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One of the original requirements of the Tennessee Hazardous Chemical Right to Know Law dated May 23, 1985 required all manufacturing employers and some non-manufacturing employers in the State of Tennessee to compile and maintain a workplace chemical list (WCL) for the hazardous chemical known to be present in their workplace. This list was also required to be filed with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, and updated as necessary but not less than annually. The portion of the law requiring the list to be filed with the Commissioner has been changed.

The law now provides in [T.C.A. §§50-3-2015\(a\)\(3\) and 50-3-2015\(b\)\(4\)](#) that: **“The workplace chemical list shall be filed with the commissioner within ninety-six (96) hours of a request by an authorized representative of the commissioner.”** This means that all manufacturing employers and many non-manufacturing employers are still required to compile and maintain the workplace chemical lists but they will only be required to file a copy with the commissioner when they are specifically requested by an authorized representative of the commissioner. This new requirement will continue to provide for public access to chemical hazard information as needed but reduces processing costs and greatly improves the manner in which this information is managed.

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