## **Guidance for Oil Spill Responder Training**

Training Marine Oil Spill Response Workers Under OSHA's Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard



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## Oil Definition under National Contingency Plan

- Petroleum
- Fuel Oil
- Sludge
- Oil refuse
- Oil mixed with Waste except dirt or rock

#### What level of Training

- Based upon highest level of Assignment Responsibility
- Where in proximity of spill
- What is the employee tasked to do

# Two Phases of Response Action Under HAZWOPER

- Can be both at the same time or separate
- Emergency Response (q)
  - Oil and Associated Airborne and Surface Contamination Hazards – real or potential
  - On water and underwater operations
  - Oil still in containment boom
- Post-Emergency Response (q)(11)
  - Stranded on the beach
  - Shore line clean up\* Re-released
  - Oil is stabilized

## When does HAZWOPER not apply

- Spill does not present H & S hazard to employees
- Can be absorbed or cleaned-up by employees in the vicinity
- Does not have the potential to become an emergency

#### **Volunteers**

- Not covered by Federal OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120
- Usually Covered by STATE OSHA
- Covered by EPA 40-CFR 311
   Compensated and non-compensated workers

## What Exposure Guidance to use

- OSHA
- NIOSH
- ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

#### **Potential Contaminates**

- Benzene
- Benzo (a) pyrene
- Carbon Dioxide
- Carbon Monoxide
- Ethyl Benzene
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Methyl tert-butyl ether
- Sulfuric Acid
- Toluene
- Xylenes

#### **Additional Hazards\***

- Biological
- Drowning
- Noise
- Heavy Equipment/Vehicular traffic
- ATVs
- Unguarded Equipment
- Wild Animals

#### **Additional Hazards\***

- Cranes
- Welding and Cutting
- Dispersants
- Degreasers
- Underwater Diving

## Response Levels based on Training

- Incident Commander\* Initial Response
- Awareness ----- Defensive Response
- Operations ----- Defensive Response
- Technician ----- Offensive Response
- Special Skills ---- Logistical Support
- Specialist ----- Technical Support
- Incident Commander\*—Managing Resp.

#### **Emergency Response Action**

		Box 2	Box 1	Box 5	Box 6
Box 3	Box 4	What action will the worker be assigned in the emergency response?			
Incident Commander On- Scene Coordinators Supervisors	Active Response: Taking action at the source Stopping the release	Defensive Response: Containing at a distance people, property, and environment at a safe distance	Initiate Response Only: Notifying Authorities	Skilled Support: Usually not a response team employee Immediate, short- term, intervention only.	Specialist Employee: Providing technical assistance to individual in charge
Incident Commander 1910.120(q)(6)(v)  24 hours + Demonstrated Competencies + Annual Refresher	Hazardous Materials Technician or Specialist 1910.120(q)(6)(iii) or (v)  24 hours + Demonstrated Competencies + Annual Refresher	First-Responder Operations Level 1910.120(q)(6)(ii)  8 hours + Demonstrated Competencies + Annual Refresher  Table 2:	First-Responder Awareness Level 1910.120(q)(6)(i)  Hours Sufficient to Demonstrated Competencies + Annual Refresher  Table 2:	Skilled Support Personnel 1910.120(q)(4)  Spill Site Briefing Only  Table 2:	Specialist Employee 1910.120(q)(5)  Demonstrate Competencies in Specialization Annually  Table 2:
Table 2: Incident Commander	Table 2: Active Response	Defensive Response	Initiate Response	Skilled Support	Specialist Employee
		Will the worker participate in post- emergency response cleanup?		No>	No further training required

### What will the worker be assigned during the Emergency Response

Box 1 Initiate Response Only: Notifying Authorities	Box 2  Defensive Response: Containing at a distance people, property, and environment at a safe distance
First-Responder <b>Awareness Level</b> 1910.120(q)(6)(i)	First-Responder <b>Operations Level</b> 1910.120(q)(6)(ii)
(minimum of 4 hours)	8 hours
Hours enough to Demonstrated Competencies Plus Annual Refresher	Demonstrated Competencies Plus Annual Refresher
Table 2: Guidance for post-emergency Activity	Table 2: Guidance for post-emergency Activity



### What will the worker be assigned during the Emergency Response

Box 3 Incident Commander, On-Scene Coordinators, Supervisors	Box 4 Active Response: Taking action at the source Stopping the release
Incident Commander 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(v) 24-hours of Training Plus	Hazardous Materials <b>Technician</b> or <b>Specialist</b> 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(iii) or (v) 24 hours of Training Plus
Demonstrated Competencies Plus Annual Refresher	Demonstrated Competencies Plus Annual Refresher
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### What will the worker be assigned during the Emergency Response

Box 5 Skilled Support: Usually not a response team employee Immediate, short-term, intervention only.	Box 6 Specialist Employee: Providing technical assistance to individual in charge
Skilled Support Personnel 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(4)	Specialist Employee 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(5)
Demonstrated Competencies	Demonstrated Competencies Plus Annual Refresher
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Post-Emergency Action		Will the worker be exposed to oil or other hazardous substances? Yes	No>	Spill site briefing. Training under other OSHA standards may be required (see Appendix A)		
			Is the worker's experience and/or training equivalent to the appropriate training below?*	Yes>	No further training required; employer must document equivalency per 1910.120 (e)(9) Site-specific training is required	
			Will the worker face ANY of the following: Exposures above Permissible/ Published Limits? Respirators Needed? Potential for Emergency to Develop?			
	Yes				No	
No	Manager?	Yes		No	Manager?	Yes
General Spill Site Worker 1910.120(e)(3)(i )  40 hours initial 24 hours field 8 hours annual refresher Table 3: Moderate-High Exposure		Managers/ Supervisors 1910.120(e)(4)  40 hours initial 24 hours field 8 hours manager 8 hours annual refresher Table 3: Moderate-High Exposure		Workers Unlikely to Be Exposed Above Limits** 1910.120(e)(3)(i i), (e)(3)(iii)		Managers/ Supervisors of Workers Unlikely to Be Exposed Above Limits 1910.120(e)(4)

#### **ON-SCENE COORDINATOR**

- 1) Know and be able to implement the employer's incident command system.
- 2) Know how to implement the employer's emergency response plan.
- 3) Know and understand the hazards and risks associated with employees working in personal protective clothing.
- 4) Know how to implement the local emergency response plan.
- 5) Know the state emergency response plan and the Federal Regional Response Team.
- 6) Know and understand the importance of decontamination procedures.

#### **ACTIVE RESPONSE**

- 7) Know how to implement the employer's emergency response plan.
- 8) Know how to use field survey instruments and equipment to classify, identify, and verify known and unknown materials.
- 9) Be able to function within an assigned role in the Incident Command System.
- 10) Know how to select and use proper specialized personal protective equipment provided to the hazardous materials technician.

#### **ACTIVE RESPONSE**

- 11) Understand and be able to apply hazard and risk assessment techniques.
- 12) Be able to perform advanced control, containment, and/or confinement operations within the capabilities of the resources and available personal protective equipment.
- 13) Understand and implement decontamination procedures.
- 14) Understand termination procedures.
- 15) Understand terminology and behavior of chemicals and their toxic effects.

#### Active Response (cont'd)

- 16) Know how to use advanced survey instruments and equipment to classify, identify, and verify known and unknown materials.
- 17) Understand in-depth hazard and risk techniques.
- 18) Be able to determine and implement decontamination procedures.
- 19) Know how to implement the local emergency response plan.
- 20) Know the state emergency response plan.

#### Active Response (cont'd)

- 21) Be able to develop a site safety and control plan.
- 22) Understand chemical, radiological, and toxicological terminology and behavior.
- 23) Be able to select and use proper specialized chemical personal protective equipment provided to the hazardous materials specialist.
- 24) Be able to perform specialized control, containment, and/or confinement operations within the capabilities of the resources and personal protective equipment available.

### Questions?

