

Safetygram #37 ***Chemical Security***

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (Air Products) is committed to promoting the safety of its employees, customers, and the general public. After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the company increased its focus on an important aspect of safety—security. As part of this effort, Air Products enthusiastically endorsed the new Security Code of Responsible Care[®], which requires all member companies of the American Chemistry Council (ACC) to assess the potential vulnerabilities of their facilities. While ACC requires these assessments to be conducted for domestic facilities over a period of several years, Air Products reviewed all of its facilities in the U.S. and overseas in the first year of the new program.

Air Products has also increased its focus on the security of company products, particularly those considered high-risk. The company has reviewed and updated security procedures to prevent these products from being obtained by individuals who might misuse them. For example, Air Products has taken measures to ensure the security of high-risk products during transport. In addition, the company has implemented procedures to ensure that only legitimate customers may purchase these materials.

As a result of this increased security, those who would try to obtain such materials for unintended use may turn to sources that may be less secure. For this reason, Air Products is recommending that all of its customers review their security measures to prevent potential thefts. These recommendations are not limited to industrial users—universities, analytical labs, distributors, and others receiving these products should check their security procedures.

All chemicals should be secure, but particular attention should be paid to chemicals that could be misused for illegal purposes. Air Products can help its customers identify these products. In addition, extra care should be taken to minimize the quantities of these materials kept on-site. For example, customers should consider ordering quantities that will be used within a reasonable time frame and promptly returning any excess materials when projects are completed.

Maintaining the security of company facilities and products is an effort Air Products takes very seriously. Air Products encourages its customers to do likewise.



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Information Sources

- Compressed Gas Association (CGA)
www.cganet.com
- European Industrial Gas Association (EIGA)
www.eiga.org
- Japanese Industrial Gas Association (JIGA)
www.jiga.gr.jp/english
- American Chemistry Council
www.americanchemistry.com

For information on how to conduct vulnerability assessments visit the American Chemistry Council's website at: www.responsiblecaretoolkit.com/.

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