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Subject: CARAT database

Find attached an E-mail from Liz Schofield, secretary of the Chemicals and Pipelines Emergency Liason Group (CAPEPLG), on the new CARAT database that has been set up by the OECD.

As explained in the e-mail CARAT is an internet database containing analyses of laws, regulations, policies, definitions, and case studies related to risk assessment in the context of chemical accident prevention, preparedness and response.

I have been a bit slow in circulating Liz's e-mail (apologies for this) and have therefore missed the option to feed in comments at OECD chemical Accidents Working Group meeting in November. However if you do have any comments I will pass them on at the next CAPEPLG meeting in March.

Phill,

Can you circulate this e-mail to UKOPA members.

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Subject: Views sought on

usefulness of CARAT database

To: Members of HSE's Chemical and Pipelines Emergency Planning Liaison Group and other stakeholders with an interest in chemical risk assessment and accident prevention, preparedness and response

David Bosworth and I will be attending the annual meeting of the OECD Chemical Accidents Working Group at the beginning of November. One of the items to be discussed is the future of the CARAT (Chemical Accident Risk Thesaurus) database, and we have been asked to seek views from within the UK and provide feedback on the CARAT system.

CARAT is an internet database containing analyses of laws, regulations, policies, definitions, and case studies related to risk assessment in the context of chemical accident prevention, preparedness and response. Its objective is to facilitate understanding and communication concerning risk assessment, by providing a means to clarify the differences in methodologies and use of terms that exist across and even within countries. It was officially launched in October 2000 with over 30 entries from five Member countries. The UK (HSE) provided significant support to the OECD in the technical development of the software and the development of the tool's generic risk assessment terms, and have entered information on the COMAH regulations.

CARAT is hosted on the OECD's website at:  
<http://www1.oecd.org/EHS/CARAT/v3.0/htm/default.htm>

If you have a few minutes to spare to look at the site I would be grateful for any views on matters such as:

- whether you found the database easy to use
- does it contain any information that is useful to you
- which sectors/groups/professions etc do you think it would particularly interest
- would you envisage using the site, and if so for what purpose
- is there any further general or specific information you think it could include

If you have any comments, please could you let me know by the middle of October.

Thank you for your assistance, and please feel free to forward this message to anyone you think may be interested in CARAT.

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