



Chemdata® News

The newsletter for all Chemdata® users, highlighting programme developments and other issues of interest to emergency responders.

Chemdata® 2016.1 update

Proportionate spill advice

The 2016.1 standard release of Chemdata® is ready for release. Over 1,800 documents have been added or updated meaning there are now over 61,000 substances listed and more than 176,000 synonyms and trade names recorded.

2016.1 is primarily a data update including more proportionate spill advice. This focuses on very small, small, medium and large spills, and incorporates the different spill sizes into the personal protective equipment (PPE) advice and the precautions to be taken.

Initial feedback on this exciting development has been very positive. I look forward to hearing more feedback from users as this will help us shape further improvements.

This issue's legislation briefing reviews our very successful Hazmat 2016 and looks forward to Hazmat 2017. Book now to secure your place.

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Chemdata Product Manager

Chemsafe refresher training

NCEC is offering emergency services that use Chemdata® a free* training visit. The aim is to remind them about the use of the Chemsafe line, which is a free service at the point of use (other than phone call charges).

You may already have a training day planned or we can plan a customised visit to suit your needs. During the presentation we remind delegates of the Chemsafe scheme, explain our role and operations, and give an outline of recent changes in legislation. We discuss and provide examples of the calls we take, use Chemdata® to run through some examples and exercises, and answer any questions.

The presentation is aimed at hazmat officers, fire control operators and police officers. We would encourage the attendance of any others who might find it useful (e.g. local Environment Agency representatives). We aim to visit every UK fire and rescue service once every three years, and are hoping to develop a similar visit schedule for UK police forces.

*We may ask you to make a contribution to travel and subsistence costs. There is no charge for the training.

Proportionate spill advice

More documents updated

Initial feedback from users has been very positive and we would encourage users to familiarise themselves with the new information available.

Chemdata® 2016.1 includes proportionate advice on approximately another 500 documents. We are continuing to add to this popular new style of advice and will progressively add proportionate advice to more documents over the coming releases.



Webinar: The value of proportionate advice

On 29 September 2016 we will be holding a webinar to discuss the value of proportionate advice. The session will give some practical examples demonstrating where a lower level of PPE is appropriate for some smaller scale incidents and comparing the advice given by the Emergency Response Guide (ERG) and the updated Chemdata® documents.

The session will be aimed at both existing Chemdata® users and other emergency responders.



Pocket Chemdata®

Pocket Chemdata® can be installed on mobile devices using IOS and Android™ operating systems and selected BlackBerry™ devices¹.

We have Pocket Chemdata® apps available for IOS and Android devices. The BlackBerry 10.2.1 operating system allows users of BlackBerry touchscreen devices (such as Z10 and Z30) to install Android apps on their BlackBerry devices, further increasing the availability of Pocket Chemdata®.

Existing Chemdata® subscribers benefit from substantial discounts to the standard Pocket Chemdata® licence prices (volume discounts are also available), making this a great way to extend the availability of Chemdata® in your organisation. Hazmat officers in particular are benefitting from Chemdata® access on the go and we have seen several more clients adding Pocket Chemdata® licences to their subscriptions. To request a quotation please [contact us](#).

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Protection

- APP CODE - A(c): Gas-tight chemical protective clothing in combination with breathing apparatus, fire kit and thermal resistant overgloves should be worn. The fire kit and overgloves are to provide additional thermal protection against the hazards provided by liquefied gas with a boiling point below -20C.

Hazards

- Liquefied pressure gas.
- Heating will cause pressure rise with risk of bursting and explosion.

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ERG 2016 update

New and updated Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances

Chemdata® 2016.1 includes the latest changes to the Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances from the Emergency Response Guide.

Many of the Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distance values have changed with the 2016 update so remember to check current values.

Updated online training modules coming soon...

From fuel-cell combustion and chemical fatalities to clandestine drug laboratories and high-consequence chemicals, NCEC's new online training modules will help fire and rescue services prepare for the range of emerging and existing chemical hazards encountered in the field. Developed by NCEC's team of trained chemists and emergency responders as online alternatives to face-to-face training, the modules offer essential information on the underlying chemistry, reactivity and hazards of a range of chemicals and situations; and best practice for reducing the impact of incidents when they occur.

We are currently moving our training modules to a new system that will provide us with greater flexibility, including the ability to provide modules for your in-house e-learning systems.

For more information on the complete range of NCEC training services, please visit <http://the-ncec.com/training/>

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Hazmat 2016 review

A resounding success!

In its 9th year, Hazmat continued to provide the opportunity to network with like-minded professionals working in the hazmat and chemical-incident industry.

Moving to a new venue in picturesque Stratford-upon-Avon for 2016 proved to be very popular, as was the pre-conference barbeque (sponsored by HazmatLink and NCEC)! The venue provides more space for delegates and exhibitors and is only 20 minutes away from Tactical Hazmat's Lauriston Park facility near Evesham, enabling a number of the delegates to participate in a pre-conference workshop.



The event was opened by NCEC's director, Jonathon Gibbard and following keynote presentations from Dave Walton (CFOA Hazmat Lead), Fay Pisani (National Operational Guidance) and David Hargreaves (CBRN Centre) delegates had a choice of presentations to attend. The afternoon, as usual, was given over to practical workshops and case studies.

The most popular workshop was the case study presented by Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Staffordshire Constabulary. This workshop outlined the lessons learned from a cyanide incident. Another popular workshop was the Hazard categorisation workshop presented by Kevin Miller from Tactical Hazmat.



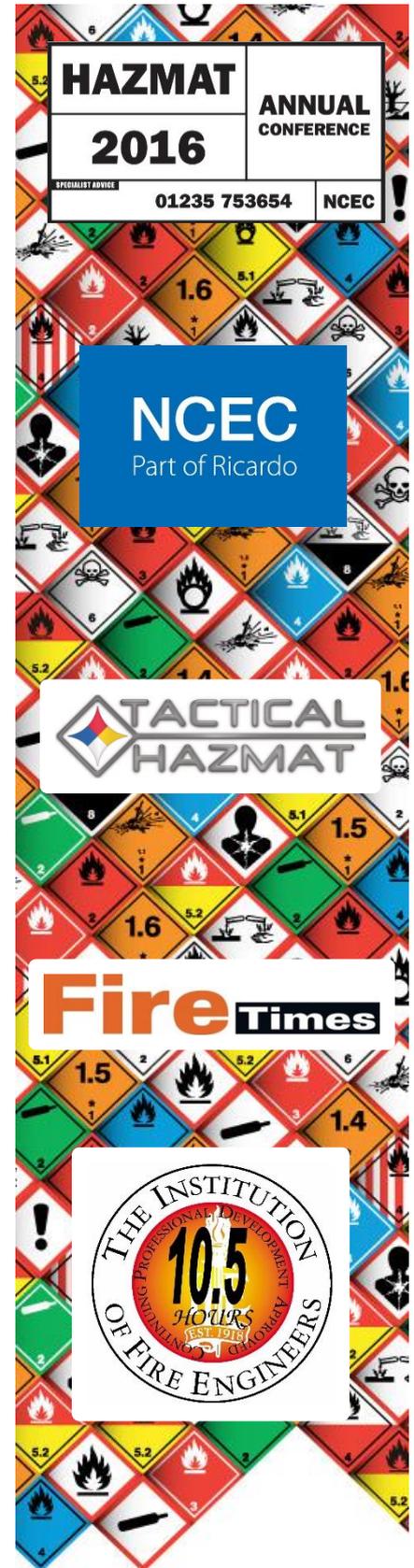
The second day gave delegates a further choice of presentations, including 'Breathing Organic Material' by Jetty Middelkoop, Fire Dept. Amsterdam Amstelland, and 'Decontamination' by Peter Gustafson, London Fire Brigade. The most popular presentation was given by our own Tom Baker on 'How batteries and fuel cells are creating new Hazmat incidents'.

We very much appreciate the feedback we receive from delegates – these are some of the comments we received from people who attended Hazmat 2016:

"Very well coordinated. Good range of presentations and professional yet genial atmosphere created."

"The venue was excellent and there was a wide subject matter with plenty of choice for the most fussy Hazmat Officer!"

"This is the premier event of the year for Hazmat professionals."



Hazmat 2017

When and where?

24 and 25 May 2017 at Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon.
 Super Early Bird rate (available until 30 September 2016) - £620 plus VAT
 Early Bird rate (valid 1 October 2016 to 31 January 2017) - £670 plus VAT
 Standard rate (from 1 February 2017) - £745 plus VAT
 Optional pre-conference workshop on 23 May 2017 - £125 plus VAT
 Accommodation for 23 May 2017 (Bed & Breakfast) - £80 plus VAT

For more information, please visit <http://the-ncec.com/hazmat-2017/>



The Hazmat annual conference is the ultimate forum for hazmat specialists to share experiences and gain knowledge. Celebrating its 10th year, Hazmat continues to provide the opportunity to network with like-minded professionals working in the hazmat and chemical-incident industry. For

our 10th anniversary we will, by popular demand, be returning to picturesque Stratford-upon-Avon. We have also added international media partners to our event sponsors with the aim of attracting more international delegates.

In response to delegate feedback gathered at previous events Hazmat 2017 will again incorporate interactive workshops on a cross-section of subjects as part of the two day conference. Delegates will have the opportunity to register for specific workshops nearer the event, once the topics have been finalised and synopses released. Workshops will include the ever popular Wet Chemistry practical and scenarios based on case studies.

Also returning for 2017 will be the optional pre-conference workshop run by Tactical Hazmat. The workshop will be held at Tactical Hazmat's Lauriston Park facility and will include practical elements – more details will be provided in the coming months. We will also again be holding a pre-conference barbeque on the evening of 23 May for all delegates staying that night.

We already have many delegates registered for 2017 so don't delay, book your place today!

Hazmat Training Days – new!

In January and March 2017 we will be holding two, one day long sessions showcasing the best of the last two years from the Hazmat conference. These days are aimed at providing delegates who may not have been able to attend or would be unable to attend a two day event the opportunity to benefit from some of the most highly rated presentations. Watch out for more details on our website (and Tactical Hazmat's) coming soon.