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SAFETY ALERT

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APPROVAL OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS
FOR DISTRICT USE

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District schools and facilities are authorized to use only those chemical products which have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS). A list of all chemical products approved for District use may be accessed from the OEHS web site by going to www.lausd-oehs.org and selecting "Product Review" and then "Chemical Products List"

District facilities are also required to maintain a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each chemical product used or stored at the school or facility (California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5194). MSDSs may be downloaded directly from the OEHS website.

To determine if a chemical product has been approved for District use:

1. Go to the OEHS website at www.lausd-oehs.org.
2. Select "Product Review", and then "Chemical Products List".
3. Search for the chemical product by product name, classification or manufacturer.
4. If the product is listed, it will be noted as "Approved" or "Disapproved" in the evaluation column. If the product is not on the list, it has not been evaluated for District use and may not be used.
5. To request a chemical product evaluation, go to the OEHS home page, select "Product Review", then click on "Request for Chemical Product Evaluation Form", fill out the form and click on the "submit by email" button.

To view or print a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS):

1. Go to the OEHS website at www.lausd-oehs.org.
2. Select "Product Review", and then "Chemical Products."
3. Click on "download Material Safety Data Sheets." Search by product name or manufacturer.
4. To view an MSDS, click on the PDF icon in the "view MSDS" column. To print the MSDS you must click on the "print" icon below the "*MSDS online*" bar; other print commands will not work.

All schools and other District facilities should maintain an up-to-date 3-ring binder with an MSDS for each chemical used at that location for immediate reference in case of an emergency. Inquiries may be directed to the OEHS Duty Officer at (213) 241-3199.