## VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK Subject: **The SDS**

### May 2016

#### Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Location (garage, mm, etc...):

Instructions:

Safety Coordinators & Supervisors should use this Tailgate Talk as a guide for discussion during their safety meetings. The primary purpose of the safety meetings is to give crews the opportunity to discuss any safety related concerns they may have.

Once the meeting has concluded, the Presenter should have each employee sign this form and include their Employee ID# in the spaces below.

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Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), if read and followed, are a powerful means of controlling chemical exposures.

SDS are written by chemical manufacturers for the chemicals they produce or import. The purpose of the SDS is to communicate information on the recommended safe use and handling procedures for that chemical.

SDS may look different, yet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that all SDS must provide certain categories of information about the chemical substance or mixture:

#### Identification

• What product/chemical is this SDS for?

#### **Hazardous Ingredients**

- How much of this material can I safely be exposed to?
- How will I know if I am overexposed to this chemical?

#### Emergency and First Aid Procedures

- What first aid steps should I follow?
- What will happen to me if this chemical is swallowed?
- What will happen to me if this chemical gets onto my skin?
- What will happen to me if this chemical is breathed in?
- What will happen to me if this chemical gets into my eyes?

#### **Recommended Control Measures**

- What type of control measures should I use to protect myself?
- What should I do if there is a spill or leak?

#### **Physical Hazards**

- What are the physical hazards posed by this chemical?
- If it catches fire, what should I use to put it out?
- Are there conditions or materials that this chemical should not come into contact with?

#### **Health Hazards**

• What are the health hazards posed by this chemical?

#### **Safe Handling Precautions**

• What is the proper way to safely handle this chemical?

#### Manufacturer's Name, Address, and Phone Number

• Who made/imported this chemical?

Your employer is being required to assemble and provide unhindered access to a SDS collection for all of the chemicals found in your work area. Know where this SDS collection is located. Read and follow the SDS recommendations, especially when using a new product or one you don't use often.

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