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Presenter biography

Dr. Kim Godard is the Director of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau. This Bureau of Health Canada is responsible for worker safety and the implementation and administration of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in Canada.

Before joining the program, Kim held various roles within the Health Portfolio including that of Associate Director for the Health Product Risk Management Bureau; as well as that of Manager and Senior Advisor of Policy in the Tobacco Control Directorate. Earlier in her career, Kim also held various positions on the GHS file including that of Toxicologist, Regulatory Affairs Officer and Head of Compliance.

Presentation abstract

Health Canada is currently leading multiple projects to continuously support the Department's mandate to protect the safety and health of Canadian workers. Notably, Health Canada will be presenting the results of the Safety Data Sheets Audit Project which assessed 188 publically available safety data sheets against the requirements of the Hazardous Products Act and the Hazardous Products Regulation. Health Canada will also outline regulatory initiatives to further align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling for chemicals, as well as discuss the possibility of modernizing the Hazardous Material Information Review Act. Health Canada will also discuss ongoing classification work in support of the government-wide Open Government initiative.