

Are you involved in handling dangerous substances?

AN OPEN MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES (ACDS)

Venue: Palace Hotel, Manchester

Date: 6.30-8.30pm, Monday 22 November 2004

What is ACDS?

ACDS is an Advisory Committee set up to provide the Health and Safety Commission (HSC) with independent advice on issues concerning the control of risks arising from the manufacture, import, storage, transport and use of large quantities of dangerous substances; on safety policy for on-shore oil; and on the supply, transmission, distribution, installation and use of flammable gas.

The committee assists HSE in developing safety policy, and developing and scrutinising HSE's proposals for draft regulations, guidance and Approved Codes of Practices (ACOP's), e.g. the Control of Major Accidents Hazards Regulations 2000 (COMAH); the Dangerous Substances in Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (DSEAR); and the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2004 (MSER). Through its work, ACDS also aims to assist in the prevention of major incidents involving dangerous substances, (such as the recent explosion in Toulouse).

What is the meeting about?

The aim of the Open meeting is to let you see what ACDS does, and how it operates. It will also to give you the opportunity to ask members and/or HSE officials for further information about the committee.

Why should you attend?

The meeting will be of interest to anyone concerned with the reduction of risk from work involving the handling of dangerous substances.

Further information

Further details about ACDS are available on the HSE website - <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/hsc/iacs/acds/index.htm>.

If you would like a free ticket to attend the ACDS Open meeting, please contact:

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