

## Right-to-Know

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established safety standards to protect the health and welfare of American workers. OSHA standards give employees the right to access information about the chemicals used in the workplace. The *Right-to-Know* course outlines operators' rights and responsibilities concerning workplace chemicals. Operators are taught what types of information is available and where it is located. Safety techniques for handling common chemicals and procedures for responding to chemical spills on the bus are also presented.

### Audience

New and veteran operators and employees such as mechanics and cleaners, who routinely work around chemicals, would benefit from *Right-to-Know*.

### Program Topics

Major Topics include:

- Awareness of chemicals in the workplace;
- Employee rights regarding workplace chemicals;
- Employee responsibilities regarding workplace chemicals;
- How to evaluate chemical labeling: risk levels, physical hazards; health hazards, and other label information;
- The MSDS; and
- ACT Safe.

### Program Objectives

*Right-to-Know* will enable operators to:

- Identify five chemicals, which operators are exposed to on the job;
- Identify sources for information about workplace

chemicals;

- Discuss employees' responsibilities for chemicals in the workplace;
- Identify the seven items, which must be included on a chemical label;
- Understand the risk-level, physical hazard, and health hazard sections of chemical labeling;
- Explain the risk levels listed on chemical labels;
- Identify the information that must be included when transferring a chemical from a bulk container to smaller containers;
- Explain the meaning of MSDS and where information in the MSDS is located;
- Identify the four most helpful sections in the MSDS; and
- Explain how implementing ACT is valuable when working around chemicals.

### Meets Requirements

*Right-to-Know* satisfies Federal requirements for right-to-know safety training.