

Attachment 13

CCS-CHAS Policy Statement Writing Team – report to CCS and CHAS

In December 2015, members of the ACS Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) and the Division of Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS) formed a policy statement writing team. There are eight members of this team, all of whom are members of CCS and/or CHAS. We also have an ACS staff member working with us. The goal of this team is to prepare documents that would be suitable drafts for an ACS public policy statement and a guideline statement discussing the promotion and practice of laboratory safety.

Although there are some ACS policies dealing with safety-related issues (e.g., hazardous waste), currently there is no official ACS underlying policy statement on safety. If the Writing Team can assist in preparing a public policy statement on safety, such a statement could facilitate future statements on more specific topics.

The Team will have had at least five meetings by the time of the San Diego National Meeting. The initial focus has been on the public policy statement. Members have drawn up a starting text and are going through an editing process to refine the draft and produce a text that can be submitted to the ACS Board of Directors for discussion and approval.

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