Superintendents have options

Compliance to the OSHA hazardous communication law can be achieved in several different ways.

• The superintendent can obtain materials and put together his own program, doing his inventory and gathering his information together, safety data sheets, et cetera, and sitting down with his employees and training them.

"That's fine if he has the time to do all of that," says self-audit project manager Steve Wharton of Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services.

• The superintendent can buy (for about $20 from his regional OSHA office) a package that has boiler-plate forms to go use in their chemical inventory, requests for safety data sheets, some suggestions on the plan, et cetera.

Again, at that point, it's a do-it-yourself project.

• The superintendent can purchase any one of a number of pre-packaged programs that have been put together by more-or-less boiler-plate programs that include data sheets, some suggestions on the plan, et cetera.

"That's a moving target," says Steve Wharton of Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services.