

Creating & Implementing Comprehensive
Corporate Chemical Management Policies
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Moderator:

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Speakers:

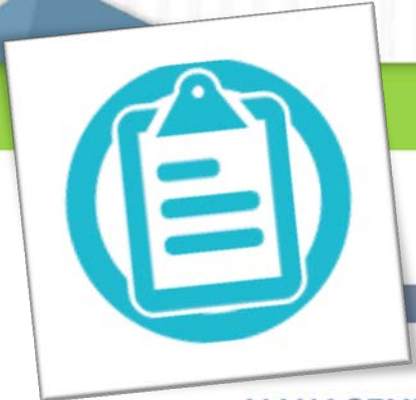
Cheri Peele, Senior Research Associate, Clean Production Action

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Annual Survey

20 Questions - 100 pts

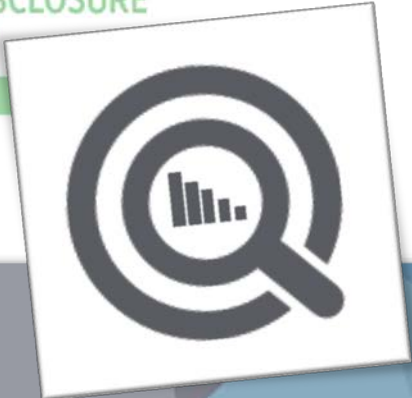


CHEMICAL INVENTORY

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

FOOTPRINT MEASUREMENT



Report

Findings/Opportunities



- Chemical policies
- Business strategy
- Senior leadership and accountability
- Advocacy



Elements of more Comprehensive Policies



- Active and ongoing evaluation of ingredients
- Details on applicability, scope, and actions to be taken
- Purchasing, product stewardship
- Preference for safer alternatives is specified



Model Chemicals Policy for Brands and Manufacturers

- Built from EDF's template for retailers
- Includes 6 elements:
 - Intent
 - Scope
 - Supply Chain Transparency
 - Safer Chemistry
 - Informed Consumers
 - Public Commitment



<https://www.bizngo.org/safer-chemicals/corporate-policies>





Construction Specialties®

- Acrovyn Wall Protection
- Acrovyn Doors
- Architectural Grilles
- Architectural Louvers
- Cubicle Curtains + Tracks
- Entrance Mats + Grids
- Expansion Joint Covers
- Explosion + Pressure Relief Vents
- Vents
- Sun Controls



ABOUT CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES



- SOLVES COMPLEX BUILDING CHALLENGES



- DESIGN FOR SUSTAINABILITY



- 70 YEARS STRONG IN 2018



- FAMILY-OWNED, GLOBAL BUSINESS



- 70 LEED-ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS

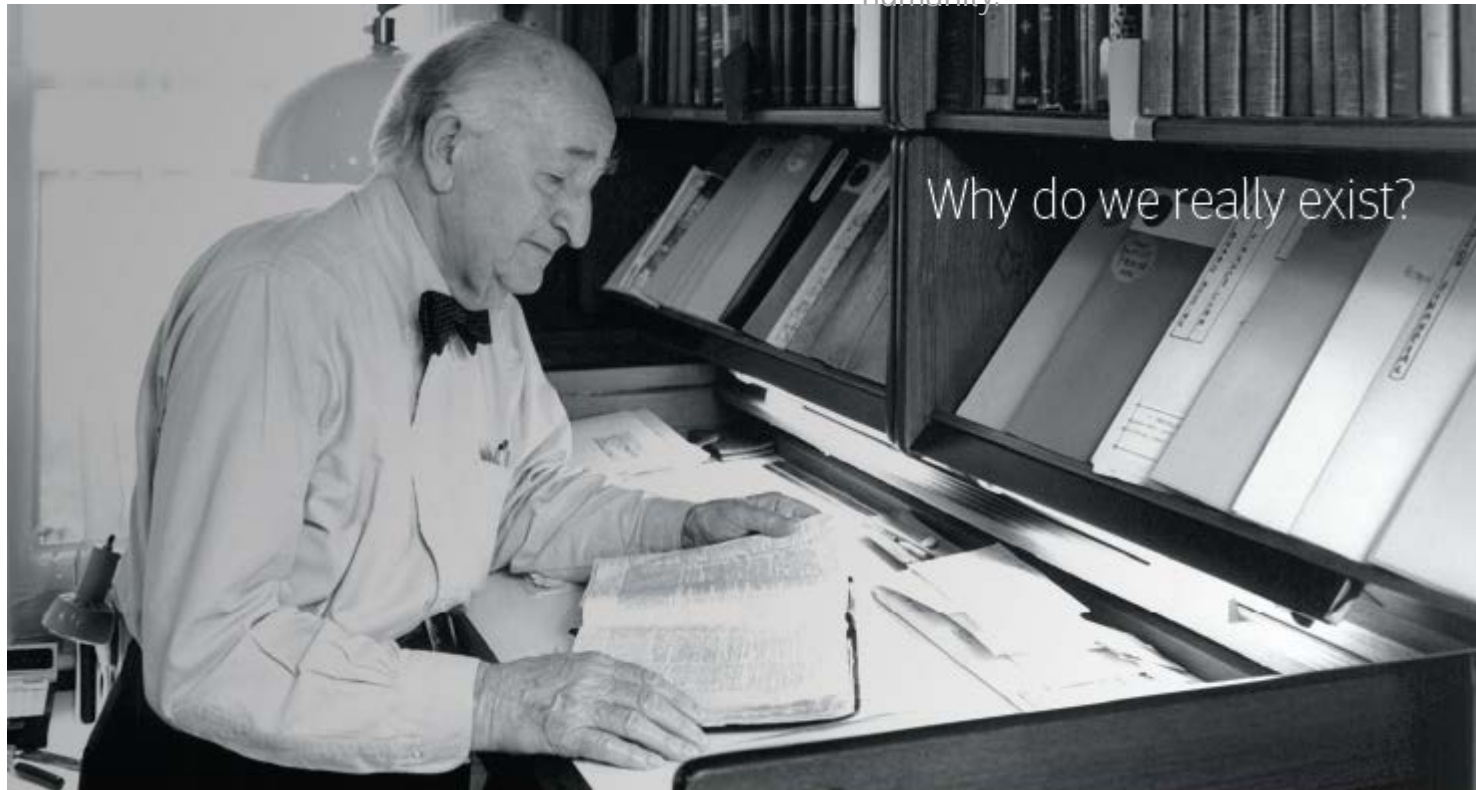


- 6 PRODUCT LINES, 11 C2C CERTIFICATIONS

Humanity + Design
Driving Innovation and Sustainability

Herman Miller

"A business is rightly judged by its products and services, but it also must face scrutiny as to its humanity."



Why do we really exist?

History of Innovation



IDSA – Design of the Decade



IDSA – Best Sustainable Design of the Decade

TIME Magazine – Best Design of the 20th Century



Questions for small groups

- At what stage is your company in the process of developing a chemicals policy?
- How have you overcome challenges you have faced?
- What are your current challenges?
- What resources have been helpful?
- How can BizNGO help you? Examples, models, guides?

