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BOHS East Anglian Autumn Conference: REACH Regulations

As heralded in February's briefing note, I have become the Regional Organiser for BOHS in the East Anglia region.

In an effort to raise the profile of BOHS in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, the current plan is hold a conference in Norwich at the end of October.

The day long CPD event will be held at the John Innis Centre, chaired by Ian Bartlett - Head of Facilities and Risk Management at Norwich Bioscience Institute.

The working title for the event is De-mystifying Chemical Regulation and will cover REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) Regulation. Exposure Scenario vs. COSHH Assessments and Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation.

The day will be drawn to a close with a presentation on Eliminating the Causes of Occupational Cancer by Professor John Cherrie.

Expression of interest in attending the day can be made to the e-mail address below.

SMALL BUSINESS STANDARD

On Advice is working toward certification to the Small Business Standard (SBS) which is monitored by the Chartered Quality Institute. Affectionately known as the baby ISO, a management system for SMEs, it governs:

- Customer Care;
- Management Structure;
- Work Processes;
- Documentation and Record Keeping;
- Corrective and Preventative Actions.

BELOW PAR ASBESTOS CLEARANCE

It used to be the standard quote, when asbestos was still evident, even though the client had though they had paid for it's complete removal, "the removals must have been done in the eighties and the industry has much stricter standards now".



It is true that the standards since the 80's, primarily driven by HSE and UKAS, have become more stringent. However, recently surveys carried out by On Advice have discovered a number of instances where the 4th stage of clearance

procedures undertaken just last years have not been satisfactory. This leaves the area still contaminated and the client with another potential large bill in the future.

Typically a visual check of the area by a competent assessor or an independent auditor will highlight remaining asbestos. If located this should be removed at no charge by the original HSE Licensed contractors and UKAS accredited laboratories.

There is usually a period of six years for any short comings to be corrected. Therefore it may well be a useful exercise to assess historical records and compare the reports against evidence on the ground.

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