

the topic of VOC removal. The chapter on this topic is good (both aeration and activated carbon are discussed), but is shorter and less comprehensive than I would have liked.

Additionally, the book appears to have been photo-reproduced and the type is terribly small.

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*Hazard Communication: Issues and Implementation*, J.F. Brower (Ed.), ASTM, Philadelphia, PA, 1987, ISBN 0-8031-0933-4, 238 pages, \$37.00.

Hazard Communications is a review of the U.S. Federal hazardous communications requirements and their implementation. The 19 papers in the book resulted from a symposium held in Houston, Texas in 1985. The seminar was conducted in response to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration's requirement that workers be advised of the hazards of the chemicals that they work with.

The papers (which have been peer reviewed) have been organized into four chapters, each of which contains the record of the panel discussion following the session:

- regulatory and compliance issues
- industry programs
- other jurisdictions and legal issues
- information resources

The papers are very well written and certainly cover the subject, especially the legal challenge to laws that infringe on OSHA's territory, but do indicate that community right-to-know laws that avoid overlapping OSHA's responsibility are probably not challengeable. Another controversial topic discussed was the workers right-to-know as opposed to the employer's desire to retain trade secrets. There is little important information on both topics not covered in the book.

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*Guide to Safe Practices in Chemical Laboratories*, by the Royal Society of Chemistry, Royal Society of Chemistry, London, 1987, ISBN 0-85186-479-1, 48 pages, £10.00 (approx. \$18.00).

The broad objective of the book is to provide general guidance on safety procedures to be employed in laboratory work. It is not a book of detail of how to perform safely, but rather it is a policy and procedures manual for those