

# CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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**Sept Self-inspections:** BRL, Cannon, Drake, LDL, Otis Smith, Pearson, Penny, Rust Arena, STAR (Mod Labs, HSC, Tower)

**Oct Self-inspections:** Allen, CCM (ALL), Colburn, Harker(ISE), McDowell, Old College, Spencer, Studio Arts, Taylor, Willard

## What is Happening with Dichloromethane?

Under the EPA's new ruling, Dichloromethane (DCM) is now a regulated chemical. ALL laboratories and shops that have or plan to have DCM must complete the intake-use form linked below. Once EHS compiles the intake data, users will be contacted to schedule exposure monitoring.



Microsoft Form

### Dichloromethane-use intake form



Scan either QR code  
(more than one submission per lab is okay)



Google Form

### Action for YOU starting Today:

1. Complete the intake-use form. **DUE 9/20**
2. ALL purchases of DCM must be recorded and stored for five years. Records must include one of the following: Receipts, Paid Invoices, or Bill of Lading. You can also submit them to EHS at [chemsafety@udel.edu](mailto:chemsafety@udel.edu).

The American Chemical Society has summarized all the upcoming compliance deadlines below, but if you still have questions, attend one of the Zoom Q&A sessions hosted by EHS.

#### COMPLIANCE DEADLINES FOR METHYLENE CHLORIDE

The US Environmental Protection's new rule on methylene chloride creates the Workplace Chemical Protection Program (WCPP), which chemical laboratories must comply with by 2025.

- ▶ WCPP requirements | **Compliance deadline**
- ▶ Complete initial monitoring inhalation exposures to dichloromethane. | **May 5, 2025**
- ▶ Ensure those exposures do not exceed EPA limits. | **Aug. 1, 2025**
- ▶ Provide additional personal protective equipment, if applicable. | **Aug. 1, 2025**
- ▶ Establish a regulated area. | **Aug. 1, 2025**
- ▶ Implement and document an exposure control plan. | **Oct. 30, 2025**
- ▶ Conduct periodic monitoring. | **Every 3 months, 6 months, or 5 years<sup>a</sup>**

**Source:** US Environmental Protection Agency.

<sup>a</sup> Depending on initial monitoring results.

#### EHS Zoom Q&As

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM:  
Meeting ID: 93344242002

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM:  
Meeting ID: 97013039557

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM  
Meeting ID: 91838149846

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