUR MUNICIPALITY**

**Wednesday
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College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Campus Center,

1 College St., Worcester, MA 01610

(Registration/Continental Breakfast 8:45 a.m.)

The Massachusetts Right to Know (RTK) law applies to all public sector employees working in state, county, and municipal workplaces. The intent of the RTK law is to provide workers with information relevant to protection against potential exposures to hazardous materials in the workplace. Employers (e.g., municipalities) are required to provide training or written instruction to employees under the provisions of the RTK law. Employers are also required to make available to employees Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs/SDSs) for any products used at the workplace containing hazardous materials.



Training Synopsis

This training will provide designated municipal Right-to-Know coordinators with the tools and information to establish an in-house RTK program for their municipality. The program is also geared to any individuals who works with chemicals and would like to better understand how to read MSDSs/SDSs and protect themselves from chemical hazards.

A fundamental component of RTK training is information on how to read and understand MSDSs/SDSs, and apply this information towards protection against hazardous materials exposures. If you have concerns regarding any specific chemicals in use in your operations, feel free to bring the MSDSs/SDSs for the product or products to class for discussion or to the instructor for private technical assistance

The course will include information on the new risk symbols and phrases that appear on SDSs as per the Global Harmonization System adopted by OSHA.

Presenter

Hilary Hackbart from the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (DLS) will be the trainer. Hilary has served as an environmental health and safety (EHS) department head at the municipal level and has also worked with dozens of schools and municipal DPWs on safe management of hazardous materials and other areas of EHS. She brings a breadth and depth of knowledge to this seminar topic and both have more than 20 years experience in the field.

Who Should Attend: Health and Safety personnel or other designees who will have a key role in the development and administration of a RTK program or serve as in-house RTK trainer. Attendance at this seminar qualifies the MIIA member for .5% credit under the FY16 MIIA Rewards Workers' Compensation category.

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