Bulk Liquid Chemical Handling Guide for Plants, Terminals, Storage & Distribution Depots

(BLCH) Guide

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Types of companies that will use The BLCH Guide

Chemical Handling, Chemical Storage, Liquefied Chemical Suppliers, Chemical Shipping, Chemical Transportation, Chemical Terminals, Bulk Chemical Services and Chemical Processing.

Interview with

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Why was the BLCH Guide created?

CDI receives a constant stream of enquires from the bulk liquid chemical storage industry, seeking guidance and understanding of best industry practice. CDI’s primary objective is to constantly improve the operating standards of the supply chain, and whilst the global players generally have excellent standards of operation, there remains an obligation for CDI to raise operating standards of all players. The BLCH Guide has to be international to bring the global consistency that is desired.

Is there need for such a guide in the distribution of bulk liquid?

Yes, more so than ever before. With the complexity of modern supply chains, chemical manufacturers are even more reliant on the storage industry in order to respond to customer demands.

How do you see the guide being used within the Chemical Distribution Industry?

Originally it was envisaged that the guide would be an essential handbook for both the chemical and bulk liquid storage industries. However, as the work progressed, it has become clear that the publication will be valuable to a much wider group of industries. A liquid storage terminal has so many operations taking place, each with individual and critical disciplines: tanks, drumming, packaging, road and rail, ships, barges, waste water, emergency response, etc., all requiring the application of best industry practice. Information exists, but from so many sources that it is fragmented and often difficult to locate; no single publication brings the data together in one volume of internationally consistent best practice. This publication will provide answers for the numerous employee groups involved in the whole chemical distribution industry and beyond.

In the absence of formal guidance in the Chemical Distribution Industry, how do you believe this will be received?

It is the absence of such a guide that is propelling the interest and indications are that the overdue publication will be well received across industries. The CDI-T inspection covers every operation that a terminal may be engaged in and companies currently stock pile libraries of information to give advice and to teach all the different disciplines. No other organization looks in detail at the many operations of a storage terminal, now CDI will produce this international reference for all those involved.