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Businesses Can File Right-to-Know Online

PROVIDENCE – The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT) recently launched a new online service that makes it easier for businesses to register under the Hazardous Substance Right-to-Know Law. All businesses who initially register can file a Right-to-Know hazardous substance form and submit registration fee online at either www.ri.gov/DLT/righttoknow or by visiting the state’s official web site www.ri.gov.

Under the Rhode Island Hazardous Substance Right-to-Know Act, employers must tell their employees if there are any hazardous substances in their workplace. Furthermore, employers must file, with DLT, a list of hazardous substances which contain any of the chemicals and compounds on the Rhode Island list of hazardous substance list. All employers must initially complete and file this form even if there are no hazardous chemicals in the workplace and they are exempt.

“The Right-to-Know Act is an important law designed to educate and train both employers and employees about the dangers of hazardous substances being used, stored, or transported in the workplace,” said Assistant Director Kathy Serrecchia. “The ability to complete the Right-to-Know form online makes it easier for businesses to comply with the law and allows us to schedule and conduct inspections in an expeditious manner.”

By inputting their customer record number, a business can update address information, file for exempt status, add or verify existing substances already on file, and pay the registration fee with a Visa or MasterCard. Additionally, a business must attest that all employees who are exposed to any hazardous substances have received training as specified under the law. The new Right-To-Know online filing form eliminates paper processing and lessens the burden for businesses.

In addition to filing the hazardous substances form with DLT, employers must also display a Right-to-Know poster informing employees of their rights regarding the law. More information about the Right-to-Know law or to file an online registration form, go to DLT’s Occupational Safety web site at <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/occusafe> or visit the RI government web site at www.ri.gov.

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The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training offers a wide array of employment and training services to both the general public and to individuals with unusual barriers to employment. DLT is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job, or a career change. Rhode Island's work force is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and work place health and safety standards. Temporary income support is available to unemployed, sick, or injured workers and a comprehensive rehabilitation program is available to those injured on the job.

DLT is dedicated to the growth and competitiveness of Rhode Island industry, administering a variety of training grants, tax credits, and apprenticeship programs to help employers. Economic indicators and labor market information are available for long-range planning. The Agency engages in active outreach, helping large and small employers retain their best workers or retrain their existing work force. At no cost to the employer, DLT will also screen job applicants, post job vacancies, and help businesses institute cost-sharing programs that can avert layoffs.

For more information on the innovative programs and services available to all Rhode Islanders at the Department of Labor and Training, please call (401) 462-8000 or visit the web site at www.dlt.ri.gov.

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