Overview
Queen’s University offers real-time electronic MSDS reference through ChemFFX. ChemWatch® is an international provider of MSDS and related chemical detail. The Backpack module contains sophisticated search engines and extensive details on thousands of chemicals.

Login
Launch Web browser, and enter the following address in the navigation bar: FFX (chemwatch.net) Save this location as a “Favourite” in your web browser for ready access.

ChemFFX – Selecting the Information You Wish to See
Before searching, establish the type of output you wish to see by clicking the corresponding button.
Click Gold MSDS to display ChemWatch written Gold MSDS reports. These are extremely comprehensive and often the preferred resource.
Click Vendor MSDS to display MSDS from multiple Suppliers for the chemical you are searching.
Click Labels for access to a label templates gallery, user templates and product safety cards.
Click Mini MSDS to display a single page MSDS developed by ChemWatch with Hazard Rating colour doing.
Click the red symbol to display Emergency information, First Aid, Fire Fighting, Doctor and Hazard ratings by ChemWatch.

ChemFFX Search - Basic Search
1. Expand the search panel screen by clicking the + symbol in the upper right corner.
2. Ensure the Full radio button is selected to search against the entire MSDS repository. The Own indicator will only search your folders (if this feature is utilized).
3. Enter Chemical name in the search field, or select a different search criteria from the drop down menu. You can key in the full name or just a few letters followed by the wildcard search (*). If desired, in the Vendor field, enter Vendor name. Click the Search button to execute the query. The following search is for a Gold MSDS for chemicals containing the name “toluene”.

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View Document (as selected, e.g. Gold MSDS, Mini MSDS)

Click the **Material Name** of the desired line item to open the MSDS in a separate window.

Utilize available MSDS functions, as required.

**Emergency Response Detail**

Search for the product in question. Click the Emergency button to the left of the search pane either before or after conducting the search. Click the corresponding icon based on Emergency Response detail required.

**Questions**

1. There are various on-line Chem FFX user references available. Select from the various buttons that appear along the top of the screen. Hover over each button to determine nature of help provided.

2. Ben Fiegen, Department of Environmental Health and Safety: 613-533-6000 ext 75119 or fiegenb@queensu.ca

3. Department of Environmental Health and Safety website: Environmental Health & Safety - Home | Office of Risk and Safety Services (queensu.ca)

After hours, for an MSDS sheet when a computer or the internet is unavailable: Queen’s Campus Security at 613-533-6733 (non emergency line).